

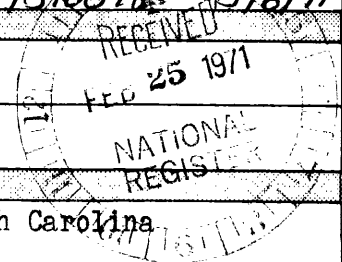
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina
COUNTY: Edgefield
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: 915450018
DATE: 5/6/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: About 8 miles from North Augusta on South Carolina Highway 230.

CITY OR TOWN: North Augusta vic. 1100

STATE: South Carolina 29841

CODE: 45	COUNTY: Edgefield	CODE: 037
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER: About 8 miles from North Augusta on South Carolina Highway 230.

CITY OR TOWN: North Augusta

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Edgefield County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Edgefield

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 45

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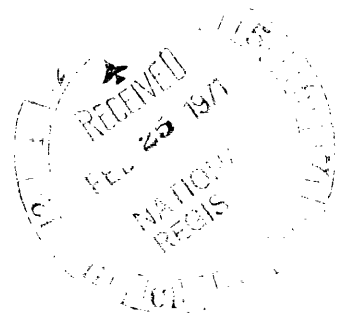
**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plain rectangular building of white clapboard siding with gable roof, sometimes referred to as "Meeting House Style" architecture. Width: four bays, middle two are single doors (not original) with vertical glass panes in top section. Length: four bays. Windows are of double sash type with clear panes. Wooden steps. Fieldstone foundation piers.

Interior - handhewn pews and wall board covering. Pews are fastened together with pegs. Center post in middle of auditorium helps support roof. Two side aisles lead to raised pulpit platform. Balcony has been divided into church school rooms.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1776

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Founded in 1762 by the Reverend Daniel Marshall, who was influenced by George Whitefield so that he spent the remainder of his life in religious work. Marshall became one of the strongest of New England "New Light" missionaries, looking for the immediate second coming of Christ. He was converted to "Separate Baptists" - a sect characterized as highly emotional, noisy, suspected of Arminianism, and disposed to allow women prominence in religious work. Since the "Regular Baptists" were intolerant of the "Separates," the latter transferred their missionary efforts to the back country settlers of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Marshall's coming into the western section of South Carolina marked the beginning of Baptist work in the territory that later became Edgefield Baptist Association.

Big Stevens Creek Church may in truth be called "Mother of Churches," for from it radiated many churches in South Carolina. It is also responsible for first establishing its denomination in Georgia.

Marshall continued for some years as minister of Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church. In 1772 he was assisted by his son Abraham Marshall, and by Benjamin Harry, Saunders Walker and John Herndon.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Malone, Dumas. "Daniel Marshall" from Dictionary of American Biography. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1933.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		82°	01'	04"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 1/2 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:

Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department Archives and History

DATE

11/25/70

STREET AND NUMBER:

1430 Senate Street, Box 11,188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbia

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South Carolina

CODE

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name

*Charles E. Lep*

Title

Director, South Carolina  
Department Archives and History

Date

2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Ernest A. Connelly*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

MAY 6 1971

ATTEST:

*William M. ...*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date

APR 9 1971

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BIG STEVENS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

8. Significance (continued)

At that time the church was a member of Congaree Association, having just been dismissed from the Sandy Creek "Separate" Association; however, the "Separate" peculiarities of service were retained.

The present austere "Meeting House Style" church was constructed in 1776 and exhibits many original features.

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