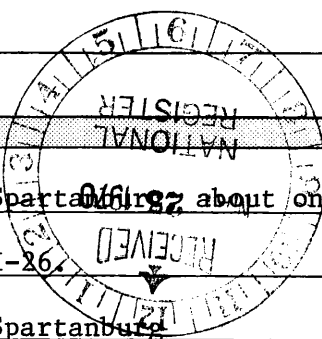


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Spartanburg	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-41-0015	DATE 7/1/90



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Walnut Grove Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 1, Roebuck, S.C., 8 miles southeast of Spartanburg about one mile

CITY OR TOWN:  
east of intersection of US 221 and I-26

STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 41      COUNTY: Spartanburg      CODE: 42

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Spartanburg County Foundation in trust for the  
Spartanburg County Historical Association

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Montgomery Building

CITY OR TOWN: Spartanburg      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 41

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Magnolia Street

CITY OR TOWN: Spartanburg      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 41

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
S.C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 41

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COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built about 1765 by Charles Moore, a Scotch-Irish immigrant who had moved from the Middle Atlantic colonies into Piedmont South Carolina, the Walnut Grove plantation house reflects the Scotch-Irish flow of immigration down into the Carolina Up Country, as opposed to the upward flow from the Carolina coast. Its plan and construction are in part indigenous to the Piedmont, in part influenced by rural Pennsylvania Dutch architecture.

Of simple Georgian style, neither a mansion nor a town house, the two-story structure is of unchinked logs covered with clapboards. Late Queen Anne mantels, fielded paneling, double-shouldered chimneys are among its distinctive features. The first floor plan includes the keeping room or parlor, the master bedroom, the dining room, and the warming room. Upstairs are the "dormitory" room and two small bedrooms. Steps lead to the staircase landing from both the keeping room and the master bedchamber.

Separate outbuildings include the kitchen, built about 1777, and an academy building which doubled as a weaving room. These two log buildings of almost identical size are also sheathed with clapboards. Other separate log buildings reconstructed as part of the plantation complex include a well and spring house, a work shop, a smoke house, a blacksmith shop and forge. The house and all outbuildings have been authentically furnished and equipped. About 500 yards west of the main house is the Moore family cemetery, in a setting of primeval oaks. Also notable are the mountain magnolia (or cucumber) trees, rare in this part of the country. The restored garden area includes boxwood borders, an herb garden, and a dipping well. The plantation name came from the walnut trees planted around the house.

The plantation originally comprised 550 acres (land grant near North Tyger River dated 1763); subsequent grants increased Moore's holdings to about 3,000 acres.

The house remained in the Moore family until 1961 when it was given, with eight acres of land, to the Spartanburg County Historical Association to be restored. Assisting in the restoration have been the Junior League of Spartanburg and the Spartanburg County Foundation. Every effort has been made to insure historic authenticity in the restoration.

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**3. 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) Circa 1765

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

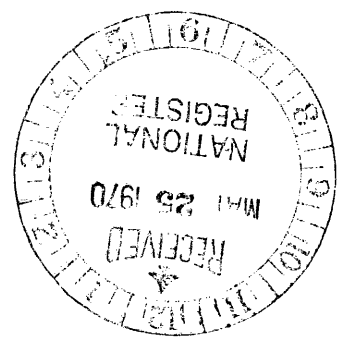
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The Walnut Grove House, outbuildings, and furnishings provide a fully documented picture of life, and an example of social history, in upcountry South Carolina prior to 1830. The house itself is considered one of the finest remaining upcountry plantation houses of the period. In addition, the fully furnished kitchen and schoolroom, and the recreation of such buildings as the smokehouse and blacksmith shop bring life to history and give visitors a picture of what education, cooking and living were like on the South Carolina frontier in the second half of the 18th century. The Rocky Spring Academy at Walnut Grove was established by Charles Moore, one of two classical schools in the county. It operated 1770-1850.

Walnut Grove reflects the sturdiness and ingenuity of the Scotch-Irish settlers who gave the Carolina Piedmont its distinctive difference from the Low Country. It is also historically interesting through the Moore-Barry connections with the Revolutionary War, and association with such names as Gen. Daniel Morgan, Tarleton, Bloody Bill Cunningham, Captain Andrew Barry and his wife, "Kate!", and Gen. Thomas Moore.

Added value comes from two "new" additions to the plantation: the handsome carved-granite gates from the ruins of an old Union county estate; and the house in which the caretaker lives -- a "Drover's House" said to be the last remaining in the upcountry and moved to the plantation from Walnut Grove Community.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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S.C. Department of Archives and History, Complete set of measured drawings.

Primary resource material: Spartanburg County Courthouse; Moore family papers; S.C. Archives; NSDAR in Washington.

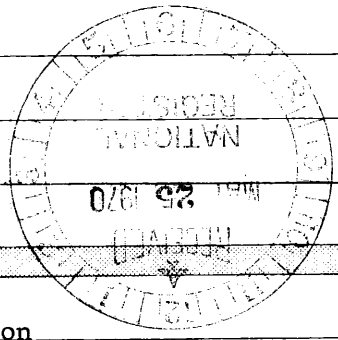
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.65

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mrs. James W. Fant, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: S.C. Department of Archives and History      DATE: May 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211, 1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 41

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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: Kales E. Lep

Title: Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date: 5/19/70

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

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUL 1 1970

ATTEST:  
William J. Schurtege  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 8 1970