



**Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
Application for Recommendation for Historic
Property Designation**

The Greenville County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 7.1-8, authorizes Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations for historic designation to the Greenville County Council. Owners of properties proposed to be designated historic shall be notified in writing of the Commission's desire to so designate. **No property shall be designated without the owner's written consent.** Completed applications, including all required/20 attachments, should be mailed to: **Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission, Attn: Planner, Historic Preservation-301 University Ridge, Suite 3800 Greenville, SC 29601.**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Application #: <u>HPC 20-07</u> Date Received: <u>11/1/2020</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by Historic Preservation Commission <u>11/19/2020</u> (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by Planning and Development Committee _____ (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by County Council _____ (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Not Granted by _____ (date denied)
Authorized Signature _____	Date _____

1. Property Information	
Name of Historic Property: <u>Jones' Mill</u>	
Street Address: <u>1210 Jones Mill Road</u>	
City: <u>Fountain Inn</u> South Carolina	Zip Code: <u>29644</u>
PIN #: <u>05550 301 01 003</u>	
Is the property located in the unincorporated area of Greenville County? (select one) If "No" see below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If located in a municipality, has said municipality approved authorization of jurisdiction? Attach relevant documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Owner Information	
Name of Property Owner: <u>Fountain Inn Museum</u>	
Mailing Address: <u>102 Depot St</u>	
City: <u>Fountain Inn</u> State: <u>SC</u>	Zip Code: <u>29644</u>
Phone: <u>864 863 2584</u>	Email: <u>fimexdr@gmail.com</u>
Signature of Owner's Approval for Application for Designation <u>Stephen R Cox</u>	
Ownership of property: Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Historic Significance

Eligibility Requirements

(Attach all relevant documentation)

- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places **OR**
- Determined eligible for the National Register by SC Dept. of Archives and History **OR**
- It is at least 75 years old* **AND**
- Architectural design and/or construction materials are of historical significance to Greenville County's development; **OR**
 - Structure is associated with person or group of political, economic, religious, social, artistic or literary significance to Greenville County; **OR**
 - Structure is associated with person or group of scientific, religious, political, business, literary, the arts, or other professional significance to Greenville County

*Historic Preservation Commission may waive 75-year requirement

Check if waived on _____ date.

Attach Narrative Description

Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Note applicable areas of significance, periods, dates, persons, cultural affiliation, and/or architect/builder. Cite all books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this description.

Jones Mill, located at 1210 Jones Mill Road in Fountain Inn, Greenville County, South Carolina, is a rare, extant example of a nineteenth century grist mill in Upstate South Carolina, and is a physical reminder of Fountain Inn and Greenville County's reliance on agriculture during the nineteenth century. The only other comparable example of a nineteenth century grist mill in Greenville County is Gilreath's Mill in Greer, South Carolina, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 1976. This three-story, side-gabled building is situated to the south of Durbin Creek, which provided water to power the mill's overshot wheel, on a large rock shoal, and is three bays wide by three bays deep. The property slopes to the north towards Durbin Creek and its rocky shoal, in a heavily wooded, rural area. A cattle gate opens from Jones Mill Road at the property's southwest corner, to a nearly indistinguishable path leading to the building's south elevation. This path continues beyond the mill building, and leads to the property's eastern boundary. The Jones Mill site on Durbin Creek in Fountain Inn has been the home of a few grist mills that served the local farming community in Fountain Inn from the first decade of the nineteenth century to the 1950s. Slaves of Jesse K. Stone built the current building prior to the Civil War, on the site where Revolutionary War veteran John Bruce built a grist mill in ca. 1813, and the building was known as Stones' Mill until Walter T. Jones purchased the property from R.B. Holland in 1899. Stone's slaves built the foundation of large granite slabs with granite sills, and large twelve-inch square pine sills and beams. The original building, a photograph of which is included with this submission, had a wood-sided first and second floor exterior with six-over-six double hung wood windows at each elevation. The mill's original wood, overshot wheel and wood-framed mill race, located at the building's west elevation, were replaced during the 1930s with a metal overshot wheel and concrete mill race. Blake Garrett, Sr. operated and maintained the Jones Mill until the late 1950s, when grist mills were forced to update their mill facilities with modern air filtration systems. The Garrett family rebuilt the room at the first floor's west elevation with concrete block during the 1940s, and covered the original wood siding with metal in the 1950s. They used the mill as a storage and office space for the Garrett and Garrett Company from 1960 to 1984.

Jones Mill Location Map



Address	1210 Jones Mill Rd	Zip Code	29644
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Disclaimer: This Map is not a LAND SURVEY and is for reference purposes only. Data contained in this map are prepared for the inventory of Real Property found within this jurisdiction, and are compiled from recorded deeds, plats, and other public records. Users of this map are hereby notified aforementioned public primary information sources should be consulted for verification of the information contained in this map. Greenville County assumes no legal responsibility for the information contained in this map.

Map Scale
 1 inch = 400 feet
 1/26/2021





Greenville County Planning & Code Compliance

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 19, 2020
TO: Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Suzanne Terry, AICP
SUBJECT: Application for Recommendation for Historic Property Designation
Jones' Mill, Fountain Inn

STAFF REPORT

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CASE NUMBER	HPC 20-07
APPLICANT (owner):	Fountain Inn Museum, Stephen R Cox, Director
PROPERTY LOCATION:	1210 Jones Mill Road, Fountain Inn
COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER(S):	05550 301 01 003
ESTIMATED ACREAGE:	8.22 acres
ZONING:	R-S Residential Suburban
Council District:	27– Butch Kirven

Summary of Eligibility

The subject property is Jones' Mill, located at 1210 Jones Mill Road, in unincorporated Greenville County outside the city limits of Fountain Inn.

This process has been initiated by the property owner.

Criteria for Historic Designation

The property meets the 75 years or older age requirement.

The Greenville County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 7.1-8, authorizes Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations for historic designation to the Greenville County Council and requires at least one qualifying criteria to be met.

Approval by the HPC must include one or more of the following qualifying characteristics:

1. Has significant inherent character, interest or value as part of the development or heritage of the community, state or nation; or
2. Is the site of an event significant in history; or
3. Is associated with a person or persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of the community, state or nation; or
4. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, ethnic or historic heritage of the community, state or nation; or
5. Individually, or as a collection of resources, embodies distinguishing characteristics of a type, style, period or specimen in architecture or engineering; or
6. Is the work of a designer whose work has influenced significantly the development of the community, state or nation; or
7. Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or
8. Is a part of or related to a square or other distinctive element of community planning; or
9. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or community; or
10. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.