

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Name</u>	Historic Aiken Winter Colony Historic District I Common	Along sections of Highland Park Dr., Location Berrie Rd., Whiskey Rd., Dupree Pl., Magnolia St., Lancaster St., Sumter St., * Classification	
<u>Owner</u>	Multiple Ownership (see continuation sheets)	District off 11/21/78	

Representation in Existing Surveys

South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description

Aiken Winter Colony Historic District I consists of approximately thirty-five properties constructed between ca. 1882 and ca. 1948, which include residences, outbuildings, golf courses, school buildings, and equestrian sporting facilities constructed between ca. 1882 and ca. 1948. The area is characterized by tree-lined streets and unpaved roads, large mansions with outbuildings and expansive lawns, and stables. In addition, the district includes the Highland Park and Palmetto golf courses and Hitchcock Woods. Most of the residences, which exhibit a variety of sophisticated architectural styles, were constructed between 1900 and 1930, during the golden era of Aiken's Winter Colony. The district retains integrity from this period.

Significance

Aiken Winter Colony Historic District I is significant as the area in Aiken most closely associated with the Winter Colony and the horse industry. The district contains many of the properties most important in the history of the Winter Colony including residences constructed by Winter Colonists between ca. 1900 and ca. 1930; the Whitney Polo Field, established in 1882; and the Palmetto Golf Course, begun in 1892. Also included is Hitchcock Woods, developed around the turn of the century for riding and fox and drag hunting.**

Acreage approximately 1,800 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the historic district is shown as the black line on the accompanying map of the city of Aiken, South Carolina, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 1,000 feet. It includes the largest concentration of resources associated with the theme, as possible and excludes as many noncontributing properties as possible.

UTM Reference Point See continuation sheet

Other Information Additional information on these properties is available in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

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Mead Ave., Grace Ave., Marion St., Knox Ave., Two Notch Rd., and including Highland Park Golf Course, Palmetto Golf Course, and Hitchcock Woods.

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Many of the properties in the district are associated with key figures in the development of the Winter Colony including Devereux Milburn (#16), Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Iselin (#12), Seymour Knox (#30), and Ambrose Clark, owner and trainer of race horses (#23). A number of the properties in the district are architecturally significant including designs by Willis Irvin (#s 29, 7, 19), Scroggs and Ewing (#s 25, 33, 18) and Julian Peabody (#s 8, 15, 16, 30).

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Buffalo, NY 14203

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Bishop of Charleston
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Key properties which establish the character of the historic district:

1. Hitchcock Woods: approximately 1400 acres of wooded land developed for equestrian activities by William C. Whitney, F.R. Hitchcock and Thomas Hitchcock around the turn of the century. The woods contain drag lines for fox hunting, trails for jumping, and a horse show ring.
2. Highland Park Golf Course, (Highland Park Drive): constructed ca. 1912 by the Highland Park Development Corporation as a short, narrow, rolling course. Included in this property are the ca. 1925 clubhouse, a small brick building that served as the laundry for the Highland Park Hotel, and a modern swimming pool and small brick building.
10. Rye Patch (corner of Berrie Road and Whiskey Road): constructed ca. 1900, but later remodeled and enlarged; two-story, frame, weatherboarded residence; hipped-roof with plain boxed cornice; fenestration is varied and includes diamond-paned sashes; asymmetrical facade (east elevation) features a single paneled door sheltered by a small pedimented porch; rear (west elevation) features a two-tiered porch with chamfered posts and two two-story polygonal projections; estate property also includes stables and paddocks, guest cottage, laundry house, garage, clay tennis courts, and a high brick wall which was constructed in 1928.
11. Sandhurst (215 Dupree Place): built ca. 1900; two-and-one-half-story, frame, weatherboarded residence; irregular plan, truncated hipped roof with entablature with dentil course and modillions; varied fenestration; facade (north elevation) features a monumental pedimented portico with Corinthian columns and pilasters.
12. Hopelands (Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame) (corner of Dupree Place and Whiskey Road): This property contains the stable and garage, two servants cottages, greenhouses, and the serpentine brick wall associated with Hopelands. The main house was demolished ca. 1970; the outbuildings probably date from ca. 1900; the brick wall was constructed ca. 1930.
15. Hassler Cottage (621 Magnolia St.): built ca. 1930; two-story, brick-veneered Colonial Revival residence; irregular plan; six-over-six windows; hipped roof with cornice with modillions; facade (east elevation) features a central entrance; also on property are an indoor tennis court, one-story cottage with garage, and a high brick wall.
16. Devereux Milburn House (627 Magnolia St.): built ca. 1931; H-shaped stuccoed residence; six-over-six windows; multi-gabled roof with entablature; grounds contain a frame stable and one-story, stuccoed building.

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28. Whitney Polo Field and Race Track (Magnolia St.): polo field first used ca. 1882; open field encircled by a elliptical track; property also includes stable buildings, cottages and utility buildings dating from ca. 1930.

35. Palmetto Golf Club (275 Berrie Road): course laid out between 1892 and 1896; hilly, Scottish type course; property includes ca. 1902 clubhouse and several outbuildings.

Properties which contribute to the character of the district:

3. Pine Knoll (305 Lancaster St.): ca. 1930 residence.
4. Sunset Cottage (557 Highland Park Drive): ca. 1910 residence.
5. Whispering Pines (549 Highland Park Dr.): ca. 1910 residence.
6. Pine Haven (539 Highland Park Drive): ca. 1917 residence.
7. Calico Cottage (504 Berrie Road): ca. 1930 residence.
 - 7a. Calico Cottage Guest Cottage/Squash Court (432 Berrie Road)
 - 7b. Calico Cottage Caretaker's Cottage (418 Berrie Road)
 - 7c. Calico Cottage Stable and Carriage House (424 Berrie Road)
 - 7d. Calico Cottage Laundry (434 Berrie Road)
 - 7e. Vacant land.
8. Ridgeley Hall (332 Berrie Road): ca. 1928 residence.
13. Red Top (120 Dupree Place): ca. 1930 residence.
 - 13a. Red Top Outbuilding (122 Dupree Place)
 - 13b. Red Top Outbuildings (Whiskey Road)
14. Two Trees (Magnolia St.): ca. 1929 residence.
17. Lulworth Lodge (518 Magnolia St.): ca. 1929 residence.
 - 17a. Lulworth Lodge Outbuilding (544 Magnolia St.)
18. Nandina (638 Magnolia St.): ca. 1929 residence.
 - 18a. Nandina Carriage House and Stables (622 Magnolia St.): constructed ca. 1928.
19. Rye Field (553 Sumter St.): ca. 1931 residence.
20. White Gate (254 Mead Ave.): ca. 1929 residence.

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- 21, 21a. Harriman Polo Field (Sumter St.): open field with polo goals.
23. Magnolia Cottage (541 Grace Ave.): ca. 1948 residence.
- 23a. Clark Stables (Mead Ave.): ca. 1948 stables.
- 25, 25a. Habersham House (726 Grace Ave.): ca. 1929 residence and outbuildings.
- 26, 26a, 26b. Tip Top Too (516 Marion St.): ca. 1928 residence and dependencies (725 Grace Ave. and 534 Marion St.).
27. Circle V Polo Ranch (Mead Ave.): ca. 1930 stable.
29. Sunshine (Green Boundary Club) (780 Whiskey Road): ca. 1928 residence.
30. The Balcony (corner of Whiskey Road and Knox Ave.): ca. 1930 residence with stuccoed wall, stable, and two cottages.
31. Fermata School Hospital (135 Berrie Road): ca. 1930 building originally used as an infirmary.
- 31a. Fermata School Gymnasium and Pool (841 Whiskey Road): ca. 1929 gymnasium and swimming pool; property also includes tennis courts and utility buildings not originally associated with the school.
32. Green Shingles (215 Berrie Road): ca. 1928 residence.
33. Pine Grove (243 Berrie Road): ca. 1928 residence.
- 33a. Pine Grove outbuildings (245 Berrie Road)
34. Richards Cottage (Berrie Road): ca. 1930 residence.
36. Green Plains (1000 Whiskey Road): ca. 1930 residence.
37. Pine Shadow (807 Two Notch Road): ca. 1929 residence.
38. Meadow Lark Polo Field (Mead Ave.).
- Properties which do not contribute to the character of the district:
9. St. Angela Academy (308 Berrie Rd.): ca. 1953 school building.
22. Edgars Cottage (517 Marion St.): ca. 1950 residence.
24. 516 Marion St.: ca. 1950 residence.

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AIKEN WINTER COLONY HISTORIC DISTRICT I
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Aiken Quad:

- A. 17/433910/3712300
- B. 17/433710/3711340
- C. 17/432980/3711560
- D. 17/431850/3710740

Graniteville Quad:

- E. 17/428560/3712290
- F. 17/428960/3713000

Aiken Quad:

- G. 17/431795/3713350
- H. 17/430655/3713780
- I. 17/432690/3713265
- J. 17/432310/3711710
- K. 17/432925/3712380