What is the National Register?
What does it do?
What does it not do?
What is the listing process?
What happens after that?
National Historic Preservation Act

October 15, 1966
What is in the National Register?

“...the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation...”
The National Register in South Carolina

- Over 1,350 individual listings
- Over 160 historic districts
- 12-15,000 cultural resources listed

[commercial and public buildings, homes, schools, churches, farmsteads, bridges, cemeteries, designed or rural landscapes]
Pompion Hill Chapel, Berkeley County
Robert P. Mayes House, Mayesville Historic District
Sumter County
Gervais Street Bridge, Columbia
Tobacco Barn, Pee Dee region
Cannon Building, Fountain Inn
Harriet M. Cornwell Tourist Home, Columbia
Archaeology at Fort Motte Site, Calhoun County
National Register Eligibility

- 50 years old
- Local, State, or National Significance
- Significance usually embodied in its architecture and/or association with important people or events in history
- Physical integrity (minimal alterations)
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Secession Convention began here in 1860 before moving to Charleston

National Significance
Oconee State Park Historic District

Development of the State Park System and New Deal era work programs.

State Significance
Senn’s Grist Mill, Blacksmith Shop, and Orange Crush Bottling Plant
Summerton, Clarendon County

Local Significance
What does it mean to be Listed?

- National Recognition
- Documentation of Significance
- Encourages preservation
- Eligibility for financial incentives
- Requires consultation with SHPO when Federal undertakings will have an “effect” on a listed property
National Register listings make great news stories.
National Register as marketing tool
What is the Listing Process?

- SHPO provides opinion on eligibility - Preliminary Information Form (PIF)
- Prepare and submit nomination for eligible property
- Must be approved by State Board of Review (Meets March, July, November)
- Final approval by National Park Service in Washington
- Entire process can take up to a year
What is a Nomination?

- Completed Nomination Form
- Photographs
- Maps
Who prepares a Nomination?

- Can be prepared by owner of property or other interested person
- Can be prepared by a professional consultant
How does Listing preserve a property?

- Listing, by itself, does not preserve a historic property.
- Owners preserve historic properties.
- The National Register provides incentives to preserve and maintain properties.
What does Listing not do?

- Does not prevent demolition
- Places no requirements or restrictions on property owners
Oakhurst, Newberry
Built 1893-95
Site of Oakhurst
Demolished and Replaced by
Eckerd Pharmacy, 2002
Buffalo Mill,
Union County

Winter 2007
Immanuel School, Aiken (ca. 1890)
Immanuel School,
Aiken
(1990s)
Immanuel School, Aiken (2008)
National Register Listing Does Not Regulate Paint Color
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South Carolina’s National Register plaque for listed properties
In Summary, National Register is:

- Documentation, recognition and designation
- Requisite for financial incentives
- Limited protection