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## This Month's Cover

*In the death of former Governor and State Senator Richard Manning Jefferies, South Carolinians have lost a scholarly, capable leader. Story on page four.*



SENATOR OLIN D. JOHNSTON



RICHARD MANNING JEFFERIES

## A TRIBUTE

*No man in South Carolina's history devoted himself more to perfection in public service than did R. M. Jefferies, former Governor, State Senator, educator, newspaper man and champion of public power.*

*In 1958, during the ceremony unveiling his portrait in the Senate Chamber in the State House, responding to the many praises heaped upon him that day, Dick Jefferies said, "I shall continue to give the best that is in me." Then, in the words of the poet, he promised "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." Nothing could describe the life of R. M. Jefferies in relationship to his service to the State of South Carolina more aptly than these words.*

*It is an honor to be able to say that I knew this man intimately and that I could call him my close friend. Unknowingly, Mr. Jefferies built during his lifetime a monument to himself which will cause South Carolinians in future generations to remember and revere him. This is the South Carolina Public Service Authority which most of us know as Santee-Cooper. In no other endeavor did Dick Jefferies more successfully carry out the poet's credo, "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." It was his striving, his seeking, his finding and his determination not to yield to a multitude of attacks against Santee-Cooper that resulted in the construction and successful operation of this valuable instrument of our State Government.*

*In the General Assembly, Senator Jefferies found no proposed legislation too small, too large or too uninteresting for him to scrutinize with meticulous care, always seeking to eliminate imperfections and to amend with necessary corrections.*

*South Carolina truly lost one of the most capable people of our time and it is unlikely that he will ever be forgotten.*

OLIN D. JOHNSTON

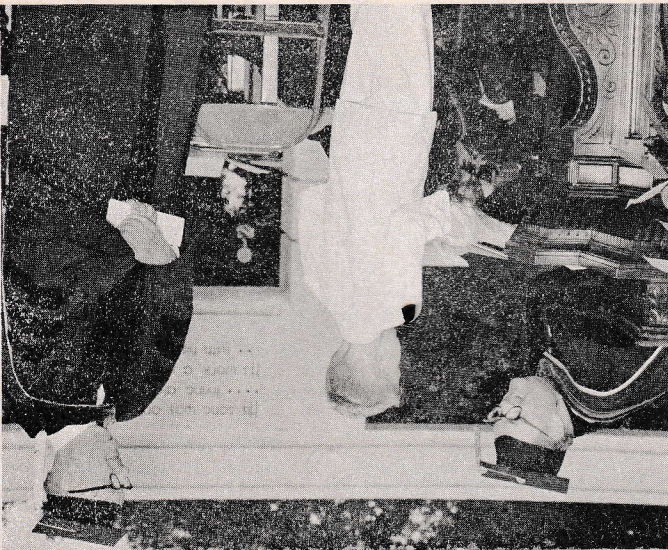
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Having graduated from the future State Senator and Governor entered the University of South Carolina in the fall of 1905. He found it necessary to withdraw for a short period because of financial difficulties, but re-entered and graduated as a member of the class of 1910. Again because of lack of funds Jefferies was not able to secure a college legal education, but he read law instead under the direction of the late Judge James B. Peurifoy; he was admitted to the bar by

In view of the death of R. M. Jefferies in May of this year, SOUTH CAROLINA MAGAZINE honors the late Senator with the following brief sketch of his life as a public servant of this State.

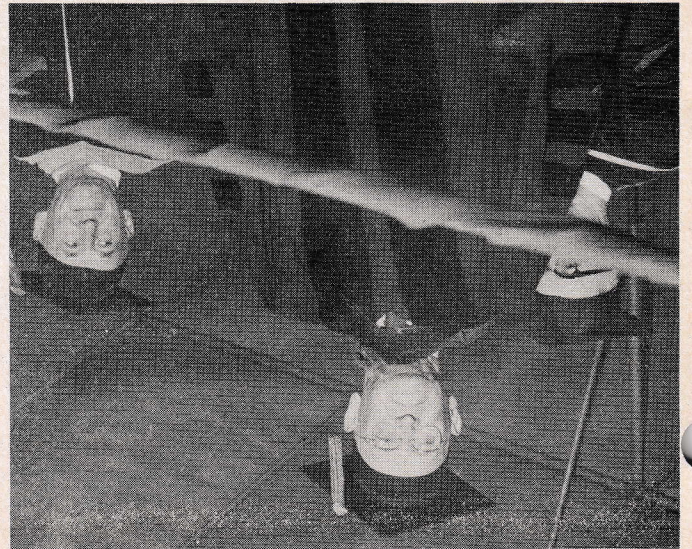
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## SOUTH CAROLINA LOSES FORMER GOVERNOR AND STATE SENATOR



Richard Allen Jefferies, below, accepts an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree awarded post-humously May, 1964, by Clemson College to his grandfather, R. M. Jefferies. Clemson President Robert C. Edwards, left, conferred the degree; Young Jefferies' maternal grandfather, State Senator Edgar A. Brown accompanied the boy to the podium to receive the citation.

At University of South Carolina Commencement exercises in 1960, R. M. Jefferies is honored by the conferring of the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws. Left to right above are Dr. W. H. Calcott, Mr. Jefferies, and Dr. Robert L. Sumwalt.





Richard M. Jefferies as principal of Ridgeland Graded School, 1911.



Young Senator R. M. Jefferies at his desk in the Senate Chamber, 1930.

examination in December, 1912.

In the brief period between graduation and admission to the bar, Jefferies moved to Ridgeland, South Carolina where he served as Superintendent of the elementary school, assisted in the formation of Jasper County, served as Jasper County's first Superintendent of Education, and founded the Jasper County Herald newspaper.

In July of 1911 Mr. Jefferies married Annie Keith Savage of Walterboro, whom he had met while a student at the University of South Carolina.

The Jefferies had two children, a daughter, Mrs. Annie Keith Jefferies Unger and a son, Richard Manning Jefferies, Jr. Mrs. Unger's hus-

band, H. Wayne Unger, practices law in Walterboro with Jefferies, McLeod, Unger and Fraser. Richard Manning Jefferies, Jr. married Emily Brown, the daughter of Senator Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell County. Mr. Jefferies Jr. practices law with Senator Brown in Barnwell.

After admission to the bar the future Senator Jefferies and his wife moved to Walterboro where he was appointed Colleton County's Master in Equity and served in that office until it was combined with Probate Judge in 1918, at which time he was elected Probate Judge ex officio Master.

In 1926 Mr. Jefferies was elected to represent Colleton County in the South Carolina Senate, a position he held con-

tinuously for the next thirty-two years with one brief exception. This occurred in March, 1942. The late Burnet R. Maybank, while serving as Governor, ran for the U. S. Senate and was elected. He was succeeded by Lt. Governor J. Emile Harley, who died in office after only a few months. As President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, Senator Jefferies succeeded to the Office of Governor and served until January of 1943. Jefferies was the second man in South Carolina to succeed to that office from the position of President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The first was Governor Jeter, who was also born in Union County.

Governor Jefferies did not choose to run for the office of Chief Executive of the State

Board of Directors of the S. C. Public Service Authority, May 24, 1954. Left to right below are Directors R. S. LaFaye, J. R. Williams, Jr., E. T. McGee, Chairman J. H. Hammond, General Manager Jefferies, W. G. Jackson, E. L. Skipper and C. L. Busbee.



General Manager Jefferies at a May, 1963 system-wide S. C. Public Service Authority safety meeting held at Wampee.

in the next election year, but chose again to offer as State Senator from Colleton County. He was reelected and remained in the Senate until 1958. Richard Jefferies was the first man in the history of the State of South Carolina to be elected to the Senate for eight consecutive terms; Senator Edgar A. Brown was the second. He was elected for the eighth time in 1956.

As a member of the Senate, Jefferies served as Chairman of many committees including Highways, Education, Finance, Rules, and Constitution Revision. He also served as chairman of the Committee on Rural Electrification. Jefferies spearheaded the movement to build the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee-

Cooper). Having secured the necessary legislation for the project he served it as Special Attorney, General Council, and became its first and only General Manager in 1943, a position he held until his death in 1964.

During his tenure as General Manager the Authority's operations were most successful. Highlights of this period included the construction of a fifteen million dollar steam-electric generating station near Moncks Corner, the extension of Santee-Cooper's transmission lines to serve seventeen rural electric cooperatives located in thirty-four counties constructed under a contract with Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., the construction of modern new build-

ings to house the principal office in Moncks Corner and the District Office in Myrtle Beach, and at the time of his death, REA financing had been arranged and contracts were being awarded for the construction of a new twenty-seven million dollar steam-electric generating station near Conway. Under the genius of his astute legal and sound managerial leadership, the State's equity in the Santee-Cooper project, exclusive of federal grants, increased from \$976,853.75 in 1943 to \$21,504.42 in 1963.

In Richard Manning Jefferies South Carolina lost an outstanding statesman, and an unselfish public servant.

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Mental Illness*

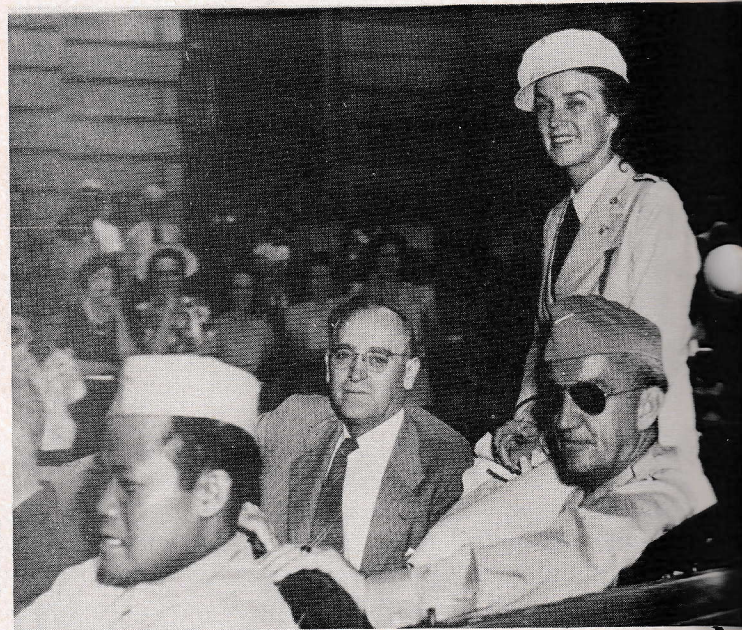
National Association  
for Mental Health

## The War Years . . .

Governor Jefferies being administered Oath as Governor of S. C. by Associate Justice E. L. Fishburne of S. C. Supreme Court in Governor Jefferies home in Walterboro, March 1, 1942. Left to right are Justice Fishburne, Governor Jefferies, Colonel J. M. Witsell, and the Reverend J. A. Ward...



Governor Jefferies, Lieutenant Juanita Redmond and General Eicheberger en route to a rally held on the State House grounds commemorating the soldiers who died on Bataan, July, 1942...

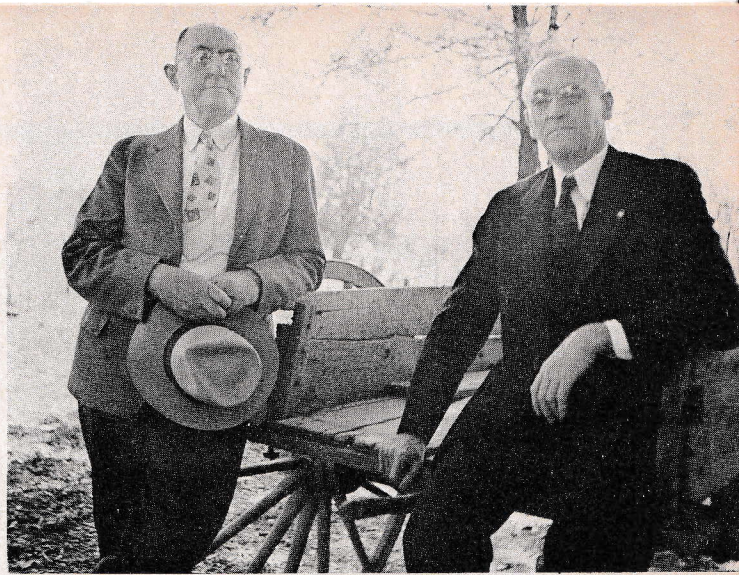


President Franklin D. Roosevelt turns around to hear Lieutenant General Ben Lear and Governor Jefferies during a pause in the October 1942 inspection of Fort Jackson, South Carolina...



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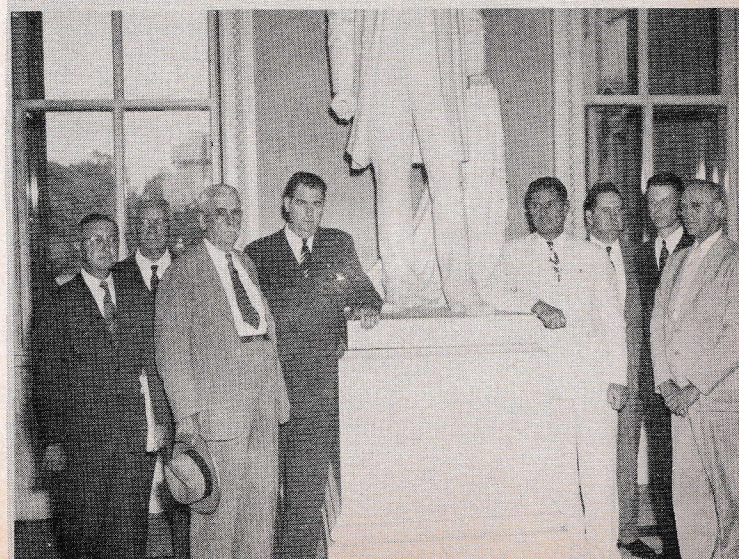
Governor R. M. Jefferies with his brother, George D. Jefferies of Gaffney at the Governor's birthplace, Star Farm, 1942...



The Governor (right of center) addresses a Lucy Monroe rally in May of 1942...



Together in Statuary Hall in the U. S. Capitol in the summer of 1945 near the end of World War II are (left to right) Robert S. Lafaye and James H. Hammond of the South Carolina Public Service Authority, Former Governor Robert A. Cooper, Former Governor (Senator) Olin D. Johnston, Former Governor (Senator) Burnet R. Maybank, William C. Johnston and Lee M. Davis of the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and Former Governor R. M. Jefferies.





Governor R. M. Jefferies signing the diploma of his son, R. M. Jefferies, Jr. Dr. J. Rion McKissick, right, University of South Carolina President looks on.

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“If there was such a thing as an irreplaceable man in public life, Dick Jefferies was the man.”

That was the comment of State Sen. Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell on learning of the death Monday of R.M. Jefferies, his life-long friend and political ally who for a brief period was governor of South Carolina.

“I’ve often said, and I repeat now, I think Sen. Jefferies was the best posted man on state government—one of the most profound students of government—I’ve known in my time.”

Sen. Brown’s daughter is married to Jefferies’ son, R. M. Jefferies Jr., a partner in Brown’s law firm.

Brown said young Jefferies was en route to Charleston, planning to fly his father to a New York hospital, when word was received that Jefferies had died.

## JEFFERIES HONORED BY LEGISLATORS

Jefferies had been successfully treated at Presbyterian Center Hospital in New York a few years ago for lung congestion. He had entered Roper Hospital for treatment of the lung ailment.

Former Gov. Ernest F. Hollings and former Lt. Gov. Burnet R. Maybank called Jefferies' death "a tremendous loss."

Hollings said: "The death of Mr. Jefferies is a real tragedy and a tremendous loss to the state. He was the most competent and by far the hardest working public servant I have ever worked with. He single handedly ran Santee-Cooper and did it most successfully."

Maybank said: "I was very distressed to learn of his death. He served South Carolina with distinction. His loss will be felt tremendously in our state. In addition to his duties with the South Carolina Public Service

Commission, he undertook a great many other tasks in an advisory capacity and his counsel will certainly be missed."

In Washington, Sen. Olin D. Johnston, D-S.C., said:

"The people of South Carolina have lost a great servant and leader in R. M. Jefferies, who was a man of tremendous perseverance and this quality led him to accomplish many monumental works for our state, where others would have failed.

"His foresight resulted in helping our state to be prepared to meet the electric generation needs for the industrial expansion of South Carolina.

"His work in the state Senate as a brilliant lawyer spanning 32 years, and his term as governor helped to mold much of our creditable sound state government policies.

"His service and wise coun-

selling will be sadly missing in our state government, and in our Democratic party, to which he was so loyal and devoted. His fighting spirit was in the true South Carolina tradition--respected by his opponents and revered by his friends."

Roger C. Peace, former U.S. senator said:

"Jefferies spent his whole life in what he regarded as the promotion and development of South Carolina. He was instrumental in the creation of the South Carolina Preparedness for Peace Commission during the days of World War II of which I served as chairman.

"This led primarily into the creation of the South Carolina Development Board as it later became and was instrumental and continues to be effective in the expanding industry of South Carolina.

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# Santee-Cooper Access Program Started

By JEFFERSON C. FULLER, JR.  
Chief of Fisheries

A long time need is being fulfilled on the Santee-Cooper Reservoirs with the construction of nine access areas so that hunters, fishermen and pleasure riders will have place to launch their boats. Although both public and commercial landing have been available since the completion of the reservoirs, these have never been adequate to meet the steadily increasing numbers of sportsmen. The present construction will still not fill the need entirely but will alleviate much of the load.

Generally these areas will consist of a parking lot, launch-

ing ramp and possibly access canals. Fifty percent of the funds for construction work was obtained from the federal government through the Accelerated Public Works Program. Land for the areas was granted to the Wildlife Resources Department by the Santee-Cooper Authority.

Following is a brief description of each area. All of the launching ramps are double-size (20 feet wide) reinforced concrete with rough surfaces to assure traction. Each parking lot is roughly one acre in size, covered with crushed stone and bounded on three

sides by a steel cable:

## BERKELEY COUNTY:

1. West Dike Landing: Located at the end of the dike approximately four miles west of Moncks Corner, it contains ramp, parking lot and canal. The canal is needed to assure access to deep water even during periods of low water. This canal is approximately 350 feet in length, fifteen feet wide at the bottom and has side slopes of 1 1/2 to 1.

2. Biggins Tailrace: Located northeast of Moncks Corner on the east side of the Tailrace Canal, across the canal from



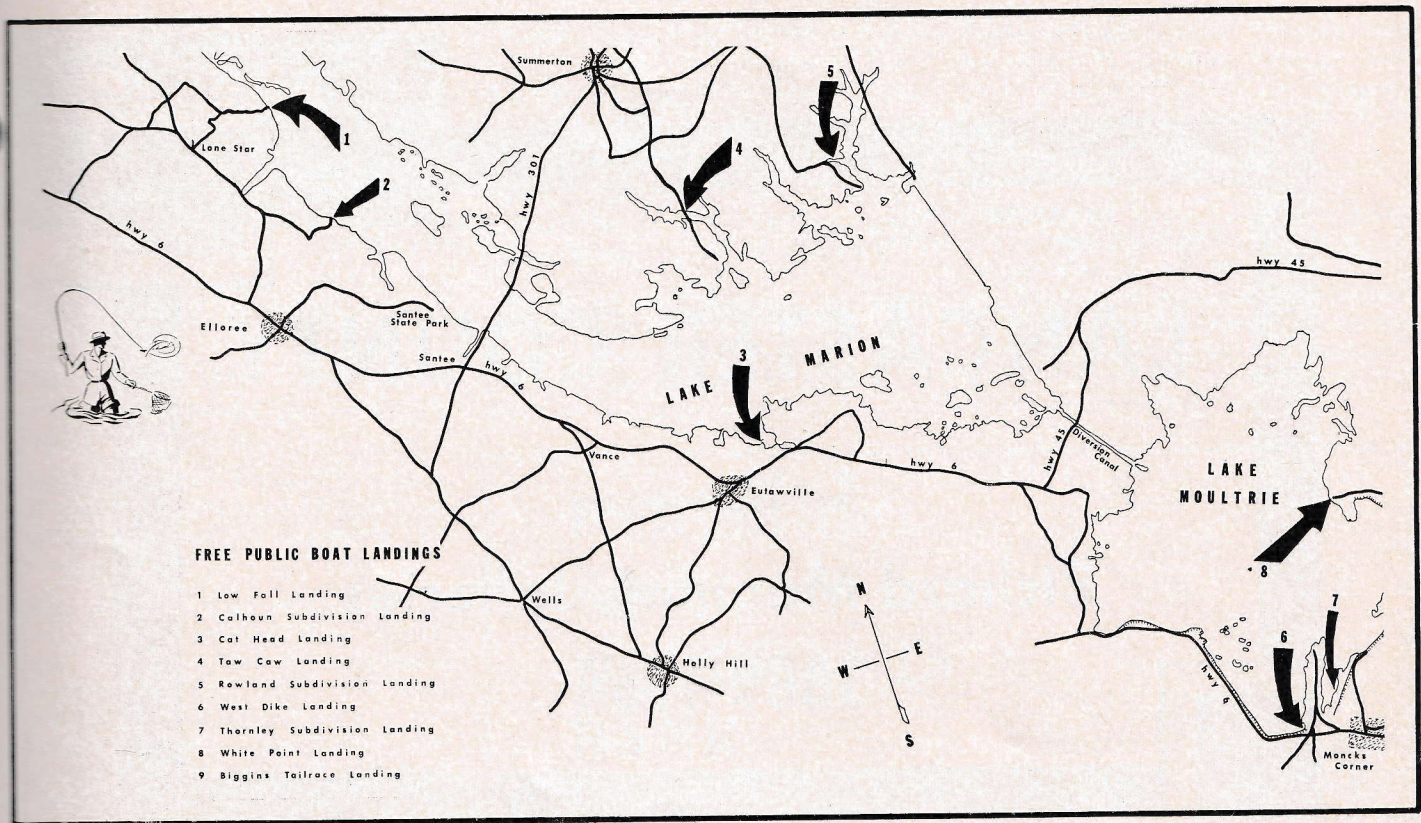
## CHESTER COUNTY

*In Memoriam*

Senator

**Richard Manning Jefferies**

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the "government locks". Area includes only a parking lot. A bituminous-surfaced road and boat ramp were present prior to this project.

3. Thornley Subdivision: Located approximately five miles northwest of Moncks Corner on Lake Moultrie. Area includes a parking lot, boat ramp and canal. The canal will be approximately 450 feet in length, 15 feet wide at the bottom and have side slopes of 1 1/2 to 1.

4. White Point Beach: Located two miles west of Bonneau on Lake Moultrie at the end of paved road 42 (Black Oak Road). This project will consist only of a doubled-sized concrete launching ramp and sheet piling to protect the ramp from wave action.

#### ORANGEBURG COUNTY:

1. Cathead Landing: Located approximately two miles northwest of Eutaw Springs on Lake Marion. Project includes a parking area and boat launching ramp.

#### CALHOUN COUNTY:

1. Calhoun Subdivision: Located approximately three miles north of Elloree. Project will consist of a parking area and boat launching ramp.

2. Low Falls Landing: Located approximately three miles east of Lone Star. Project will consist of a parking area, boat launching ramp and canal. The canal will be approximately 850 feet in length, 10 feet wide at the bottom with side slopes on a 1 1/2 to 1 ratio.

#### CLARENDON COUNTY:

1. Taw Caw Creek: Located approximately 20 miles southwest of Manning on Lake Marion. Project will include a parking area and boat launching ramp.

2. Rowland Subdivision: Located approximately 12 miles south of Manning on Lake Marion. Project will consist of a parking area and a boat launching ramp.

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*The early bird  
has to get his own breakfast.*

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Bamberg, South Carolina