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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic: Dr. Thomas E. Lucas House Location: 716 W. Main Street

Common Classification: Building

Owner: Dorothy C. Ross
% Dorothy R. Gibbons
716 W. Main Street
Chesterfield, S. C. 29709

Representation in Existing Surveys: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1980

Description: The Dr. Thomas E. Lucas House is a two-story frame house, built ca. 1868. The house has a central-hall plan, a three-bay facade, and a one-story porch across the facade. A medium-pitched gable roof is covered with composition shingles. The house has a one-story wing at the rear. The central doorway has four-paned sidelights and a transom. Window sash is six-over-six. The interior features mantels individually carved, reportedly by former confederate soldiers returning from the war. The door and window surrounds have corner-block molding. An antebellum smokehouse, a ca. 1885 gazebo (originally used as a hot house), and several nonhistoric outbuildings are located on the spacious, tree-shaded grounds.

Significance: The Dr. Thomas E. Lucas House is significant for its association with Dr. Thomas Ephraim Lucas, a farmer and physician. In 1864 Lucas resigned his position as a lieutenant in Co. A in the Fifteenth (Lucas') Battalion, South Carolina Artillery to serve in The South Carolina House of Representatives. According to Lucas's granddaughter, Dorothy Cannon Gibbons, the residence was constructed ca. 1868 with the money Lucas earned as a physician for Union troops stationed in Chesterfield after the Civil War. The Lucas House is representative of the typical residences of the nineteenth century: a two-story central-hall farmhouse, facing the main street, with extensive lands around and behind.

Acreage 4.36

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Chesterfield County Tax Map #171-04, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes the house, its associated outbuildings, and the immediate environment which contributes to the historic setting, while excluding much non-historic woodland.

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Other Information