Name Historic : West Main Street Historic District
Common

Location : Along sections of West Main Street, Church Street, and Academy Street

Classification : District

Owner : Multiple ownership (see continuation sheet)

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

Description: The West Main Street Historic District, which contains seventeen properties, is located west of the commercial area of Chesterfield. The district, which developed as a residential neighborhood, includes one residence with integrity from the antebellum period, two churches, a school, and five larger residences built during the period of prosperity of 1900 - 1930. One early commercial building, now used as apartments, is also included in the historic district. The district is unified by the landscaping, the relative scales of the buildings in accord with their local importance, and by the absence of major intrusive elements.

Significance: The West Main Street Historic District, which is the core of an intact residential neighborhood, includes five nineteenth century buildings and a large number of the fashionable and substantial buildings dating from Chesterfield's era of greatest prosperity in the early twentieth century. The district contains one residence with integrity from the antebellum period, the Austin-Craig House, a Gothic Revival cottage; several later nineteenth century buildings, representative of development patterns in Chesterfield in that period; and several major institutional buildings, including the Chesterfield Public School. The John T. Hurst House and the Dr. Duett Thompson Teal House represent the epitome of residential architecture in Chesterfield; they are large, imposing brick residences, dominating the streetscape, with (relatively) lavish interior appointments, in wood and tin. (Continued)

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Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the West Main Street Historic District is shown as the heavy red line on the accompanying Chesterfield County Tax Maps #'s 171-04 and 170-16. This boundary includes the greatest number of buildings of historic significance and the fewest non-historic buildings in this part of Chesterfield. The maps are drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information

Continuation of Significance: Historically, the West Main Street Historic District contains several locally significant buildings, including 610 West Main Street, which reputedly served as the county courthouse between 1865 and ca. 1885; the Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, ca. 1878, which was organized and built by freedmen; and the homes of several prominent citizens, including B. C. Moore, John T. Hurst, and Dr. Duett Teal, and Dr. William J. Perry.

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Property Number	Owner
#8	Lila Teal 518 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#7	Eva Teal McLeod and Others c/o Lila Teal 518 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#6	Sarah Thomas B. Campbell c/o Sarah B. Dower 4875 La Ventana Terrace Pensacola, Florida 32506
#10	Mrs. Sarah Teal Verreault 518 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#9	Margery Teal Burroughs Post Office Box 606 Conway, S.C. 29526
#15	Lessie Pusser Redfearn 513 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#13	Mount Tabor United Methodist Church c/o Thomas Howard Jackson 1558 West Market Street Cheraw, S.C. 29520
#19	J. A. Welsh, Jr. Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#20	St. Paul Methodist Church West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#12	Lena G. Jackson 601 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#21	Madeline B. Britton 303 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709

Property Number	Owner
#22	Mrs. Clara B. Knight 301 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#16	Essie B. Perry and Mary Jean Boring Lineberger c/o Perry Clinic Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#17	Charles N. Lear 1233 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#18	Doris B. Laney West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#14	W. J. Campbell 517 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#5	Donna Jones Davis Freeman Route 1 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#4	Madge G. Hurst 308 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#3	James I. and Peggy G. Redfearn 306 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#11	Chesterfield County School District Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#2	Mrs. Dorine Douglass 304 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29704
#1	Thomas L., Sr. and Dorothy B. Tiller 302 West Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709

West Main Street Historic District, Chesterfield

Key properties defining the historic character of the district:

1. Austin-Craig House (Tiller House), 302 West Main Street. This one-and-one-half story Carpenter Gothic residence was built in 1858 for a Mr. Austin, a lawyer from Pennsylvania. Mr. Austin married Margaret Jane Craig of Chesterfield. The building has the steep gables, bay windows, and scrollwork bargeboards typical of Carpenter Gothic residences. The building has an asymmetrical plan, with a gable-roof main block and a projecting ell on the west side of the facade. A single bay is situated at the front of the ell; two bay windows are located on the east elevation. Two steep dormer windows pierce the roof. A one-story porch shelters the entrance; this porch has been enlarged.

3. John T. Hurst House, 306 West Main Street. A two-story brick residence, built in 1904 for John T. Hurst, who reportedly used an (unidentified) architect from Dillon. The house shows the influence of the Colonial Revival in its symmetrical configuration; its use of red brick walls with white wooden trim; its hip roof, tall chimneys, and dormer with its Palladian window; and in the classical interior woodwork, which includes an elliptical stair arch and paneled wainscoting. A one-story porch, with brick piers and Ionic colonnettes supporting its roof, wraps around the facade and side elevations; a second story porch, with triple colonnettes at its corners, shelters only the central bay of the facade. The facade is built of hand-made Pennsylvania brick, while local brick is used for the sides and rear.

7. Dr. Duett Thompson Teal House, 508 West Main Street. This imposing two-and-one-half story brick house was built in 1921 by Dr. D. T. Teal. A cornerstone on the house reads "A.D. 1921 July 18. Dr. T." The residence is a large, asymmetrical composition, with a circular tower at its southwest corner, a one-story porch surrounding the main block, and gabled dormers piercing each plane of its hip roof. Seven tall chimneys with corbeled caps rise above the roofline. The interior features wainscoting of diagonal beaded boards, a spindle frieze over the stairway, beveled glass in the doors, and a patterned metal ceiling with ornate central lighting fixtures. The house sits far back from the street, and is surrounded by a heavy growth of deciduous trees.

13. Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, West Boulevard, at corner of Academy Street. This is a small frame meeting house church, built ca. 1878. The building features an off-center staged tower on its facade with a tall pyramidal tower roof capped by a metal finial. The orginal bell has been removed from the belfry but remains on the church grounds. The church is sheathed in weatherboard and has a gable roof covered with composition shingles.

Other properties contributing to the historic character of the district:

2. 304 West Main Street. A one-and-one-half-story frame building, built by James Craig ca. 1870. The facade has a central entry, flanked by two projecting pavilions with end gables. The west pavilion has a projecting bay; a one-story porch shelters the entrance and extends in front of the east pavilion.

5. B. C. Moore House, 310-312-314 West Main Street. A one-story frame residence, constructed ca. 1914, with a steep hip roof, which sweeps forward from the main body of the house to shelter a wraparound porch on the facade and side elevations. Three gables with attic vents pierce the forward plane of the roof. Two tall brick chimneys rise above the ridge. Turned wooden posts with scrollwork brackets support the porch roof.

6. Northwest corner of West Main Street and Hurst Avenue. A wooded vacant lot, partitioned from the D. T. Teal estate; undeveloped.

9. Wooded lot, Academy Street; partitioned from the D. T. Teal estate; undeveloped.

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11. Chesterfield Public School, West Main Street. This complex includes the 1909 brick school building, the ca. 1934 stone gymnasium, and the terraced forecourt on West Main Street. The school is two stories tall with a central pedimented portico supported by two brick piers. Brick quoins and pilasters delineate the bays. A large thermal window is located above the entrance, under the portico. The windows feature segmental brick arches. The gymnasium, located west of the school building, is of random rubble stone construction with a gabled roof. A terraced forecourt with a small gazebo overlooking a brackish creek precedes the school complex.

12. Old Courthouse, 610 West Main Street. This much-altered building dates from the antebellum period. According to tradition, it was used as a courthouse after the 1827 courthouse burned in 1865. Between 1886 and 1900, it was moved to its present location where it served as a school until ca. 1905. Then it was converted to a residence. The building is now one-and-one-half stories, of frame construction, five bays wide, with a central cross-gable piercing its gable roof. Two brick chimneys pierce the roof. The interior has been much altered, but remnants of the old school blackboard, some of the original wall boards, and the old doors are still in the house.

15. 513 West Main Street. A one-story frame residence with a low hip roof, three interior brick chimneys, and shiplap siding. A hip roofed porch is centered on the facade. The rafter ends are exposed in the roof eaves. The house dates from ca. 1920.

16. Buchanan-Perry House. A one-and-one-half story frame residence, built ca. 1900 for Jesse B. Buchanan. The House is sheathed in weatherboard and has a one-story porch across its facade. A cross-gabled dormer pierces the gable roof. Two brick end chimneys have corbeled caps.

17. Empty landscaped lot between 403 West Main Street and 401 West Main Street.

19. 109 Church Street. This two-story brick complex was built ca. 1900 as a commercial mall. It was originally occupied by the Hurst-Streeter Company General Merchandise, the Carolina Hotel, the J. S. Rivers Market, and the Farmer's Bank. In the 1920s, the building was adapted to an automobile dealership on the first story and a hotel on the second. It was divided into apartments in 1946. The rectangular building has a recessed central section with covered porches on both stories. Entrance into the four forward apartments is by these porches. An enclosed hallway with skylights traverses the main block and is carried between the main block and the one-story block on the north side. The brickwork is painted white. The second floor windows on the facade feature segmental brick arches with alternating projecting and recessed voussoirs.

20. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 305 West Main Street. This large brick Gothic Revival church was reportedly designed by the same architect who planned 306 West Main Street. It was built in 1905. The building has a cross plan with a tall tower and spire located at the northwest angle of the cross. The main entrance is at the base of the tower. The lancet windows feature stained glass. Brick buttresses are located at the corners of the tower as well as the corners of the main body of the church. An educational building to the rear of the property was built in 1965; it is two stories, of brick.

22. 301 West Main Street. This one-and-one-half story frame residence was built in the later nineteenth century. The house is sheathed in weatherboard, with a one-story porch across the facade. Prominent features are the scalloped bargeboards and the stick detailing in the gable ends.

Noncontributing properties:

4. 308 West Main Street. A contemporary brick house, with a gable roof and three dormer windows above the facade.

8. Residence, corner of West Main and Academy Streets. A ca. 1960 brick veneer building constructed on a portion of the D.T. Teal estate.

14. 517 West Main Street. A one-and-one-half story bungalow with a low gabled roof and a shed roofed dormer with exposed rafters. Triangular brackets support the roof eaves. The house is sheathed in weatherboard. A porch with wrought iron supports is recessed beneath the slope of the main roof. The house dates from ca. 1915. Alterations include replacement window and door.

18. 401 West Main Street. A one-story frame house, built prior to 1895 by D. M. Barrentine for his daughter, Edna Barrentine Laney. The house has a one-story porch on the facade, supported by tapered wooden posts on brick piers. The house has been altered by the application of asbestos shingle siding.

21. 303 West Main Street. This two-story frame residence has a central-hall plan, with a kitchen wing on the rear. It was built ca. 1825, when most of the surrounding property was farmland. The house has two brick end chimneys, a gable roof, and a front door with transom and sidelights. The house was altered by the addition in the mid-twentieth century of a two-story front porch, supported by square wooden pillars.

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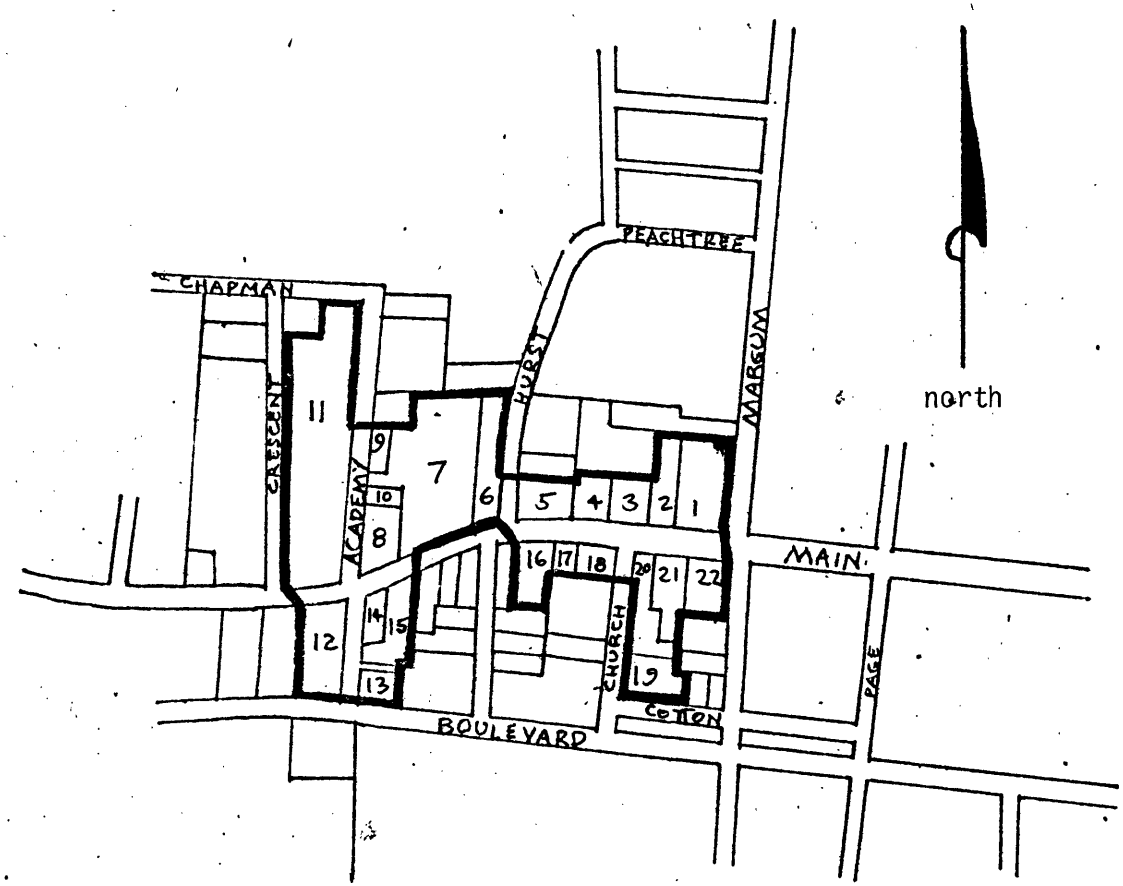
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