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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Springville Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Evan J. Lide House

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Evan J. Lide House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Meade House

LOCATION: West of county road 228, approximately 1-1/3 mi. northwest of its intersection with S. C. Highway 34.

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Mr. Robert G. Meade, Jr.
1630 Mohican Road
Stow, Ohio 44224

DESCRIPTION

The Evan J. Lide House is a rectangular, two-story gable-roofed weatherboard-clad building set on a brick pier foundation with a central-hall plan and exterior gable end chimneys.

The east facing facade is expressed in an asymmetrical composition with five bays on the first story and three bays on the second story. The first story fenestration is composed of two nine-over-nine, double-hung sash windows on either side of the double-leaf, paneled door. The entrance has five-light sidelights and a four-pane transom. A full-width, one-story, shed-roofed porch completes the first story treatment of the facade. The porch roof is supported by square, solid pine posts overhung by a wide boxed cornice. The balustrade, with small square balusters is affixed directly to the posts. The second story fenestration consists of three evenly spaced twelve-over-twelve, double-hung sash windows. A simple boxed cornice completes the facade treatment.

The north and south elevations of the main house are identical. The dominant feature of the side elevations is a massive, centered, exterior brick chimney with a single shoulder at the top of the second story casing. The windows on these elevations are two-ranked, with one on either side of the chimney. The first story has nine-over-nine, double-hung sash windows while the second story windows are twelve-over-twelve, double-hung sash. The moderately pitched gable roof has partial returns. A shed-roofed, one-story, rear appendage with a single nine-over-nine window appears on both side elevations and possibly originally extended across the entire rear of the building.

The west, or rear, elevation is the most altered. At some point in the nineteenth century a small building of one or two stories (possibly a kitchen), the core of which appears contemporaneous with the main building, was connected to the main house. This addition is the form of a two-story, gable end, weatherboard-clad, central appendage with an exterior gable end chimney.

The interior of the house, which has plaster walls and flushboard ceilings is essentially intact. Interior features include an understair closet with a window-like opening allowing light into the closet. The mantel in the front parlor features fluted pilasters with a recessed panel over the fireplace opening.

Several interesting nineteenth century structural features are well evidenced by this property. The rafter system consists of principal and common rafters joined by lapjoints and held in place by tree nails; the original shake shingles which are nailed directly to the purlins are still visible. The floor framing system also is an excellent example of construction methods common during the period. The squared, hand-hewn sills are typical, but the hewn, rather than sawn, joists are somewhat unusual by circa 1839, which is believed to be the date of construction.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Social History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Evan J. Lide House is significant as one of the six remaining buildings of the rural nineteenth century planter community of Springville. This house is said to have been one of the first permanent residences in what was, up to that time, basically a summer retreat or pineland village.[1] Evan J. Lide, who is believed to have built the house circa 1839, was the son of Hugh Lide, generally considered to be the original settler of the Springville area and to whom the name "Springville" is attributed.[2] Evan J. Lide, a wealthy planter, also owned Back Swamp Plantation, which was the source of his income.[3] Comfortable yet unpretentious, the house reflects the more casual lifestyle of Springville.

ACREAGE: Approximately 3.7 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Evan J. Lide House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Darlington County Tax Map No. 182, which is drawn at a scale of 400 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/605860/3799100

OTHER INFORMATION:

FOOTNOTES

(1) News and Press, 27 July 1911.

(2) Ibid; Coker, "Springville," pp. 194-95, 206; Deed Book O, pp. 137-38 and Deed Book N, pp. 316-17, Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, S. C.

(3) Chalmers Davidson, The Last Foray: The South Carolina Planters of 1860: A Sociological Study (Columbia, S. C.: University of South Carolina Press, 1971), p. 221.