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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: John W. Lide House

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: John W. Lide House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Atkinson House

LOCATION: On dirt road west of county road 133, approximately 1/2 mile northeast of junction of county road 133 and county road 29.

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Mrs. Margie E. Atkinson
Route 3, Box 31
Darlington, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The John W. Lide House is a two-story, rectangular, central-hall, four-over-four plan, frame residence with a low-pitched hip roof. The house has two massive, stuccoed brick, interior chimneys. Exterior sheathing is of weatherboard and the foundation is brick piers with brick fill.

A full-width, one-story, hip roof porch extends across the entire facade and wraps both side elevations culminating in small rooms on the southeast and southwest corners. The porch roof is supported by paired, square, pine posts (except at the northeast and northwest corners where they are tripled) resting on freestanding, stuccoed brick piers and features sawn brackets corresponding with the posts supporting the boxed overhanging eave. The porch balustrade is unusual; the square balusters are attached to a horizontal board, running beneath the top rail, sawn to form an arcade of pointed arches. The main entrance is a double-leaf door with a semicircular fanlight and sidelights. One other unusual feature of the first story is paired French windows of eight panes (four ranked pairs) that slide into wall recesses and allow direct access onto the porch.

The second story has three double four-over-four, double-hung sash windows symmetrically arranged over the fenestration and door of the first story. Also, there is a wide frieze with recessed panels and sawn, pierced brackets supporting the boxed cornice.

The interior of the house is largely intact; most of the original plaster walls and molded plaster cornices, paneled wainscoting, hand-planed, flushboard ceilings in the rear half of the house, and original mantels have been retained.

Among significant interior features are a mahogony bannister and tapered, octagonal newel post in the stairhall. Also an unusual feature of the stairhall is a window-like opening allowing light into the under-stair closet. Upstairs, in the central hall, there is a flat arch with a low-pitched, peaked intrados springing from pilasters that separates the front of the house from the rear.

Alterations include the enclosure of the central portion of the porch on the rear elevation. Also, extensive deterioration of the roof sheathing necessitated replacement of the sheathing and shingle material in 1926 by the present owners.

The property contains one antebellum outbuilding, which is a rectangular, one-story, braced frame building with a gable roof, weatherboard siding, and hewn sills. The original use of this building has not been determined. There are also several modern sheds within the nominated acreage.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Social History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John W. Lide House is one of the six remaining intact residences of the once-active nineteenth century pineland community of Springville. Believed to have been built ca. 1830-1840, this house reflects the architectural heritage and social history of southern antebellum society and is a major element in this collection of houses illustrating a rural planter community.[1]

The builder of this house, John W. Lide, was one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Darlington County in the mid-nineteenth century. According to the 1850 census, Lide's landholdings received the fourth highest assessment in Darlington District.[2] Lide operated his plantations in other parts of the district through an overseer system.[3] He also was a two-term member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, serving from 1822-1825.[4]

ACREAGE: Approximately 5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary for the John W. Lide House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Darlington County Tax Map No. 162 which is drawn at a scale of 400 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and the one remaining historic outbuilding.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/604900/3801640

OTHER INFORMATION:

FOOTNOTES

(1) Coker, "Springville," p. 201.

(2) Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: South Carolina (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1964), Darlington District, p. 345.

(3) News and Press, 20 July 1911.

(4) Walter B. Edgar and N. Louise Bailey, gen eds., Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives, 3 vols. to date (Columbia, S. C.: University of South Carolina Press, 1974-, vol. 1: Session Lists, 1692-1973, edited by Walter B. Edgar, pp. 306, 310.