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

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Darlington
Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Edmund H. Deas House

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 229 Avenue E

CLASSIFICATION: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY: 1 Contributing Building

OWNER: Mrs. Hammond W. Bacote
230 Avenue D
Darlington, South Carolina 29532

DESCRIPTION

An Eastlake-influenced cottage constructed ca. 1890, the Edmund H. Deas House is a symmetrical, one-story frame dwelling that has shiplap siding, two-over-two windows with shelf architraves, and two stuccoed interior chimneys. Its hip and gable roof features bracketed cornices and pedimented gables. Two gable ends face Avenue E; each of these contains a segmental-arched vent with peaked surround and vertical board siding. Under the front gables are projecting polygonal bays that have a single window in each face; these polygonal bays are characterized by scalloped frieze ornamentation and corner gable pendants. Located between the two polygonal bays, the recessed front porch has chamfered post supports and a plain balustrade. The side elevations are identical, both having two windows. The symmetrical rear elevation has a central gabled projection with exterior brick flue. The original brick pier foundation has been filled with cinder block underpinnings.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Black History
Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edmund H. Deas House is significant in that it reflects the achievements of black politician Edmund H. Deas, the original owner. The house is also significant as an excellent example of the Victorian vernacular style.

Deas moved to Darlington County in the 1870's from Stateburg, South Carolina, and became active in Republican politics.¹ He served as county chairman of the Republican Party in 1884 and 1888.² He was also a South Carolina delegate³ to the National Republican Conventions of 1888, 1896, 1900, and 1908.³ A black candidate for Congress in 1884 and 1890, Edmund H. Deas was deputy Collector of Internal Revenue in South Carolina from 1889 to 1894 and from 1897 to 1901.⁴

On March 13, 1905, Deas⁵ acquired his residence at 229 Avenue E from Kitty M. Oakes for \$900.00.⁵ Mrs. Oakes had purchased the lot from C. S. McCullough on June 12, 1891.⁶

At the time of his death in 1915 at the approximate age of 60, Edmund H. Deas was known fondly as the "Duke of Darlington" and owned considerable property.⁷ His wife, Beulah Anna Deas, lived in the family residence for many years after the death of her husband.⁸

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary for the Edmund H. Deas House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Edmund H. Deas House." The map was copied from a map of the town of Darlington, S.C., which is dated June, 1980, and is drawn at a scale of one inch to 500 feet. The nominated property includes only the historic building and the lot on which it is situated.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East, S.C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/604660/3795320

FOOTNOTES

¹Voter Registration of Sumter County, Stateburg Election Precinct, 1868; Darlington News, September 18, 1890; National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

²The Weekly News(Darlington, S. C.), September 17, 1884; Darlington News, April 5, 1888; National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

³Official Proceedings of the Republican National Convention, 1888, p. 102; 1896, p. 74; 1900; 1908, p. 76; National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

⁴Reports and Resolutions of the General Assembly, 1884, Vol. II, p. 832; Darlington News, October 2, 1890; William F. Sherman, Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch, Civil Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C., to H. F. Rudisill, 26 January 1976; National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

⁵Abstract of Deed, Book 43, p. 195, Darlington County Courthouse, National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

⁶Ibid.

⁷News and Press(Darlington, S. C.), August 5, 1915, National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

⁸Affidavit of Constance C. Allston, Darlington, S. C., 29 August 1976; Affidavit of Ernestine English Mance, Darlington, S. C., 17 January 1976; National Register Office files, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historical Marker Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

