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: South Carolina Western
       Railway Station

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Seaboard Airline Railway Station

LOCATION: 129 Russell Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY: 1 Contributing Building

OWNER: Dr. Anthony A. Hemmingway
       129 Russell Street
       Darlington, South Carolina 29532

DESCRIPTION

The South Carolina Western Railway Station was completed in May,
1911. Rectangular in plan, the brick building has projecting
rectangular bays at the center of its north and south sides. The hipped
roof features a bell-cast profile, red clay tile, and wide bracketed
eaves. On the north and south slopes of the roof are intersecting
gables, each containing a Palladian window and wood shingle siding.
Piercing the roof at the ridge line are two brick interior chimney,
which are paneled. Windows are double-hung, one-over-one, with
sandstone sills and lintels. Doors of the asymmetrical north and south
elevations are paneled and have operable transoms.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Transportation
       Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Carolina Western Railway Station is significant for its association with several railway companies that played major roles in Darlington's economy in the first half of the twentieth century. The South Carolina Western Railway was chartered in Darlington on August 26, 1910. Its avowed purpose was "to build a railroad from McBee through Hartsville and Darlington to Florence." Proponents of the new railroad strove earnestly to bring it into reality. A petition was circulated in Darlington requesting the town council to call a special bond issue election for the purpose of raising $12,000.00 to purchase the right-of-way through town and to construct a depot. Lawrence Reese, a Black master carpenter who had constructed many houses in Darlington, built the station. The rail line from McBee to Darlington was open to service on May 15, 1911, and the passenger station was completed shortly thereafter. The station is depicted on the 1913 Sanborn map of the city of Darlington.

The South Carolina Western was merged on April 3, 1914, into the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway, and merged again on November 8, 1915, into the Seaboard Airline Railway Company. The railroad was abandoned in the 1950's and the station sold in 1963.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the S.C. Western Railway Passenger Station is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "S.C. Western Railway Passenger Station." 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 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: 17/604080/3796200
FOOTNOTES


2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.


5 *Darlington News* (Darlington, S.C.), May 18, 1911.

6 Sanborn Map Co., *Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina*, 1913.


8 Sanborn Map Co., *Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina*, 1913.
South Carolina Western Railway Passenger Station

Scale: 1" = 500'