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Name Historic: Davenport Apartments Location: 400-402 East Washington Street

Common: Classification: Building

Owner: William Martin
P.O. Box 8557
Greenville, S. C. 29604

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: This three-story, U-shaped brick building was constructed in 1915-1916. The building has a large rectangular section in the rear and two smaller wings that extend from the rear block to the street, forming the facade and an open court between the two wings. Two one-story porches with stone elliptical arches and brick pillars frame the four entranceways that are grouped in pairs on the facade. The doorways have sidelights and fanlights. The windows, topped by flat-arched stone lintels with keystones and impost blocks, have one-over-one lights. The third floor windows are intersected by a stone string course and surmounted by a denticulated cornice with consoles; a brick parapet rises above the cornice. The interior court has three curvilinear gables with the name DAVENPORT inscribed on a panel of the central gable. The building features a water table, brick quoins, and wrought iron balconies with brackets.

Significance: The Davenport Apartments were developed by G.D. Davenport, a wealthy businessman of Greenville County. The building was designed by J.L. Lawrence, a Greenville architect, and constructed by Euguene Gilphilan in 1915-1916. Built at a cost of $57,000, the building served as the first apartment building in the city and housed middle-class businessmen and workers. The building is architecturally significant as a local interpretation of early twentieth century architecture, combining several elements from contemporary styles. The building is in a largely unaltered condition retaining much of its original interior with mahogany trim and wainscoting.

Acreage 0.44

Verbal Boundary Description The Davenport Apartments are depicted on the accompanying Greenville Tax Map # 63, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 60 feet. The boundary, shown as the red line, includes the entire historic building, while excluding adjacent non-historic buildings and parking lots.

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Other Information