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

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Depot

COMMON NAME: Conway Depot

LOCATION: North side of U.S. Highway 701, just across Kingston
Lake from the city of Conway

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Seaboard Coast Line Railroad
500 Water Street, Room 1208
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1928, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Depot is a long, rectangular, one-story, gable-roofed, frame board-and-batten building constructed in a craftsman-influenced style. The building features the wide overhanging eaves (to protect passengers and freight from inclement weather) which are typical of railroad depots of the period. Shaped rafter tails and knee braces supporting the eaves are also typical of the craftsman style.

The street elevation has a low wooden beltcourse and two recent lights at the right side. The elevation facing the tracks (east) has a slightly projecting, gable-roofed ticket bay at the street end. A raised loading platform extends the rest of the length of the building. Double diagonal-board loading doors open onto this platform. The west elevation has a similar treatment with the exception of the ticket bay. There are no outbuildings on the premises.

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SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce/Transportation/Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

This building is significant both architecturally and for its association with the railroad's impact on the commercial development and growth of Conway.

The first railroad which ran to and from Conway was the Wilmington, Chadbourn, and Conway Railroad, which began service to the town in 1886 and hauled lumber, turpentine, and other naval stores. It ran to Conway from Wilmington, North Carolina. A second railroad, the Conway Coast and Western Railroad, was constructed by the Burroughs and Collins Company in 1896 to transport its goods, and soon became the leading railroad serving Horry County. That railroad ran from Conway to Pine Island, in the vicinity of present-day Myrtle Beach. The Wilmington, Chadbourn and Conway and the Conway Coast and Western Railroads were connected in 1904, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad bought those two railroads in 1912.(1)

By the 1920s the railroad, which ran partially down Main Street, disrupted automobile traffic and was considered impractical for the downtown area of Conway. The city sued the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the removal of the tracks from Main Street, and the tracks were rerouted in 1928. The present depot was constructed across Kingston Lake from the town at that time.(2)

ACREAGE: .09 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the depot and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/681060/3745740

NOTES

1) John P. Cartrette, "Industrial Development in Horry County," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society), 7:4 (October 1973): p. 8.

2) Hoyt McMillan, "A Brief History of Railroads," in The Independent Republic of Horry 1670-1970: Items from The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society, 1970), pp. 31-34; Interview with Hoyt McMillan, Conway, S.C., 20 February 1986.

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I hereby certify that the property is:

Entered in the National Register

Edson A. Beall 5/18/95
Signature of Keeper Date of Action
for

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National Register