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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: Beaty-Spivey House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 428 Kingston Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Kingston, Inc.
P.O. Box 1534
Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The Beaty-Spivey House was constructed ca. 1870 for Thomas Wilson Beaty and his wife Mary Brookman Beaty.(1) The house is a one-and-one-half story, cross-gable roofed frame residence sheathed in weatherboard. Two corbeled, brick, interior ridge line chimneys pierce the roof and the house rests on a brick pier with brick infill foundation.

The facade (southwest elevation) features a projecting gable with a half-story above and three-bay porch with four tapering, octagonal, freestanding posts and recessed porch at the first story. A slot balustrade surrounds the porch deck. The first story fenestration is ABA, where A = a single, one-over-one, double-hung sash window with louvered shutters, B = a single-leaf entrance door with side lights. There are two two-over-two, double-hung, shuttered windows in the gable and a peaked, louvered vent above. There is stick fretwork at the gable verge in a geometric design of triangles and rectangle. A single gabled dormer is at both slopes of this bay.

The right and left elevations project slightly from the central bay and feature similar gable treatments with the dormers restricted to the rear-facing roof slope. The left elevation has a one-story, project-

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ing, rectangular hipped-roof bay centered at the first story. A one-story gable-roofed bay which was built ca. 1902 projects from the rear elevation. This appendage features a one-story hipped-roof porch which wraps three elevations.

There are two noncontributing outbuildings associated with this property. One is a nineteenth century servants' quarters which has been for the most part reconstructed and is used as an office. The other is a modern carport and storage building.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Local History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: __L__ (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The Beaty-Spivey House is significant as one of the few extant, relatively intact residences in Conway dating from the last half of the nineteenth century as well as for its association with Thomas W. Beaty and D.A. Spivey.

Beaty was a partner in a Conwayborough naval stores firm and represented Horry District as a delegate to the Secession Convention and then as state Representative in 1864-65. He was publisher and then publisher and editor of the Horry Weekly News from 1869 to 1879, when he sold the newspaper to devote more time to his business and civic interests and to seek the position of state senator, which he won in 1880.(2) Beaty died in 1886, and the house operated as a boarding house for some time after his death. It remained in the family until his widow died in 1901.(3) Thomas W. Beaty was the brother of John R. Beaty, whose house is also included in the nomination for the Conway Multiple Resource Area (see individual inventory form).

Doctor Allen Spivey and R.B. Scarborough bought the house from the Mary Beaty estate in 1902 and Scarborough sold his interest to Spivey the next year.(4) Spivey was well known as president and director of the Peoples National Bank of Conway, a position he held for thirty years. He was also the president or chairman of the board of various Conway businesses, mayor, state representative, and state senator. Spivey died in 1945, and the house remains in the possession of his descendants. It was occupied for a few years by the Conway Chamber of Commerce but is now in use as a residence.(5)

ACREAGE: 1.1 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, section 6, parcel 12, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/680780/3745660

NOTES

1) Collins A. Spivey and John P. Cartrette, "Peoples National Bank," in The Independent Republic of Horry: Items From the Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society, 1970): p. 84; Edward S. Barnhill, The Beatys of Kingston (n.p., n.p., 1958), p. 76.

2) Barnhill, p. 76; Anita Renee Jackson, "From Mouth to Ink: History of Horry County Newspapers," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society), 10:4 (October 1976): 23-24; Emily Bellinger Reynolds and Joan Reynolds Faunt, eds., Biographical Directory of the Senate of the State of South Carolina 1776-1964 (Columbia, S.C.: South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1964), p. 178.

3) Barnhill, p. 76; Spivey and Cartrette, p. 84.

4) Horry County Deeds, Deed Book NN, 564, Deed Book OO, 289, Horry County Courthouse, Conway, S.C.

5) Reynolds and Faunt, p. 313.