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 SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION  
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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Waccamaw River Warehouse Historic District

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Burroughs and Collins Warehouses

LOCATION:

CLASSIFICATION: Buildings

OWNER: The Burroughs Company  
 P.O. Box 260  
 Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The Waccamaw River Warehouse Historic District includes three buildings which range in date from ca. 1880 to ca. 1900. The oldest of the two located on the banks of the Waccamaw River was built ca. 1880. The smaller warehouse located a short distance upriver was built ca. 1890. The third building, built ca. 1900, is located a short distance inland on the opposite side of the railroad tracks.

The ca. 1880 steamer terminal is a long rectangular, one-and-one-half story, weatherboard-clad, gable-roofed building with an extension over the river. A dock once extended from this addition and served to unload passengers and freight. There is a wide loading door at each gable end and an asymmetrical placement of six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. One stove flue services the office area. The interior has a post-and-beam interior structure with a loft. The building is now used for storage.

The other waterfront warehouse, built circa 1890, is also a long rectangular gable-roofed weatherboard-clad building. The south elevation has been extended and the former exterior wall is extant as an

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interior wall. This building also has a loft above a post-and-beam structural framing.

The tobacco warehouse, ca. 1900, is the most complex building of these warehouses. The trapezoidal shaped building has a gable-roofed clerestory rising above two broad sloping shed extensions. A loading platform extends across the facade and has a modern shed roof. There are four symmetrically placed lights above this roof. There are sliding loading doors and single-leaf entrance doors which lead into the building. Another loading area, now enclosed, is at the northwest elevation. The interior framing exhibits the evolution of wood-framing systems utilized in open space interiors. This system features cross-diagonal bracing, balloon framing, and the use of lighter framing members.

### SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce/Transportation/Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:   L   (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

These buildings illustrate the evolution of utilitarian structures at the end of the nineteenth century. The shift from heavy-timber braced-frame structural members to smaller-member, balloon framing with multiple diagonal bracing and the use of a clerestory for additional light is evidenced by this complex of buildings.

These warehouses are significant both architecturally and as the last extant warehouses in Conway associated with the commercial trade on the Waccamaw River, as well as with the impact of the railroad on that trade, which was vital to the local economy and was in large part responsible for the boom years from 1890 to 1930. These buildings reflect the business activity of the town in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, particularly as it relates to the Burroughs and Collins Company, one of the town's most influential businesses.

The larger warehouse directly on the river was built ca. 1880 as the terminal for the Waccamaw Line of Steamers operated by Burroughs and Collins, which ran on the river until 1919.(1) The smaller warehouse approximately ninety feet upriver was built ca. 1890 as a warehouse and depot for the Conway Coast and Western Railroad, which was bought by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in 1912.(2) The large trapezoidal warehouse across the railroad and Main Street from the river warehouses was built ca. 1900 as a tobacco warehouse for Burroughs and Collins and was subsequently used as a fertilizer warehouse. A fourth and smaller warehouse, located downriver from the steamer terminal, was used as a warehouse for perishables; it is no longer extant.(3)

ACREAGE: 2.5 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary for the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-6, section 22, parcels 2, 3, and 4, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the three warehouses and their

immediate settings.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS:

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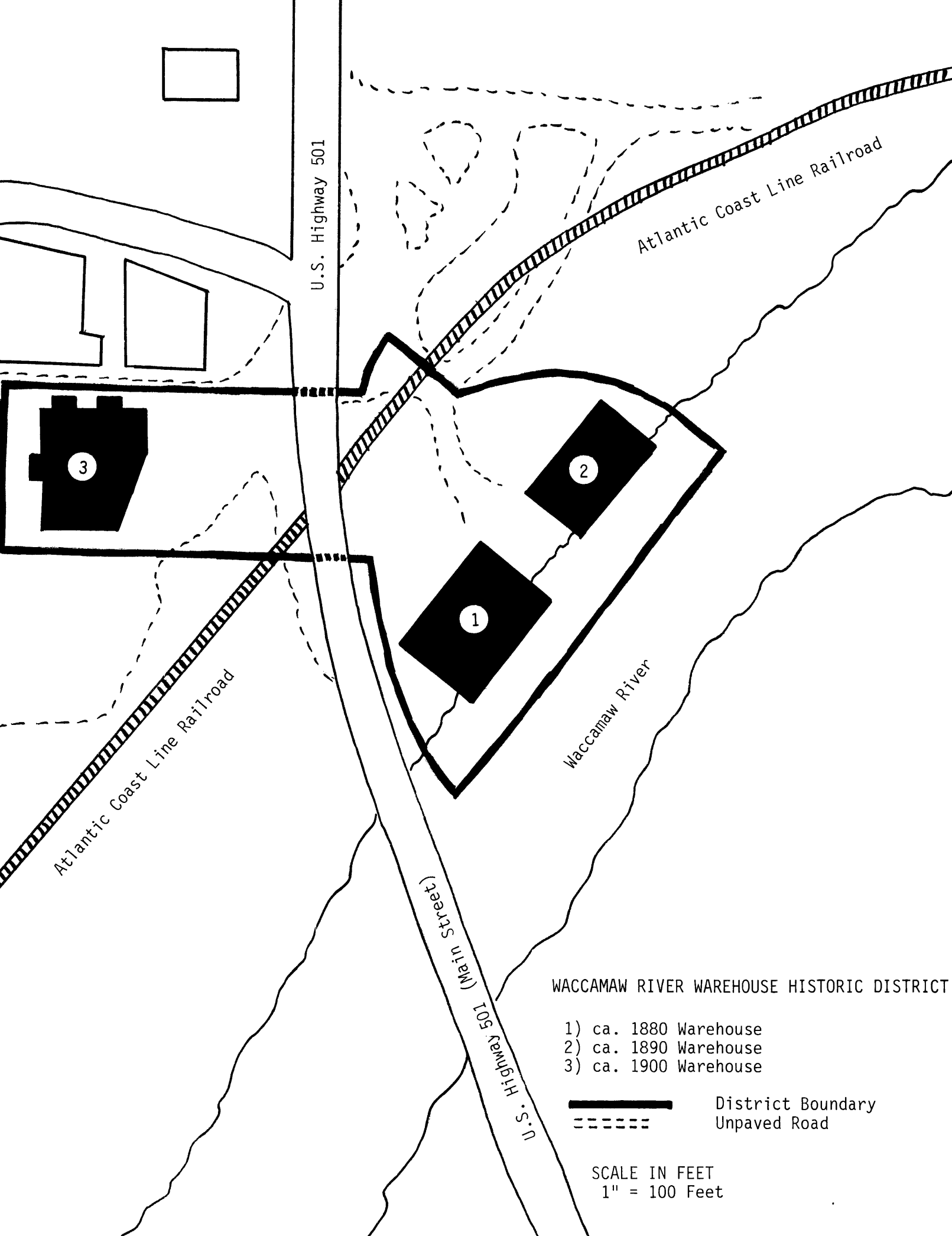
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C: 17/680820/3745140

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## NOTES

- 1) "HCHS Fall Tour," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society), 8:1 (January 1975): p. 6; Hoyt McMillan, "A Brief History of Water Transportation in Horry County, S.C.," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society) 8:3 (July 1974): 42-62. Hoyt McMillan to Jill Kemmerlin, 1 June 1984 (Citing C.M. James' map for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, 1905), in State Historic Preservation Office, Survey Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; Interview with Hoyt McMillan, Conway, S.C., 20 February 1986.
- 2) Hoyt McMillan to Jill Kemmerlin, 1 June 1984; Interview with Hoyt McMillan, Conway, S.C., 20 February 1986; McMillan, "A Brief History of Railroads," in The Independent Republic of Horry: Items From The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society, 1970): p. 32.
- 3) Hoyt McMillan to Jill Kemmerlin, 1 June 1984.



U.S. Highway 501

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad

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Waccamaw River

U.S. Highway 501 (Main Street)

WACCAMAW RIVER WAREHOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT

- 1) ca. 1880 Warehouse
- 2) ca. 1890 Warehouse
- 3) ca. 1900 Warehouse

— District Boundary  
- - - - - Unpaved Road

SCALE IN FEET  
1" = 100 Feet