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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: City of Laurens Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Albright-Dukes House

HISTORIC NAME(s) OF PROPERTY: Albright-Dukes House

COMMON NAMES(s) OF PROPERTY: Dukes House

LOCATION: 127 Academy Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Chris N. and Debra A. Flegas
127 Academy Street
Laurens, S. C. 29360

DESCRIPTION

The Albright-Dukes House is a one-and-one-half story, cross-gambrel roofed frame residence with dormers built ca. 1904 in the Dutch colonial revival style. It is located in a quiet, residential neighborhood south of the Laurens central business district. The house is sheathed in weatherboarding on the first story, with wood shingles in the gables. A single-story porch, supported by Tuscan columns with a simple balustrade, extends across the facade and portions of the side elevations. The northern and southern corresponding gambrels feature Palladian windows and are further ornamented by small, circular and diamond-shaped windows, while those on the east and west are decorated by tripartite , cameo, and diamond-shaped windows. The roof is pierced by pedimented dormers and by a brick chimney with a corbelled cap. Fenestration is varied and includes windows with stained glass, leaded glass, and lattice-paned sash. The interior has an irregular floor plan and features original wood floors, and plaster walls with corner guards. The spacious foyer has a coffered ceiling and corner niche; it opens into the parlor and stairhall. The staircase features wood paneling and a turned balustrade. An alcove with built-in love seat is located beneath the stair. The stairhall also has a corner niche and a built-in bench. The Albright-Dukes House has had few alterations and retains integrity from the time of its construction. To the rear of the house is a frame garage, built ca. 1930.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA(s) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Albright-Dukes House was built ca. 1904 as a residence for Dr. George C. Albright (1870?-1921), a Laurens dentist. Dr. Albright purchased three adjoining lots from the Irby family at an auction in February 1904 and is believed to have had the house constructed shortly thereafter.[1] The house is significant to Laurens as the city's best example of the Dutch colonial revival style of architecture. Few houses of this style were constructed in the Upper Savannah region of South Carolina during the early twentieth century, and even fewer retain their architectural integrity. The Albright-Dukes House has had only minor alterations since its construction and is an excellent representative of its style. Notable features include its cross-gambrel roof; the shingled gambrel ends with Palladian windows; unusual fenestration, including stained glass, leaded glass, and lattice-paned windows; pedimented dormers; corner guards on the interior plaster walls; large, airy rooms; and impressive foyer/stairhall. The house was sold by Dr. Albright's heirs in 1928 to Bailey A. Dukes, in whose family it remained until 1973.[2] It was purchased by the present owners in 1983.[3]

ACREAGE: Less than one acre.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Albright-Dukes House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying City of Laurens zoning map, which is drawn at a scale of 800 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the historic house, the garage, and the lot on which they are situated.

QUAD NAME: Laurens South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT(s): 17/ 406530 /3816802

OTHER INFORMATION: N/A

FOOTNOTES

[1]Book 15, p. 197, Laurens County Deeds, Laurens County Courthouse, Laurens, S. C.; Interview with Mrs. Bailey A. Dukes, Laurens, S. C., 16 July 1985; Laurens Advertiser, 16 March 1921; Laurensville Herald, 4 March 1904.

[2]Book 56, p. 569 and Book 203, p. 546, Laurens County Deeds.

[3]Book 229, p. 762, Laurens County Deeds.