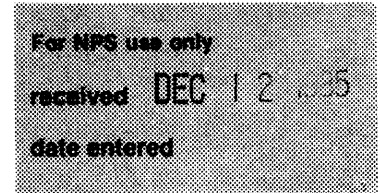


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Name: Historic: Bishopville Commercial
Historic District

Location: Along N. Main Street
between West Church and Cedar
Lane and along Cedar Lane.

Common: Bishopville Commercial
Historic District

Classification: District

Owner: Multiple Ownership (See attached).

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

Description: The Bishopville Commercial Historic District contains forty-eight buildings which represent the historic commercial center of the community. All of the buildings are of brick construction with most constructed between 1890 and 1920. The buildings are all one to two stories in height and are vernacular commercial designs of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. All of the buildings are used for commercial purposes such as stores, restaurants, offices and banks. The buildings are located along two blocks of North Main Street and along Cedar Lane and West Council Street. Two important buildings, the Seaboard Coastline Depot and the Palmetto Oil Mill, are located adjacent to Main Street and are included in the district. Few changes have occurred in the district and it contains forty-eight contributing and seven non-contributing buildings.

Key properties which establish the character of the historic district:

33. Seaboard Coastline Rail Depot (N. Main St. and Cedar Lane): This one-story, brick building was constructed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad ca. 1915. This brick depot replaced an earlier frame depot at this same location. The section facing Main Street was originally the passenger waiting room while the large section along Cedar Lane was for freight storage. This building has nine-over-nine sash windows, concrete lintels and soldier coursing. The freight area has large rounded arch doors on both the north and south facades. Attached to the rear of this building was a large one-story frame shed for cotton storage which has since been removed. The depot was built at the peak of the early 20th century cotton boom and it was surrounded by frame and brick buildings which housed cotton agents as well as warehouses for storage. The building is presently vacant.

35. Palmetto Oil Company (Cedar Lane): The Palmetto Oil Company was organized in 1903 by a group of farmers for the purpose of operating a cotton seed oil mill. The original brick mill building was constructed 1903-1904 and features rounded arch doors and windows. Adjacent to the mill, two large frame seed houses were built to hold cotton seed but these buildings have been greatly altered. This company was reorganized in 1909 as the Palmetto Oil Company. It

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was one of Bishopville's largest companies of the early 20th century and played an important role in the community's cotton industry. The mill continues to be utilized for the production of cotton seed oil, processing 100 tons of cotton seed daily. New buildings have been constructed in past years to the south and east of the original mill building, but this original structure has not been greatly altered.

43. Farmers Loan and Trust Company (210 N. Main St.): This one-story brick building has a decorative stone facade. Constructed ca. 1925, this building was a loan and trust company until it closed during the Depression. The building displays a Neo-Classical design with Doric pilasters and a cornice with large modillion blocks. The main entrance has a pediment, sidelights and a transom of diamond shaped leaded glass. The building is presently used as offices.

48. People's Bank (140 N. Main St.): This building is a two-story brick structure with a stone exterior. The People's Bank was constructed in 1912 with Wilson and Sompayrac, architects. The building is a good example of the Neo-Classical style and it features large Doric columns flanking the main entrance. The main entrance has double doors surmounted by a pediment. Over the entrance is a large elliptical window with a keystone. On the upper facade is a cornice with dentils. This elaborate classical design is also carried over onto the East Council facade. The building is still utilized as a bank.

49. J.B. Kelley Building (136 N. Main St.): Constructed in 1919, this two-story brick building was the home of the J.B. Kelley dry goods store for many years. The building is distinguished by its elaborate terra cotta facade. Above the storefront are rectangular panels with inset diamond designs. Windows on the second story are one-over-one sash with diamond pane transoms. At the roofline is an elaborate terra cotta cornice and a clay tile shed roof. At the corner of the building are terra cotta piers with floral and Greek fret band inset designs.

Other properties contributing to the character of the district:

1. Bishopville Opera House (109 N. Main St.): ca. 1900 commercial building; also used as a opera house for many years and as a courthouse from 1902 to 1908.
2. 115 N. Main St.: ca. 1905 commercial building.
3. 117 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
4. 119 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
5. 121 N. Main St.: ca. 1905 commercial building.
6. 123 N. Main St.: ca. 1905 commercial building.
7. 127 N. Main St.: ca. 1905 commercial building.

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8. 131 N. Main St.: ca. 1905 commercial building.
9. 135 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.
11. 107 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
12. 109 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
13. 113 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
14. 115 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
15. 119 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
16. 116 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
17. 106-112 West Council: ca. 1900 commercial building.
18. 201-205 N. Main St.: 1910 commercial building.
19. 207 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.
20. 209-213 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.
22. 219 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
25. 229 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
26. 231 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
27. 233 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
28. 235 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
29. 237 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
30. 239 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
31. 241 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
32. Tisdale Building (243-47 N. Main St.): ca. 1920 commercial building.
34. 102 Cedar Lane: ca. 1915 commercial building.
36. 244 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
37. 238 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.

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- 38. 228-230 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
- 39. 224 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
- 40. 220 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building.
- 41. 218 N. Main Street: ca. 1920 commercial building.
- 44. 208 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
- 46. 204 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.
- 50. 132 N. Main St.: ca. 1930 commercial building.
- 51. 128 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building.
- 52. 122 N. Main St.: ca. 1915 commercial building.
- 53. 116 N. Main St.: ca. 1915 commercial building.
- 54. 112 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.
- 55. 108 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building.

Properties which do not contribute to the character of the district:

- 10. 139 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building with a ca. 1960 facade.
- 21. 215 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building obscured by an awning.
- 23. 221 N. Main St.: ca. 1940 commercial building.
- 24. 225 N. Main St.: ca. 1940 commercial building.
- 42. 214 N. Main St.: ca. 1910 commercial building with a ca. 1960 facade.
- 45. 206 N. Main St.: ca. 1920 commercial building with a ca. 1970 frame facade.
- 47. 200 N. Main St.: ca. 1900 commercial building with a ca. 1984 metal awning.

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Significance: The Bishopville Commercial District contains an excellent grouping of forty-eight late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings in the historic downtown area of Bishopville. The majority of buildings were constructed between 1890 and 1920 when Bishopville experienced a long period of prosperity and growth as a cotton shipping and trading center and as a county seat. By 1920 all of downtown was composed of substantial one to two-story brick buildings with detailing typical of the period. With the decline in the cotton industry after 1920, construction in the area came to a halt. Very few new buildings have been constructed in the downtown area in recent decades and it retains its original early 20th century appearance. While some alterations to the storefronts have occurred most buildings display their original character. Of fifty-five buildings in the district, all but seven essentially retain their historic appearance.

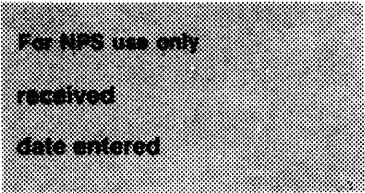
Acreage: Approximately 7.1 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Bishopville Commercial Historic District is shown as the dark line on accompanying Lee County Tax Map 30-06 which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The boundary includes lots 350-351, 376-399, 409-420, 444-448, 455, 457-468.

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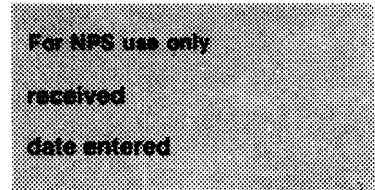
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Owners List - Bishopville Commercial Historic District

1. 109 N. Main St. Bernie Hancock
Rte.1, Box 33
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
2. 115 N. Main St. W. Ray Copeland
200 Harris St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
3. 117 N. Main St. Same as above
4. 119 N. Main St. Frances Ginsberg
328 Heyward St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
5. 121 N. Main St. Senn Blanche
705 W. Cornwallis
Greensboro, N.C. 27408
6. 123 N. Main St. Mertie Woodward
123 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
7. 127 N. Main St. Allen Roberson
127 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
8. 131 N. Main St. Same as above
9. 135 N. Main St. John Scarborough
c/o 135 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010
10. 139 N. Main St. John Mademlis
301 Park Ave., Apt. E.
Wilson, S.C. 27893
11. 107 W. Council St. J.S. Corbett Heirs
c/o Bradley Mayes
P.O. Box 147
Mayesville, S.C. 29104
12. 109 W. Council St. Same as above
13. 113 W. Council St. Same as above

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| 14. 115 W. Council St. | Aralee Coles
510 Dogwood Dr.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 15. 119 W. Council St. | Georgia Luckey
510 Albert St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 16. 116 W. Council St. | Mary Fata
411 W. Council St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 17. 106-112 W. Council St. | Charles Stuckey
111 N. Lee St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 18. 201-205 N. Main St. | George Stuckey
Box 206
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 19. 207 N. Main St. | Sara Stuckey
Box 206
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 20. 209 N. Main St. | W. Ray Copeland
200 Harris St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 211 N. Main St. | Grady Brown
127 N. Main
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 213 N. Main St. | F.L. Butler
123 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 21. 215 N. Main St. | Cora Denny
311 Dennis St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 22. 219 N. Main St. | Same as above. |
| 23. 221 N. Main St. | Willie McKay
P.O. Box 4868
Florence, S.C. 29502 |

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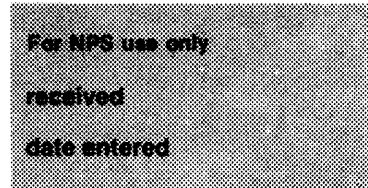
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| 24. 225 N. Main St. | Thomas Cothran
120 James Circle
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 25. 229 N. Main St. | Berry Lane
104 S. Heyward
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 26. 231 N. Main St. | Same as above |
| 27. 233 N. Main St. | Paul Fata
120 W. Council
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 28. 235 N. Main St. | Adria Belk
4103 Pelican Lane
Florence, S.C. 29010 |
| 29. 237 N. Main St. | Same as above |
| 30. 239 N. Main St. | Same as above |
| 31. 241 N. Main St. | Lloyd Rooks
Route 4, Box 228 C
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 32. 243-47 N. Main St. | Vernon Reynolds
Route 4, Box 26
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 33. Seabord Depot, N. Main St. | Seaboard Coast Line RR
3600 Broad St.
Richmond, VA |
| 34. Cedar Lane, Palmetto Oil | Palmetto Oil Co.
310 N. Nettles
Bishopville, S.C. |
| 35. 102 Cedar Lane | Vernon Reynolds
Route 4, Box 26
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 36. 244 N. Main St. | Jared Smith
244 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |

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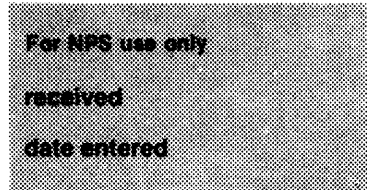
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| 37. 238 N. Main St. | Betty Smith
Route 2
Camden, S.C. 29020 |
| 38. 228-230 N. Main St. | Nettie Levenson
230 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 39. 224 N. Main St. | Stuckey and Alexander
224 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 40. 220 N. Main St. | Joseph Lavender
P.O. Box 1046
Hartsville, S.C. 29550 |
| 41. 218 N. Main St. | James Scott
Route 2, Box 238
Lynchburg, S.C. 29080 |
| 42. 214 N. Main St. | People's Bank
140 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 43. 210 N. Main St. | Same as above |
| 44. 208 N. Main St. | Mae Huggins
716 W. Church St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 45. 206 N. Main St. | W.L. King
310 S. Heyward St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 46. 204 N. Main St. | Thomas Cothran
120 Jones Circle
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 47. 200 N. Main St. | Bruce Smith
200 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 48. 140 N. Main St. | People's Bank
140 N. Main St.
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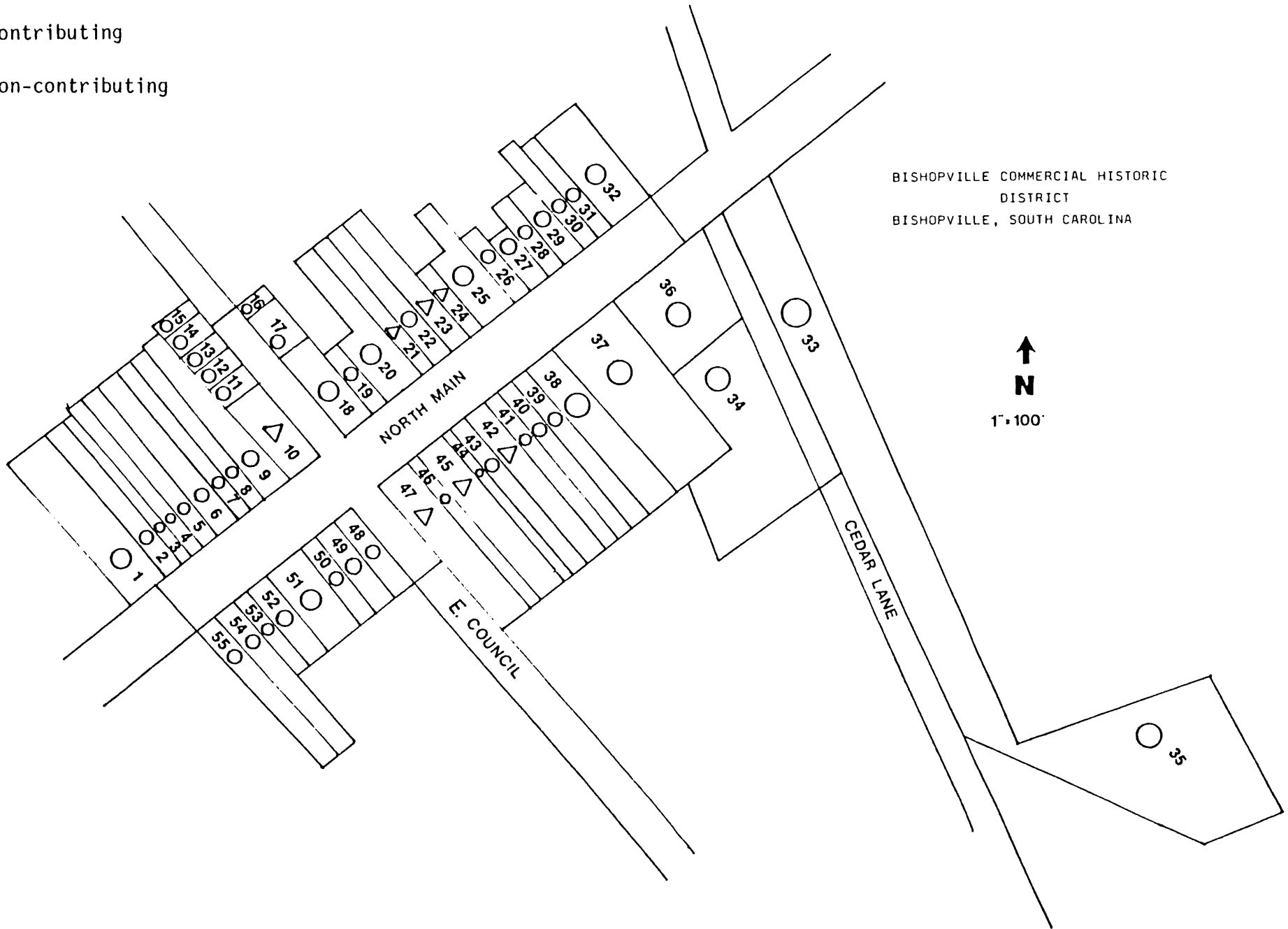
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| 49. 136 N. Main St. | George Stuckey
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Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 50. 132 N. Main St. | Laney Adville
P.O. Box 504
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 51. 128 N. Main St. | B.C. Moore
128 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 52. 122 N. Main St. | Sherian Mc Lendon
702 N. Church St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 53. 116 N. Main St. | A.D. Woodham
116 N. Main St.
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |
| 54. 112 N. Main St. | Same as above |
| 55. 108 N. Main St. | Allene McCoy
Box 485
Bishopville, S.C. 29010 |

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