

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic: Mitchell-Shealy House

Location: 419 West Church Street  
Leesville, South Carolina

Common: Berley Shealy House

Classification:  
Building

Owner: C. Walter Shealy  
Rt. 4, Box 19  
Leesville, South Carolina 29070

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description: Constructed ca. 1855, this two story weatherboard residence combines Greek Revival and Victorian features under a metal shingle gabled roof. A central projecting double portico features chamfered posts-four across each floor-and turned balustrades beneath a front gable. Central doorways on each floor are surrounded by multi-paned sidelights and transoms. The lower front porch has been screened in. The facade and rectangular central block and centered rear ell of one story are embellished with bracketed cornices and triangular window caps. Side single windows are balanced in pairs on each floor, four across. Central chimneys pierce the roof ridge. A later addition extends the rear ell on the right rear side but does not impair the building's overall period integrity.

Significance: The house was constructed by J.A.J. (Jeter) Mitchell, prominent local planter and first postmaster of Leesville. The house is one of only five surviving antebellum buildings in the Batesburg-Leesville area and one of only two antebellum buildings in the area that retains its integrity.

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Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map # 06000. This boundary includes the house and its immediate environment, while excluding adjacent farmlands and industrial development.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information: