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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic: Old Batesburg-Leesville High School
Common: Old Batesburg-Leesville Middle School

Location: Summerland Avenue
Leesville, South Carolina

Classification: Building

Owner: Lexington County School District #3
West Church Street
Leesville, South Carolina 29070

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description: Constructed in ~~1921~~ 1920, this two story red brick building is representative of public school architecture of the day. The building rises from a raised basement to a low parapet roof banded in concrete. Flanking pavilions, with single vertical windows piercing each main floor, enframe a central block, punctuated by repetitive vertical windows of horizontal, moveable sash. A concrete entablature surmounts a Tudor arched entranceway leading to double front doors. Decorative elements include a lower concrete beltcourse and projecting cornice. An applied school emblem in concrete accents the central parapet. Additional applied panels appear on each side of the pavilion facades.

Significance: Construction of the Batesburg-Leesville High School in 1921 represented the first cooperative venture between the two towns. Significantly, the building was placed in the center of the 500 yard "no man's land" unincorporated area separating the two municipalities. Architect for the high school was Jesse ~~Wessinger of West Columbia, South Carolina~~. The composition and the main entrance show the influence of the Tudor Gothic Revival.

Acreage: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Old Batesburg-Leesville High School nomination is shown as a red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map number 05900. This boundary includes the old school building while excluding the adjacent modern school buildings.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information