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Name Historic Vastine Wessinger House

Location

Common

Classification

Buildings

Owner Horry E. Wessinger

Route 2

Lexington, SC 29072

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description The Vastine Wessinger House, reputedly constructed ca. 1891, is a rectangular, two-story, weatherboarded frame farmhouse with a truncated hip roof. A projecting double tiered porch on the facade is ornamented with plain balustrade, eaves brackets, and sawn brackets festooning four slender square wood posts. Fenestration on the facade is symmetrical with a central door on each story flanked by two six-over-six windows. Each door has transom and sidelights. A small, frame building of the same age, now converted to a garage, sits southwest of the house. It was operated as a store by Vastine Wessinger in the 1890s and from 1910-1935 as a farm commissary.

Significance The Vastine Wessinger House is one of the few nineteenth century farm residences

Vastine Wessinger (1852-1938), farmer, cotton ginner and crossroads storekeeper at the junction of Old Cherokee and the Gilbert Hollow Spring Hill Roads, was one of thirty-one landowners in the county to contest seizure of their lands for the \$15 an acre offered by Lake Murray developers and who demanded jury trials in court condemnation proceedings in 1928.⁶⁵ The dwelling's present owner operated the town of Lexington's first movie theater in 1953. With his late sister Eunice, he co-authored St. John's Lutheran Church 1831-1981 for the church's 150th anniversary.

Acreage

UTM Reference Point

Other Information

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Local

State

National