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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Charlton Rauch House Location Northwest corner Main and Cedar
Common Streets, Lexington, SC
Classification Building

Owner T. H. Rawl, Jr.
P.O. Box 846
Lexington, SC 29072

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description The Charlton Rauch House, constructed ca. 1886, is a two-and-one-half-story, weatherboarded frame vernacular Queen Anne style house with an irregular plan and a gable roof. A one-story wing is attached to the rear. Features of the house include a one-story, hip-roofed porch surmounted by a second-story, shed-roofed porch on the facade, a two-story polygonal bay with a tent roof on the left of the facade, and a hip-roofed, three-story, projecting polygonal bay on the right elevation with a recessed porch on the third story. All roofs are covered with pressed-metal shingles. The porches are ornamented with sawn friezes and balustrades and turned posts with sawn brackets. Windows are six-over-six.

Significance A locally important example of the Queen Anne style, the Charlton Rauch House was designed and built for Charlton Rauch by Frank Smithdeal, who also designed the W. Pickens Roof House. Rauch operated a livery stable on North Lake Drive on the site of the WPA Community Hall and was a cotton buyer and dealer in general merchandise.⁶⁴

Acreage 1

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the appropriate red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map #04321 drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes only the historic building, while excluding any adjacent insignificant buildings.

UTM Reference Point 17/477775/3760220

Other Information

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 Local
 State
 National