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Name Historic:

Common: Caldwell Street Historic District

Owner: Multiple Ownership (see continuation sheets)

Location: Along a section of Caldwell Street

Classification: District

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description: The Caldwell Street Historic District, located on Caldwell Street, is comprised of eight residences, five of which are the work of outstanding Newberry contractor C.C. ("Cam") Davis, and two churches. The styles of the buildings, which date from 1885 to 1918, range from upcountry plantation to decorated Victorian to neoclassical.

Significance: The Caldwell Street Historic District is a residential neighborhood reflecting the affluence of Newberry's financial leaders, whose prosperity coincided with the establishment and growth of the Newberry Cotton Mills. Most of the residences in the district were built by contractor C.C. Davis, and are characterized by quality of design and workmanship. The district's finest buildings are the Zaccheus Wright Mansion (#C-3), a significant example of a neoclassic residence, built for the fourth president of the Newberry Cotton Mills, and the Newberry First Baptist Church (#C-1), a Roman Revival temple form building. The district maintains a harmonious scale and massing, and is unified by the trees and landscaping.

Acreage

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Caldwell Street Historic District nomination is shown as the heavy black line on the accompanying map entitled "Caldwell Street Historic District" and drawn at a scale of one inch to 200 feet.

UTM Reference Point

A. 17/443418/3792400
B. 17/443405/3792075
C. 17/442975/3792065
D. 17/442978/3792400

Other Information

Properties contributing to the character of the historic district:

C-1. 736 Caldwell Street. Newberry First Baptist Church. Built in 1907, this brick Roman Revival temple form church features a pedimented hexastyle portico, with colossal fluted Roman Doric columns, enriched with egg-and-dart molding on their echini. A full entablature has mutule blocks in the cornice and a Roman pattern of triglyphs and metopes in the frieze. Pilasters carry the order around the body of the church. Five arched, stained glass windows pierce each side elevation. Architect of the building was Charles C. Wilson of Columbia, South Carolina. Mallard Construction Company of Greenville, South Carolina, was contractor.

C-2. 808 Caldwell Street. Caldwell-Wright House. Built ca. 1820, this two-story weather-boarded dwelling has five bays on each story of the facade, exterior end chimneys, and a double tiered pedimented central front porch. This porch is superimposed over the three central bays of the facade. Four square wooden pillars connected by a plain wood balustrade embellish the porches. A blind lunette centers the pediment. Window sash are six over six and flank single central doors on each story of the facade. The first-story door is surmounted by a transom of vertical lights. The first story wing is a twentieth century addition. The house originally stood on the right adjoining parcel (on the site of the Zaccheus Wright House) and was moved to the rear of that parcel when the Wright House was constructed in 1912. It was moved to its present location in 1952 to avoid demolition. The house was built by John Caldwell, Newberry lawyer. In 1866 it was purchased by Robert H. Wright, father of textile magnate Zacheus F. Wright.

C-3. No address. Caldwell Street. Zaccheus Wright Mansion. Built in 1912 by Zaccheus F. Wright (1869-1949), this neoclassic two-story mansion features a flat roof with full width wooden cresting above a hexastyle portico. The colossal Corinthian columns surmount high brick pedestals. A turned balustrade extends the width of a second floor balcony on the facade, while a cast iron railing connects the columns. The balustrade is repeated atop a north oval porch, and on both levels of a south two-story wing. Modillions and dentils enrigh the cornice of the full entablature which encircles the house and wings. Traceried sidelights and an elliptical fanlight frame the double central doors. Interior detailing includes a deep carved cornice in the front left room, and a carved entablature above paired pilasters in the hallway. The design of the house is attributed to C. C. ("Cam") Davis. The property includes a garage and a frame servant's quarters, which is 843 Coates Street.

C-4. 737 Caldwell Street. George W. Summer House. Built before 1912 and remodeled about 1918, this classic revival dwelling is a brick two-story residence with flat roof and massive projecting front tetrastyle portico supported by Corinthian columns. Flanking extensions consist of a right porte cochere and left single story crested porch. The extensions are supported by Ionic colonettes. The front portico entablature displays a cornice enriched by moldings and dentils above a plain frieze. A cantilevered flat canopy surmounts the central front doorway, which is flanked by triple windows. The house was built by Mrs. L. C. Hunter and later purchased by George W. Summer (1861-1944), Newberry merchant and organizer in 1901 of the Mollohon (cotton) Manufacturing Company. He was also owner of the Newberry Hotel, the Newberry Bonded (Cotton) Warehouse Company, the Newberry Lumber Company, and organizer of the Commercial Bank of Newberry. Architect for the remodeling was Ernest Summer, nephew of the owner.

C-5. 722 Caldwell Street. Houseal-Goggans House. Built ca. 1900, this asymmetrical Victorian dwelling is a two-story weatherboarded residence. It features corbeled interior chimneys, multiple gables, narrow two over two windows, and a prominent left three-story tower of weatherboard and shingles under a conical roof. Both the upper cornice and that of the first story wraparound porch are bracketed. Slender wooden columns atop pedestals support the porch roof which has a turned balustrade and a projecting pedimented entrance. Contractor for the house was C. C. "Cam" Davis. This building is very similar in form to two other Davis-built house, 1710 College Street and 712 Caldwell Street. All three were built by members of the Wright family. Builder of the Houseal-Goggans House was Dr. Walter Gustave Houseal (1861-1929), a prominent Newberry physician for 40 years. His wife, Sarah Wright, was a sister of Zaccheus F. Wright. The property includes a board-and-batten outbuilding, which is 839 Coates Street.

C-6. 725 Caldwell Street. C. C. ("Cam") Davis House. Built ca. 1894, this two-story residence was originally weatherboard but was remodeled by the builder's son in 1932 as a modified English Tudor dwelling featuring half timbering and stucco on the upper facade and granite facing on the lower. All weatherboard was removed. Exterior details include a hipped roof, rear interior corbeled chimneys, a right polygonal tower under a tent roof and a gabled left front projection. The projecting granite entrance porch has a segmental arch with keystone under a gabled roof. The interior reveals woodwork of walnut, cherry and mahogany executed in fine Victorian gingerbread crafting. A two-story garage to the rear and servants quarters in the left side yard are half timbered and contemporary with the 1932 house remodeling. (A native of Henderon, N.C., Collin Campbell Davis (1859-1916) came to Newberry in 1884 with the contracting firm of his uncle, W. T. Davis of Greenville, S.C., to build the Newberry Cotton Mill. At the death of his uncle, Davis became head of the building and lumber business. Consistent quality of materials, design and contruction of a wide range of architectural styles characterized Davis's work, which included most of the major residential, ecclesiastical and public buildings constructed between 1884 and 1916 in Newberry. It is thought that he designed many of the residential buildings he built during this period, but documentation has not been found to support this. All of the Davis built houses display skilled interior woodwork finish.)

C-7. 712 Caldwell Street. Chesley H. Cannon House. Built ca. 1900, this asymmetrical two-story residence is of pebble-dashed stucco. It features vertical one over one sash, a right two-story turret under a polygonal roof and a wraparound first story porch with pedimented entrance pavilion. A plain porch balustrade connects slender wood Ionic columns atop wooden pedestals. This house is similar in form to those at 725 Caldwell Street and at 1710 College Street. All three houses were constructed by "Cam" Davis for members of the Wright family. C. H. Cannon (1866-1936), was Newberry County treasurer (1929-36) and farmer. His wife, Lucy M. Wright, was a sister of Zaccheus F. Wright.

C-8. 709 Caldwell Street. Boozer-Cannon House. Built ca. 1888, this asymmetrical Victorian residence is of two stories and weatherboarded. It features two over two sash, a multi gabled roof covered with pressed sheet metal and a first story wraparound porch. The porch roof displays entrance and corner paneled pediments. Its turned balustrade connects both single and coupled small wood Tuscan columns atop paneled wood pedestals. A left two-story bay has a bracketed projecting pediment. Metal finials surmount the roof gables. The house was built by "Cam" Davis for Thomas Q. Boozer. The house is unoccupied and deteriorating.

C-9. Vacant wooded lot.

C-10. 636 Caldwell Street. Calvary United Presbyterian Church. This ca. 1915 weatherboard church features a left front square tower under a tuncated pyramid roof and right gabled central block. Double doors and pointed six over four stained glass windows pierce the facade, with three bays on each side elevation. The building is unoccupied.

C-11. 636 Caldwell Street. A one-story frame weatherboarded cottage, built ca. 1920, with a metal hipped roof extending over a front porch. The house sits on a brick pier foundation.

C-12. Corner of Coates and Snowden Streets. Old Village Cemetery. This one acre burial ground was the first public cemetery for the municipality. It was dedicated as a public cemetery in 1809 by George McCreless and continued as the town's burying ground until Rosemont Cemetery on College Street was established in 1863.

Noncontributing properties in the district:

C-13. 721 Caldwell Street. Modern one-story weatherboard bungalow with front gable and right carport.

C-14. 719 Caldwell Street. Modern frame bungalow with asbestos siding, left end chimney and projecting gabled porch entranceway.

Mrs. Ida H. Satterwhite
921 Jessica Street
Newberry, S.C. 29108

Mrs. Mary C. Layton
519 Boundary Street
Newberry, S.C. 29108

D. L. Andrews
3091 Beachwood Drive
Marietta, GA 30067

Mrs. Corrie Lee Havird
516 Boundary Street
Newberry, S.C. 29108

First Baptist Church
736 Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

R. Wright Cannon
712 Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

J. A. Underwood
Rosalyn S. Underwood
725 Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

Grace Summer
737 Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

Calvary Presbyterian Church
Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

Sarah Linda G. Barron
722 Caldwell Street
Newberry, S. C. 29108

Gerald M. Westmoreland
Helen Westmoreland
721 Caldwell Street
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