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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic: Francis B. Higgins House

Location: 1520 Boundary Street

Common: Caldwell-Higgins House

Classification: Building

Owner: W. H. Tedford
1520 Boundary Street
Newberry, S.C. 29108

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina
(1979 update)

Description: Built ca. 1820 by Francis B. Higgins, this two-story weatherboarded residence consists of an "I" form with projecting central portico. Four full length square wood pillars support a pedimented gable having triglyph details. Six bays divide both floors of the front facade. A central lower door is framed with multi-paned transom and sidelights with the whole surrounded by a panel and molding architrave. A modern ornamental iron balustrade spans the porch floor and extends the entrance stair sides. Windows on the lower facade are nine over nine with six over six sash on the second floor. Chimneys of stuccoed brick are at the ends of the gabled roof.

Significance: The Francis B. Higgins House exemplifies the introduction of Federal and Greek Revival design elements into the South Carolina vernacular building tradition. The delicately molded portico and doorway embellish what is essentially a vernacular frame farmhouse type. The house is also significant as the oldest documented dwelling in Newberry. Its builder was Francis B. Higgins, Newberry attorney, planter, and county commissioner in equity.

Acreage: 1.6

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Francis B. Higgins House nomination is shown as the heavy black line on the accompanying map entitled "Francis B. Higgins House" and drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information