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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Orangeburg Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Claflin College Historic District

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: On a portion of the Claflin College campus

CLASSIFICATION: District

OWNER: Claflin College Board of Trustees
c/o Dr. Oscar Allen Rogers, Jr., President
Claflin College
Orangeburg, SC 29117

DESCRIPTION

The Claflin College Historic District is comprised of five educational buildings in the historic core of the Claflin College campus. These buildings were constructed between 1898 and ca. 1915; they are one, two, and three-story brick buildings. This part of the campus is landscaped with trees, bushes, and walkways. The buildings have generally seen only minor alterations. Tingley Memorial Hall(#1) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Black History
Education

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

The Claflin College Historic District is historically significant for its association with the important contributions of the college to black education in South Carolina in the early twentieth century and is architecturally significant as an intact collection of early-twentieth-century educational buildings. Tingley Memorial Hall and Lee Library(#2), as well as many of the early buildings on the campus which are no longer standing, were constructed and equipped by funds donated by northern philanthropists such as Mrs. P.L. Bennett of Pennsylvania who was responsible for the construction of Lee Library, and S.H. Tingley of Rhode Island

who financed the construction of Tingley Memorial Hall.(1)

Several of the buildings, particularly the Lee Library and Tingley Memorial Hall, are significant architectural accomplishments. The Lee Library has an unusual, picturesque plan and classical details in its brickwork; it is a fine example of the inventive adaptations of classical precedents from the late Victorian period. Tingley Hall is an elegant Georgian Revival composition, with fine proportions and ornate masonry detailing typical of the style. It is comparable with the finest educational buildings of the time in South Carolina. Tingley Memorial Hall is also significant as the work of William Wilson Cooke, prominent black architect, who graduated from Claflin University and returned to serve as superintendent of vocational training from 1897 to 1907.(2)

ACREAGE: Approximately 5.4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Claflin College Historic District nomination is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying map entitled, "Claflin College Historic District". This map was copied from Orangeburg County Aerial Tax Maps #171-15 and #171-16, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the highest concentration of contributing buildings with the least amount of noncontributing buildings on the campus.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS:
A. 17/513558/3706420
B. 17/513580/3706140
C. 17/513380/3706100
D. 17/513410/3706400

OTHER INFORMATION: Further information about these resources can be found in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

FOOTNOTES

(1) Christian Educator: A Magazine of Facts Relating to the Educational Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South 22(February 1912): 1-2.

(2) Ibid., p.9; E. Horace Fitchett, "The Role of Claflin College in Negro Life in South Carolina," Journal of Negro Education 12(Winter 1943): 55-56.

Key resources which define the character of the district:

1. Tingley Memorial Hall: Two-story, brick, hip-roofed building, constructed in 1908. The building was designed by black architect William Wilson Cooke. Tingley Memorial Hall has a sophisticated Georgian Revival plan and composition, with elegant classical detailing. Decorative elements include a concrete water table, Flemish bond brickwork, brick quoins, and a finely detailed Corinthian cornice. Windows feature keyed concrete jack arches. The roof is topped by a central octagonal cupola featuring arched louvered vents, pilasters, a dentil cornice, and a copper dome.

2. Lee Library Building: One-story, brick building with a T-shaped plan and a hipped roof. It was built in 1898. A projecting polygonal bay on the left end features a decorative exterior chimney. An arcaded porch shelters the facade entrance which is to the right of the polygonal bay. The entrance has a flat arch with egg and dart molding and a banderol. Windows on the facade have decorative brick surrounds with flat arches and banderol above. Beneath the windows is a row of rat-tooth course. Sawn modillions are set beneath the eaves.

Other resources which contribute to the character of the district:

4. Trustee Hall: ca. 1910 brick building.

5. Wilson Hall: 1913 brick building, originally used as a dormitory.

6. Dining Hall: 1913 brick building, originally used as a dining hall.

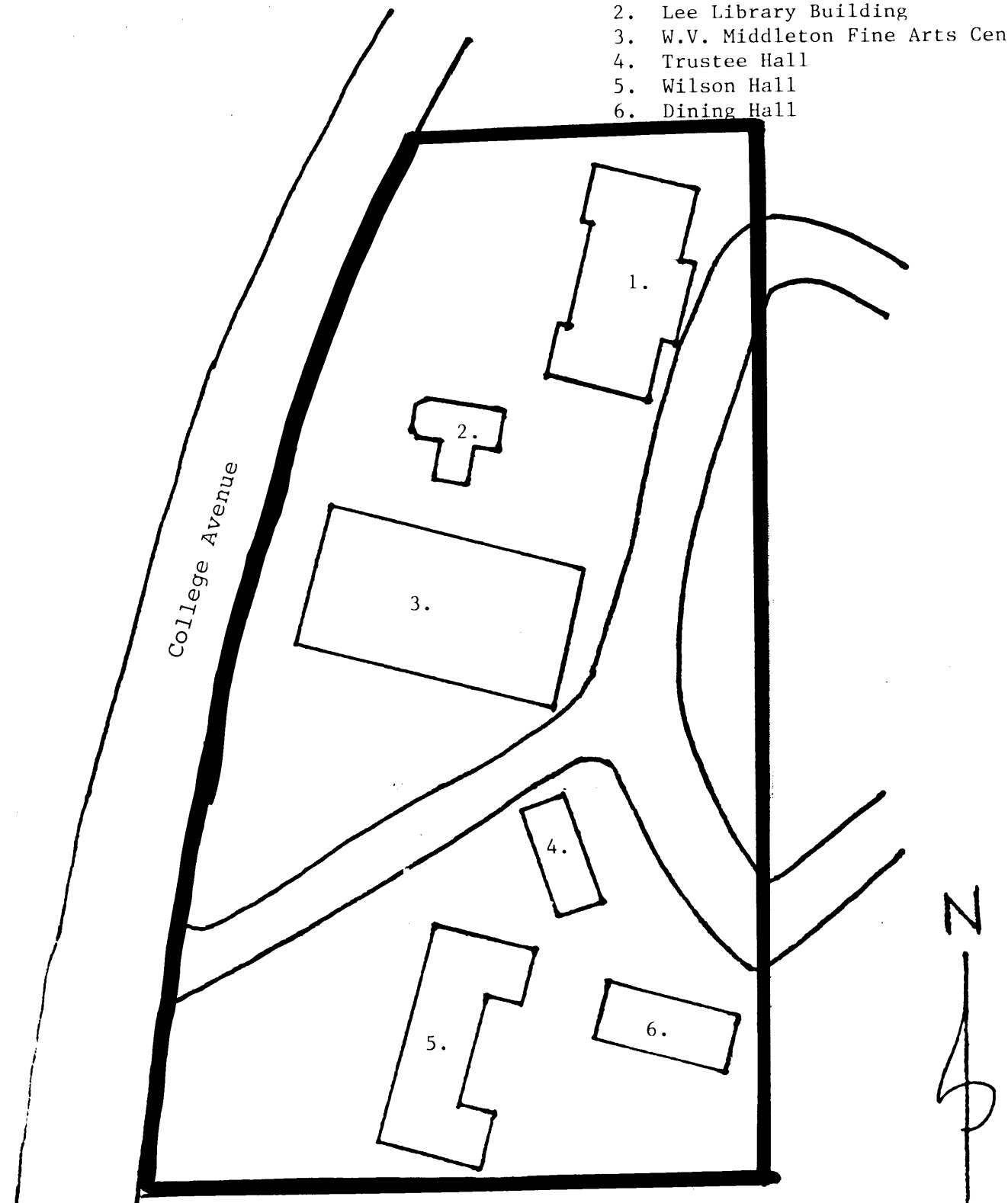
Resource which does not contribute to the character of the district:

3. W.V. Middleton Fine Arts Center: 1968 educational building.

CLAFLIN COLLEGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

1. Tingley Memorial Hall
2. Lee Library Building
3. W.V. Middleton Fine Arts Center
4. Trustee Hall
5. Wilson Hall
6. Dining Hall



From Orangeburg County Tax Maps #171-16 and 171-15
Scale 1" = 100'