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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: Hotel Eutaw

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: East Russell Street Inn

LOCATION: Corner of Russell and Centre Streets

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Beacon Properties-III 84, Limited, A Partnership
P.O. Box 30549
Charleston, SC 29401

DESCRIPTION

Constructed between 1926 and 1927, the Hotel Eutaw is a seven-story, steel-frame skyscraper with an L-shaped plan, which sits on a corner site. The facade sheathing is extruded tapestry brick in stretcher bond. The facade (Russell Street elevation) has a projecting one-story entrance block of cast stone which is six bays wide. The two left bays are commercial storefronts with a single door, flanking display windows with transoms, and simulated flat arches in cast stone above the storefronts. The three bays to the right are double-door entrances to the hotel lobby. These entrances have wooden frames and transoms and sidelights. The bay on the far right is an altered storefront with a single-pane display window. All bays are topped by a small, cast-stone cornice and six recessed panels. Cast - stone quoins lead to a major entablature on the facade between the second and third stories. A cast-stone and brick frieze with diamond-shaped inserts separates the sixth and seventh stories.

The second story is eight bays wide with a mixture of six-over-one sash windows and double French doors which lead to a patio above the lobby.

The upper five stories have seven bays with alternating eight-over-one and six-over-one double sash windows.

The outer bays are crowned by tall parapets with metal coping and diamond-patterned insets. A bracketed cornice with a tile roof runs between the parapets.

The Centre Street elevation has a projecting storefront block on the left, an entablature between the second and fourth stories, a frieze between the sixth and seventh stories, and irregular fenestration.

The building has seen few alterations since its construction. The detailing on the interior of the upper floors is simple in comparison to the first floor lobby and dining room, which feature a series of massive square posts with decorative plaster cornices and moldings.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce
Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: __L__ (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hotel Eutaw is significant for its construction through a community-action campaign which reflected the optimism of local residents in the future development and growth of Orangeburg. In addition, the hotel is a locally significant example of the early twentieth century method of skyscraper construction and composition. The Hotel Eutaw was constructed from a design by prominent southeastern architect G. Lloyd Preacher. Joe W. Stout & Company of Sanford, North Carolina, was awarded the building contract for $173,800.(1) The Hotel Eutaw was financed through a stock subscription project which involved many citizens of Orangeburg working through three community-action groups, the Young Men's Business League, the Lion's Club, and the Rotary Club.(2) These groups met in February 1926 and by April 1926 had raised a total of $233,200 in subscriptions.(3)

ACREAGE: Approximately .34 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Eutaw Hotel nomination is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying map entitled, "Eutaw Hotel." The map was copied from Orangeburg County Tax Map No. 22 and is drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes only the historic building and the lot on which it is situated.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

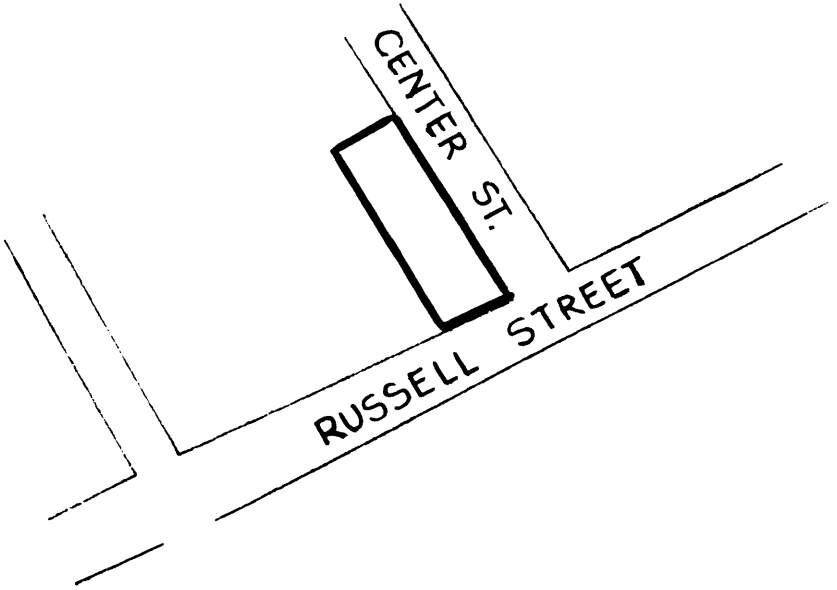
UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/512940/3705575

FOOTNOTES

(1) Manufacturers Record, 21 October 1926.

(2) Times and Democrat, 25 February 1926.

(3) Ibid., 20 April 1926.



HOTEL EUTAW

SCALE 1" = 200'

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