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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: Lowman Hall, South Carolina State College

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: On campus of South Carolina State College

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: South Carolina State College Trustees
c/o M. Maceo Nance, Jr., President
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, SC 29117

DESCRIPTION

Lowman Hall was constructed in 1917 on the campus of South Carolina State College. It is a three-story, common-bond brick building, with a hipped roof, exposed rafter tails, and hipped projecting pavilions at each end of the central core. A hip-roofed dormer with three multi-light windows is centered on the roof. There are brick quoins on each elevation. The facade features a one-story, tetrastyle Ionic portico centered on the main entrance. This entrance has a segmental arched surround, composed of three courses of brick headers, and a multi-light transom. Two single, double-hung, six-over-six windows with similar surrounds flank the entrance. The symmetrical fenestration of the facade includes single and paired double-hung sash with six-over-six lights. The side elevations of the end pavilions have dormers with exposed rafter ends centered on the hipped roof. First story fenestration includes a central entrance with single door, fanlight, and four-light sidelights recessed under an elliptical arch of three rows of brick headers. Flanking each side of the entrance are single and paired, six-over-six windows with arched surrounds. A portico with paired Ionic columns shelters the entrances at each end. There have been some minor alterations to the building, including the replacement of the entrance doors and some windows; additionally a handicap ramp has been built on the facade. However, the building retains integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Black History
Architecture
Education

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lowman Hall, which was constructed in 1917 as a men's dormitory, is the oldest intact building on the South Carolina State College campus. It is significant not only as part of the campus's physical development from the insubstantial frame buildings with which the college opened in 1896 to permanent brick construction, but also as one of the first designs of architect Miller F. Whittaker, who was then on the college faculty. Whittaker was a pioneer black architect in South Carolina and his work helped set standards for black students aspiring to the architectural profession.(1)

ACREAGE: Approximately .52 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Lowman Hall, South Carolina State College, nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Orangeburg County Aerial Tax Map #192-03 with a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes only the historical building and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/513560/3706020

FOOTNOTES

(1) Dean N.C. Nix, "Tentative History of South Carolina State College to 1937," Orangeburg, SC, n.d., p. 41 (Typewritten); interview with Carmen Thomason, Orangeburg, SC, 5 May 1983 and 19 January 1985; Potts, pp. 35-36, 59-61.