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

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Orangeburg Downtown Historic District

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: Along sections of Russell, Broughton, Middleton, Church, Meeting, St. John, Hampton, and Amelia Streets around the public square

CLASSIFICATION: Buildings

OWNER: Multiple Ownership

DESCRIPTION

The Orangeburg Downtown Historic District is a collection of forty-four buildings and one structure, most of which were constructed between ca. 1850 and ca. 1935. The district is located around the core of the city, with busy commercial streets, and consists of store buildings, Orangeburg's first textile mill, a livery stable, a statue, two churches, a post office, two lodge halls, and a brick paved street. Buildings in the district are constructed mainly of brick and display various architectural characteristics of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History
Commerce
Industry
Architecture
Politics/Government

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _L_(for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Orangeburg Downtown Historic District is significant as a very intact collection of resources which were important in the commercial, industrial, architectural, governmental and social history of Orangeburg during the late nineteenth and early twentieth

centuries. A majority of the buildings in the district were built between ca. 1883 and ca. 1925 when Orangeburg underwent tremendous growth.

By the 1880s a number of commercial interests such as clothing stores, grocery stores, a drug store, a hardware store and a harness maker operated along Russell Street, east of the courthouse square.(1) Numerous buildings were constructed during the early twentieth century, for example, 111-115 Russell Street (#28) was constructed in 1903 and was used as a general merchandise store, a furniture store, a bank, and offices.(2) 174 Russell Street (#41), which was constructed ca. 1912, is considered one of Orangeburg's finest commercial buildings with decorative terra-cotta sheathing and a tracery arcade.

Some of the city's early industries such as a cotton mill, a cotton seed oil mill, a rice mill, a carriage manufacturer, and a saw mill were in operation along the streets surrounding the commercial area by the late nineteenth century.(3) Orange Cotton Mill (#48) and Orange Cotton Mill Warehouse (#22) were constructed by George Cornelson in 1880 and 1883 respectively. They represent Orangeburg's initial venture into cotton manufacturing, and by 1883 had a net capital investment of $125,000.(4)

Various churches, schools, service organizations, a Masonic lodge and a hotel were also located in the downtown area around the turn of the century.(5) St. Paul's Methodist Church (#14) was constructed in 1896; a U.S. Post Office (#15) was constructed in 1912 at the corner of the courthouse square; and the Bythewood Building (#21) was built ca. 1915 on the site of the original frame business building of Bythewood and Ballard. It represents one of Orangeburg's oldest black business still in operation; the upstairs was also used during the 1920s as a meeting hall by various black lodges and charitable organizations.(6)

The Fireman's Statue (#53) was erected in 1902 in the town square to honor the city's firemen. It initially served as a public drinking fountain and watering trough for horses; it was moved to its present location in 1946 and its fountain apparatus was disconnected.

ACREAGE: Approximately 25 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Orangeburg Downtown Historic District nomination is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying map entitled, "Orangeburg Downtown Historic District." This map was copied from Orangeburg County Tax Maps #21 and #22, drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch. The district includes the highest concentration of contributing resources with the smallest number of noncontributing resources possible.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A. 17/513000/3705400
B. 17/512638/3705100
C. 17/512340/3705425
D. 17/512740/3705760

FOOTNOTES

(1) Sanborn Map Company, Orangeburg, 1884, 1890, 1895, 1915

(2) Times and Democrat, 9 September 1903

(3) Sanborn Map Company, Orangeburg, 1884, 1890, 1895, 1900

(4) Times and Democrat, 22 August 1982; 29 August 1982

(5) Sanborn Map Company, Orangeburg, 1884, 1890, 1895, 1900

(6) Times and Democrat, 25 August 1937; 9 October 1970; Orangeburg, S.C. City Directory, 1920 -21, p. 259.

Key resources which define the character of the historic district:

14. St. Paul's Methodist Church, Church Street at St. Paul Street: ca. 1896; monumental brick Romanesque Revival church building; cruciform plan; three-stage tower at the southwest corner; smaller towers at the northwest and southeast corners.

21. Bythewood Building, 193-199 Amelia Street: constructed ca. 1915; two-story, brick, commercial building with peaked parapet and coping; first story facade has single-door entrance with transom on left, and three similar entrances flanked by large display windows; second story facade has six single, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows alternating with panels of rusticated blocks; windows have heavy lug sills of concrete or stone; right elevation has been extended by a large rectangular, flat-roofed wing with a one-story projection; first level of right elevation has four store bays, each with double-door entrances and display windows under a transom; second story has paired sash windows with segmentally arched surrounds.

22. Orange Cotton Mill Warehouse, Amelia Street between Fairey and Middleton Streets: two-story, rectangular, brick warehouse with gable roof and stepped parapet on gable ends; constructed in 1883; brick is laid in common bond; Amelia Street elevation has three bays, separated by two intermediate fire walls that pierce the roof slope with a stepped parapet; there are two large freight windows with wooden shutters on each bay; parapet on right elevation (Middleton Street) has been partially rebuilt.

41. 174 Russell Street: ca. 1912; two-story, masonry, commercial building; terra-cotta facade; windows have terra-cotta surrounds with ogee lintels; a band of green quatrefoil inserts is above each group of windows; projecting terra-cotta cornice crowns the facade.

45. Louis Building, 198 Russell Street: ca. 1904, 1922; three-story commercial building; corner turret (with a domed roof) projecting from the second and third stories; entablature is carried across the Russell Street and Middleton Street elevations, including the turret; a frieze panel engraved "Louis" overlooks Russell Street.

48. Orange Cotton Mill, Middleton Street at Market Street; massive mill complex constructed between ca. 1880 and ca. 1950 in a series of rectangular blocks with gabled roofs; stepped parapet pierces the roof in the Market Street elevation; the older portions of the complex have flat arches over the windows and doors; most of the windows have been bricked or boarded.

53. Fireman's Statue/Public Drinking Fountain, corner of Middleton and Hampton Streets: erected in 1902; bronze statue, approximately fifteen feet tall; depicts a fireman carrying a

small child in one arm and an oil lamp with the other; base of statue is octagonal with recessed panels, decorative acanthus leaf moldings and floral medallions. The fountain apparatus was removed in 1946.

60. 355 St. John Street. A one-story brick building constructed as a livery stable ca. 1900; two tall blocks with stepped parapets and cargo doorways; four smaller blocks with straight corbeled parapets and office doors and windows; many of the doorways have been enclosed or otherwise altered.

Resources which contribute to the character of the district:

1. 389 Russell Street: ca. 1925 commercial building.

2. 383 Russell Street: ca. 1915 commercial building.

3. 375 Russell Street: ca. 1925 commercial building with terra-cotta tiles.

6. 345 Russell Street: ca. 1890 commercial building.

8. 333 Russell Street: ca. 1910 commercial building.

10. 120-122 Church Street: ca. 1890 commercial building.

11. 126-130 Church Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

12. 136 Church Street: ca. 1890 commercial building.

15. 281 Courthouse Square: 1912 post office.

18. 178 Middleton Street: ca. 1925 commercial building.

19. Southeast Corner of Middleton and Amelia Streets: ca. 1924 Masonic hall.

20. 203-205 Amelia Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

23. 199 Russell Street: 1906 commercial building.

24. 183-185 Russell Street: ca. 1895 commercial building.

25. 161 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

26. Right of 141 Russell Street: ca. 1915 commercial building sheathed in cast stone.

27. 117 Russell Street: ca. 1910 molded concrete block commercial building.

28. 111-115 Russell Street: 1903 commercial building.

29. 108 Russell Street: ca. 1910 commercial building.

30. 112 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

31. 116 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

33. 124 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

34. 128 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

35. 136 Russell Street: ca. 1920 commercial building.

36. 140 Russell Street: ca. 1935 commercial building.

40. 170 Russell Street: ca. 1920 molded concrete commercial building.

43. 194 Russell Street: ca. 1910 commercial building.

44. 192 Russell Street: ca. 1910 commercial building with modern sheathing.

46. Right of 136 Middleton Street: ca. 1900 commercial building.

49. 187 Broughton Street: ca. 1920 commercial building.

51. Orangeburg City Hall, 222 Middleton Street: ca. 1932 city hall.

52. Fire Department Headquarters, 268 Middleton Street: ca. 1932 fire department building.

56. 240 Russell Street: ca. 1940 church.

57. South Church Street (between St. John and Russell Streets): ca. 1910 brick street.

61. 368, 372, 396 Russell Street: ca. 1920 commercial building.

65. 332-338 Russell Street: ca. 1920 masonry commercial building.

66. 326-328 Russell Street: ca. 1930 commercial building.

Resources which do not contribute to the character of the district:

4. 365 Russell Street: ca. 1900 commercial building with extensive alterations to the first level including modern display windows and entrances.

5. 361 Russell Street: ca. 1940 commercial building.

7. 339 Russell Street: ca. 1940 commercial building.

9. 325 Russell Street: ca. 1960 commercial building.

13. 140-146 Church Street: commercial building with modern brick veneer.

16. 227 Courthouse Square: ca. 1960 vacant commercial building.

17. 215 Courthouse Square: ca. 1905 commercial building with ca. 1935 extensive facade alterations.

32. 122 Russell Street: ca. 1965 commercial building.

37. 144 Russell Street: ca. 1960 commercial building.

38. 150 Russell Street: early commercial building with false facade.

39. 160 Russell Street: early commercial building with false facade.

42. 184 Russell Street: modern commercial building.

47. 136 Middleton Street: ca. 1975 commercial building.

50. 135 Market Street: modern commercial building.

54. Northwest corner of Middleton and Market Streets: ca. 1940 commercial building.

55. Market Street: Parking lot.

58. Sifly Building (St. John Street): 1940 commercial building.

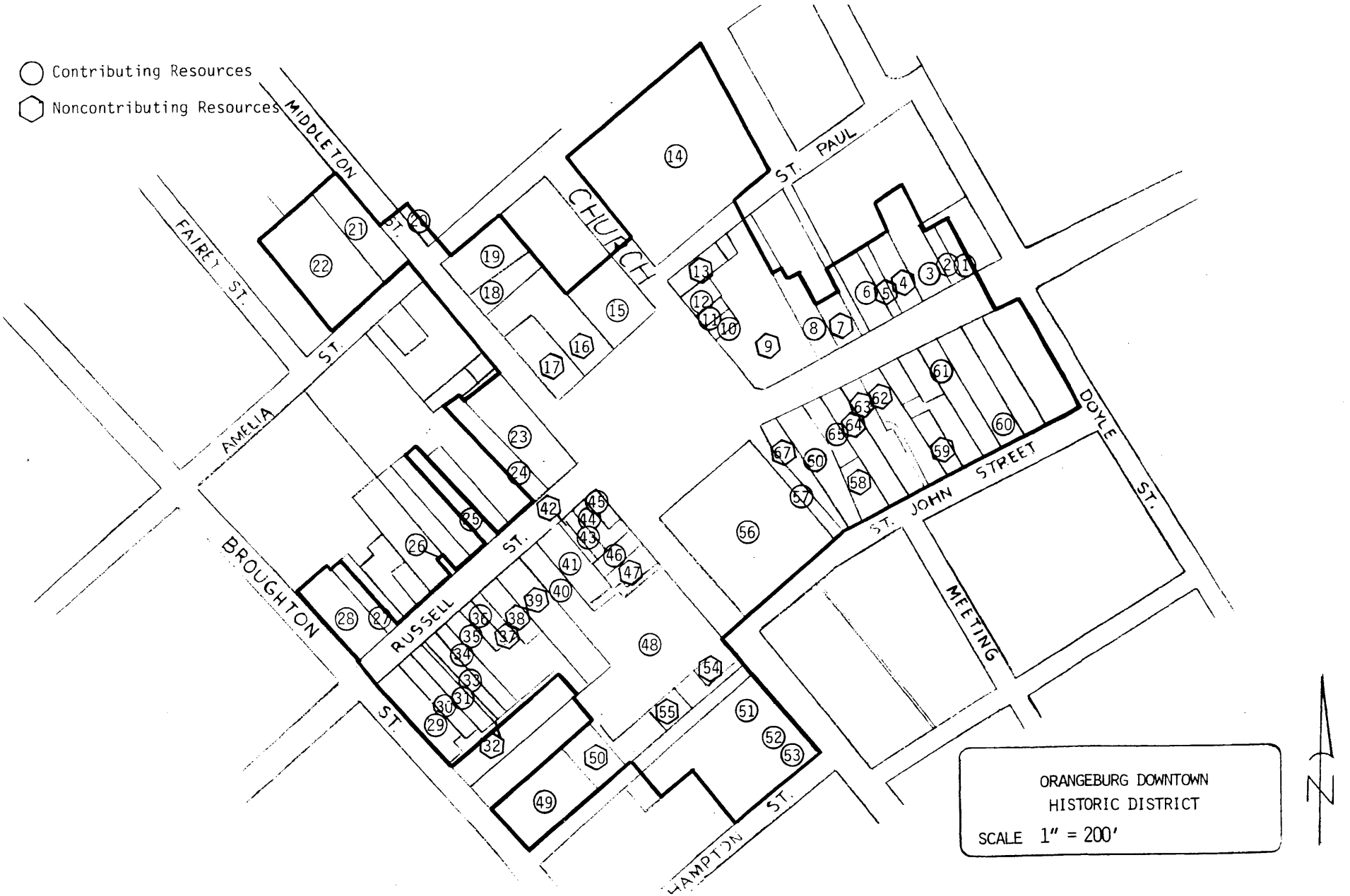
59. St. John Street: parking lot.

62. 356 Russell Street: extensively altered commercial building.

63. 352 Russell Street: ca. 1940 commercial building.

64. 342-346 Russell Street: modern or extensively altered early commercial building.

67. Corner of Russell and South Church Streets: parking lot.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Noncontributing Resources
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FAIRE ST.
AMELIA ST.
BROUGHTON ST.
RUSSELL ST.
CHURCH
ST. PAUL
ST. JOHN STREET
DOYLE ST.
MEETING
HAMPTON ST.
ORANGEBURG DOWNTOWN
HISTORIC DISTRICT
SCALE 1" = 200'
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