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

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Orangeburg Multiple Resource Area  
 PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Treadwell Street Historic District  
 HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same  
 COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same  
 LOCATION: Along portions of Treadwell and Amelia Streets  
 CLASSIFICATION: District  
 OWNER: Multiple Ownership (see Continuation Sheet)

DESCRIPTION

The Treadwell Street Historic District contains approximately forty buildings, all but one of which (#21) were originally residences. The majority of the buildings were constructed between ca. 1890 and ca. 1930 and are set on small lots planted with bushes, trees, and lawns. Most of the houses are one-story, weatherboarded frame, with simple design and detailing.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Black History  
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:   L   (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Treadwell Street Historic District contains the intact sections of an early-twentieth century black neighborhood. The district provides significant information about the history of the black community in Orangeburg in the early twentieth century. According to local residents, this neighborhood was one of the most

well-to-do black neighborhoods in the city.(1) All residents of Treadwell Street, as well as those of the Treadwell-Amelia Streets intersection, listed in the 1920-1921 Orangeburg City Directory, were black. Most of those listed were laborers or tradesmen, but there were also a few professionals and businessmen living in the neighborhood. For example, Dr. Henry Rowe, a physician and druggist lived in what is now 333 Treadwell Street (#3); the Reverend Nelson C. Nix, who served as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and was also dean and instructor in the department of mathematics at South Carolina State College, lived at the corner of Treadwell and Amelia Streets (#26).(2) Professor J. A. Pierce, an instructor at South Carolina State, lived at 358 Treadwell (#44). According to Dr. Pierce's daughter, Mrs. Geraldyn Zimmerman, Mrs. Pierce operated a school for black children in the house because of the poor reputation of public schools for blacks in the city.(3)

ACREAGE: Approximately 11 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Treadwell Street Historic District is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying Treadwell Street Historic District map. The map was copied from Orangeburg County Tax Map #22, drawn at a scale of one inch equals 200 feet. The district includes the historic sections of the Treadwell Street neighborhood which are still intact while excluding as many noncontributing resources as possible.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A. 17/513418/3705800  
B. 17/513300/3705740  
C. 17/512920/3706280  
D. 17/513060/3706400

OTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on these resources is available in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

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Property Owners Treadwell Street Historic District:

Trinity M.E. Church 185 Boulevard NE Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Bert V., Jr. & Thomas B. Gue 270 Mason Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Redemptionist Father of SC, Inc. 710 Amelia N. E. Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Ruby Collins 2471 Bratton Columbia, South Carolina 29205
Mrs. Earline B. Wade 180 Treadwell Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Reddick A. Bowman 2035 Columbia Road Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Alonzo & Helen Lott 176 Treadwell Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Thelma Q. Mack 2050 W. Master St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19121
Eugene A. R. Montgomery 325 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Ragle Lee Rt. 1, Box 141 Cross, South Carolina 29436
Andrew B. Jackson % Martha M. Brice 146 Treadwell Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	John D. Moorer, Jr. et. al 696 Amelia Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Windfield Dash 152 Treadwell Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Sylvia Ann McNair 122 Ashland Place Brookland, New York 11201
Amanda R. Lawton 148 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Margaret T. & Francis Sheppard 240 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Mary T. Lawton 1620 Washington Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Helen R. Thompson Life Estate 240 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Howard Pelzer 1674 Goff Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Marion & Francis H. Mack 274 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Mark A. & Lillie S. Walker Box 1681 S. C. State College Orangeburg, S. C. 29115	Alveret D. Williams 282 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
	Ida M. Dash 292 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

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Sunlight Club 302 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Kenneth E. Middleton 311 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Ruth E. Cain 312 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Wilhelmina Funches Janie Funches 121 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Legue Bell 2145 Charleston Road Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Mozelle Cain McGowan Box 204 St. Stephens, South Carolina 29479
Charles Hannah 253 Bedford Avenue Mt. Vernon, New York 10553	Juliet Lloyd Stewart 9572 Wright Station Norfolk, Virginia 23505
Julia Ann & Daisy Simpson 1904 Jenkins St. Greenville, South Carolina 29601	Frances R. Preston et. al 133 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Jerry Summers 346 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	Geraldyn P. & James A. Pierce 358 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115
Vanessa Burgess Autry 3503 Algonquin Parkway #4 Louisville, Kentucky 40211	
Fannie R. Nix 359 Treadwell Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115	
Etta B. Rowe 15910 Walden Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44128	
Grace C. Rowe 1560 N. Sandburg Terrace Apt. 404J Chicago, Illinois 60610	

## FOOTNOTES

(1) Interview with Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman, Orangeburg, SC, 14 October 1984.

(2) Orangeburg, SC, City Directory, 1920-21, pp. 171 and 183; Caldwell, pp. 185-87.

(3) Orangeburg, SC, City Directory, p. 177; interview with Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman, Orangeburg, SC, 14 October 1984.

Key resources which define the character of the district:

4. 325 Treadwell Street: One-story, hip-roofed, frame house sheathed in weatherboard, constructed ca. 1915. Hipped roof porch on facade fronts a broad, pedimented ell and shelters a recessed single-door entrance with six lights, two-light sidelights, and a six-light transom, flanked on each side by six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with plain wooden surrounds.

6. 149 Treadwell: Two-story, weatherboarded frame residence with gabled roof, constructed ca. 1895. One-story, shed-roofed porch with decorative brackets and turned balustrade shelters a three-bay facade. A single-door entrance with a two-light transom and three-light sidelights resting on wooden panels, is flanked by single, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Second-story facade windows are also six-over-six, double-hung sash.

26. Nelson C. Nix House (710 Amelia Street): Probably constructed ca. 1890, this is a large, two-story, frame, L-shaped residence with a gabled roof. A single door entrance with multi-paned transom and sidelights over wooden panels is flanked by double, six-over-six windows with plain surrounds. There are additions on the right and left. The house is sheathed in asbestos shingle siding.

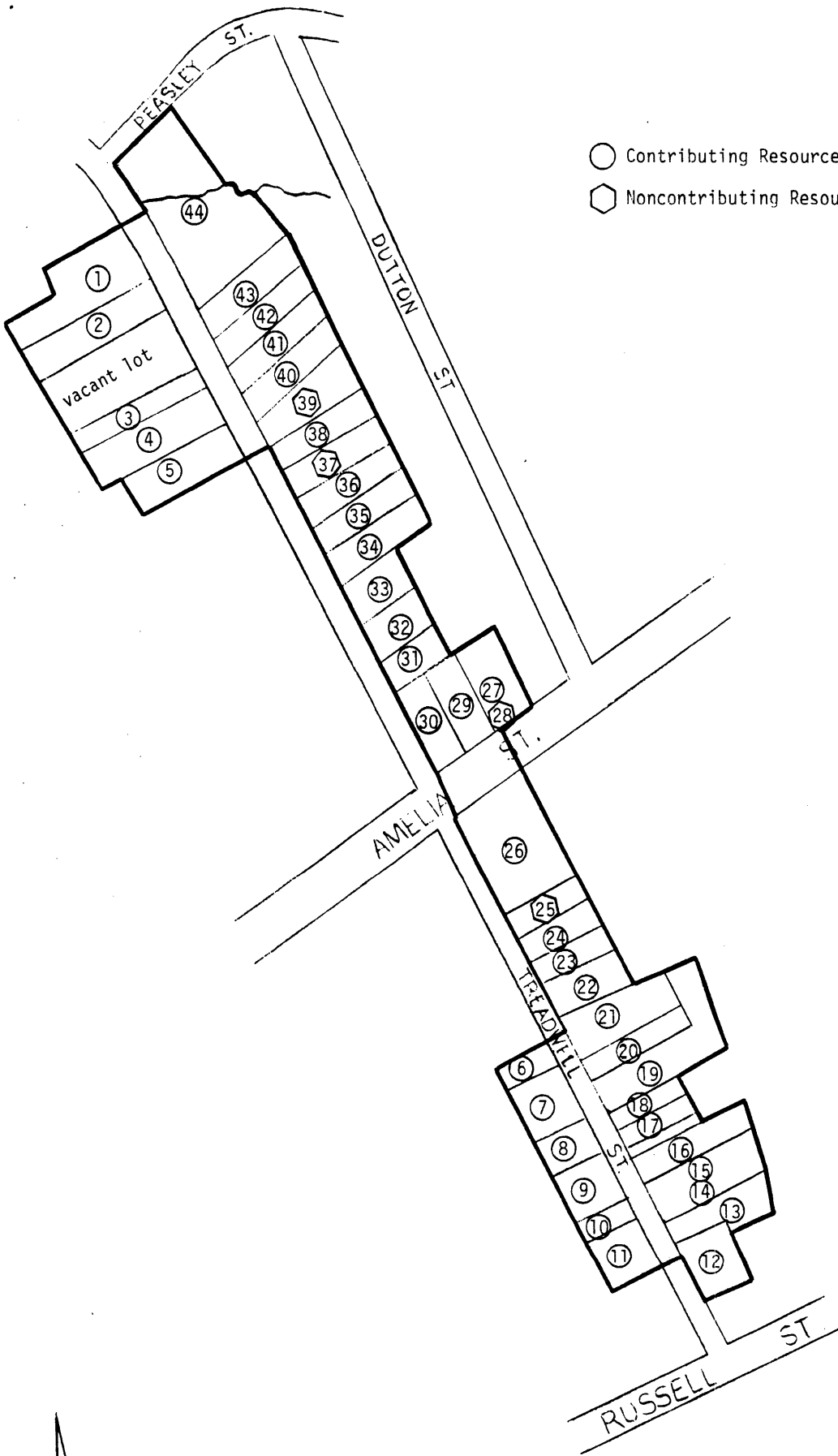
Resources which contribute to the character of the district:

1. 377 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
2. 359 Treadwell Street: ca. 1900 residence.
3. Dr. Henry Rowe House (333 Treadwell Street): ca. 1890 residence.
5. 311 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
7. 143 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
8. 139 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
9. 133 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
10. 129 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
11. Funchess House (across from 122 Treadwell Street): ca. 1880 residence.
12. 118 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
13. 122 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
14. 126 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
15. 130 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
16. 134 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
17. 140 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
18. 144 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
19. 148 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
20. 152 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
- ✓ 21. Between 152 and 166 Treadwell Street: 1942 church building.
22. 166 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
23. Between 166 Treadwell Street and 176 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
24. 176 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
27. 727 Amelia Street: ca. 1920 residence.
29. 715 Amelia Street: ca. 1890 residence.

30. Byrd House (705 Amelia Street): ca. 1890 residence.
31. 232 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
32. 240 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
33. 254 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
34. Between 254 and 274 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
35. 274 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
36. R. L. Williams House (282 Treadwell Street): ca. 1920 residence.
38. The Sunlight Community Club (302 Treadwell Street): residence of unknown construction date converted to a community club building.
40. Legree Bell House (320 Treadwell Street): ca. 1925 residence.
41. 330 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
42. 338 Treadwell Street: ca. 1890 residence.
43. 346 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
44. Professor J. A. Pierce House (358 Treadwell Street): ca. 1915 residence.

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

25. 180 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence that has been substantially altered by the application of asbestos siding, the enclosure of the front porch, and replacement windows.
28. 721 Amelia Street: Modern concrete commercial building.
37. 292 Treadwell Street: ca. 1950 residence.
39. 312 Treadwell Street: ca. 1955 residence.



- Contributing Resources
- ⬡ Noncontributing Resources



TREADWELL STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 SCALE 1" = 200'