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Name Historic Heslep House | Location 203 Saluda Avenue

Common | Classification Building

Owner John Bernardin, Jr.
203 Saluda Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29205

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description : The Heslep-Bernardin House is an ornate two-story stuccoed house with features exemplary of the 20th Century Spanish mission revival style. Asymmetrical facade has round-headed windows, balconies, second floor sun decks, and square tower.

The main entrance is on left of house and has an elaborate sculptural surround. The tower features spiral colonettes and combined quatrefoil. Barrel tile roof tops house, tower, and chimneys.

Significance : Built about 1927, the Heslep-Bernardin House was constructed by J. C. Heslep, a prominent Columbia contractor. The most elaborate of the Spanish mission revival style structures in Columbia, the stuccoed house features round-headed windows, arches, a square tower, sculptural portal, and barrel tile roof.

J. C. Heslep, builder and original owner of the house, was also contractor for the Richland County Courthouse and the 1925 alterations to the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

The house is located at the corner of Seneca and Saluda in Wales Garden, an early residential suburb of Columbia.

Acreage .86 acre

Verbal Boundary Description TMS 30-03-04; extending 155.7' along Seneca Avenue and 220' along Saluda Avenue

UTM Reference Point Southwest Columbia 17/498460/3761060

Other Information