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

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Lower Richland County Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Good Hope Baptist Church

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: North of S. C. Hwy 76/378, approximately 20 miles east of Columbia

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Good Hope Baptist Church
Hwy 76
Eastover, S. C. 29044

DESCRIPTION

Good Hope Baptist Church is a frame, temple-form church building with Greek revival composition, constructed ca. 1857. The building has been enlarged and remodeled in various phases, but the original structure is still evident.

The building is of frame construction with weatherboard siding and a brick foundation. The facade (south elevation) features a pedimented porch with four paneled pillars and pilaster respond. A rudimentary entablature has a frieze with vertical panels suggesting the formal metope-and-triglyph frieze of the Greek Doric entablature. The church has a single central entrance beneath the porch, flanked by single six-over-six windows; three smaller six-over-six windows are at gallery level.

The east and west elevations are four bays, with single six-over-six windows at main level and gallery level. There is evidence of shutter hardware on the windows. A two-story, frame addition to the north extends the side elevations and obscures the original north elevation; this addition, which dates from ca. 1950, is three bays long, and repeats the materials and proportions of the original building.

The sanctuary has been remodeled in several phases, and the original finishes and pews are largely altered; but the composition of the interior, and the original gallery, are intact.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Religion

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Good Hope Baptist Church, located in the Sandhills of Richland County, is significant architecturally as one of the few remaining antebellum churches in lower Richland County. This Greek revival building, which retains its original slave gallery, began as a branch of Congaree Baptist Church, located some eight miles to the south. It was reportedly constructed in 1857, by John McLauchlin, an active member of the Congaree church; minutes of the Charleston Baptist Association seem to substantiate such a claim.(1) At the 1857 meeting of the association, Congaree Church reported being "engaged in erecting a new house of worship," and by the 1858 meeting, "had built a new church for convenience of distant poor and other members at their summer seat."(2) These same records state that the Good Hope Sunday School was organized in 1859. Situated on land given by James H. Seay, owner of Laurelwood, located a few hundred yards from the church, it was not organized as a separate church until 1866.(3) While an independent body, Good Hope maintained close ties with Congaree Baptist, as they shared a minister, Charles Augustus Stiles, for many years, holding services on alternating Sundays.(4) Good Hope Baptist Church remains active to the present time.

The property also contains a cemetery where many of the church's former members are buried.

ACREAGE: Approximately 1.0 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County tax map #35200, section 5, parcel 1, with a scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic building, a cemetery and their immediate surroundings.

QUAD NAME: Eastover, S. C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/526682/3755310

OTHER INFORMATION:

NOTES

(1) Minutes of the Charleston Baptist Association, 1857, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

(2) Ibid., 1857 and 1858.

(3) Joe M. King, A History of South Carolina Baptists (Columbia, S.C.: The R.L. Bryan Co., 1964), pp. 380, 395.

(4) Minutes of the Charleston Baptist Association, 1857 and 1858.