

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

nh
Bishop William Wallace Duncan House, The Bishop's House

AND/OR COMMON

The DuPre House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

249 North Church Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Spartanburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

4

STATE

South Carolina

CODE
045

COUNTY

Spartanburg

CODE

083

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

50% Wallace Duncan DuPre, Jr.

50% Mary Sydnor DuPre Cates

STREET & NUMBER

249 North Church Street

Woodburn Road

CITY, TOWN

Spartanburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Spartanburg County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Magnolia Street

CITY, TOWN

Spartanburg

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (minor)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bishop William Wallace Duncan House (also known as the Bishop's House and the DuPre House) is a two story structure of the Queen Anne style. Located in downtown Spartanburg, South Carolina, it was built ca. 1886 and is the only residential structure remaining from an 1880s neighborhood.

Built upon a brick basement, this structure has clapboard and cedar shingle siding (which is laid in staggered butts). Asymmetrical in design, it has a high pitched roof of many angles which is pierced by six chimneys. The front features two large, shingled turrets (one at each end), a one-story porch, and a chimney with cartouche and chimney pots. The front porch steps lead to a porch tiled in geometric designs.

Other facades are asymmetrical and feature a variety of details. A porch with a steeply pitched roof and wooden banisters is located on the right side and is supported by narrow wooden posts. Windows are of various shapes and sizes, including Palladian, stained glass, arched, 1/1, elliptical, and 6/6.

The banisters on the front porch and deck were in a deteriorated condition and have been replaced with a concrete balustrade.

INTERIOR: To the right of the entrance hall is a parlor, and to the left is a library (both of which extend into turreted bays). A study, large dining room, master bedroom, halls, pantries, and kitchen complete the first story. The second story has a large hall, two bedrooms which extend into turreted bays, and three other bedrooms. There is also a back stairway leading to the second floor.

One bathroom has all of the original fixtures, while another has virtually all. All flooring is heart pine, and there is extensive oak paneling. Details include tile and mirrors around fireplaces, oak gingerbread trim, and oak gingerbread screens.

SURROUNDINGS: The lot is approximately 160' by 800' and is extensively landscaped. The property is zoned commercial and is the only residence within approximately six blocks. A Chevrolet dealership which adjoins the property would like to acquire and raze the structure. A nearby development and civic center would like to acquire the property for parking.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William Wallace Duncan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bishop William Wallace Duncan House, built ca. 1886, exemplifies the Queen Anne style of architecture. The builder of the structure, Duncan, was bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was an active leader in the fields of education and religion.

Born in 1839 in Virginia, Duncan moved to South Carolina where his father was on the original faculty of Wofford College (a Methodist school for men that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places). After graduating from Wofford and entering the ministry, Duncan became a chaplain in the Confederate Army. At the close of the war, Duncan served several churches in Virginia. In 1875 he was elected professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at Wofford College, where he also served as Financial Agent. In 1886 he was made Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He continued in this capacity until his death in 1908.

Part of the Bishop's responsibilities included extensive entertaining. According to his descendants, it was because of this responsibility that the large dining room with banquet table was added to the Duncan home. Even prior to that time, however, the hospitality of the Duncans had been noted.

In 1883 J. J. Lafferty of the Richmond Christian Advocate wrote,

At Dr. Wallace Duncan's there were twenty or thirty at meals. Three tables - kin people, old friends, and visitors. The happiest gathering I ever saw. And yet he, in every letter, urged Bring your wife and daughter. The house of Duncan has always been that way.

Bishop William Wallace Duncan contributed to both education and religion. Upon his death in 1908 it was written, "From that time on [his election as bishop] his life belonged to the entire church and he became one of the great leaders of Southern Methodism."²

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¹ Southern Christian Advocate, June 30, 1883, p. 4.

² Southern Christian Advocate, March 5, 1908, p. 1.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.9 acres

Longitude: 81°56'01"

UTM REFERENCES

Latitude: 34°57'11"

A	_____	_____	_____
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	_____	_____	_____

B	_____	_____	_____
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	_____	_____	_____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Wallace D. DuPre, Jr.)

NAME / TITLE

Katharine N. McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

March 31, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Charles E. Lee,
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

April 19, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DATE

7/12/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

6-26-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

RBR for WJM 7/8/76

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ARCHITECTURE: The Bishop William Wallace Duncan House exemplifies the Queen Anne style of architecture and remains in a basically unaltered condition. This structure has a variety of interesting details, including a tiled landing, cartouche, and stained glass windows. Interior details (oak paneling and screens) are also indicative of the style and remain in good condition.

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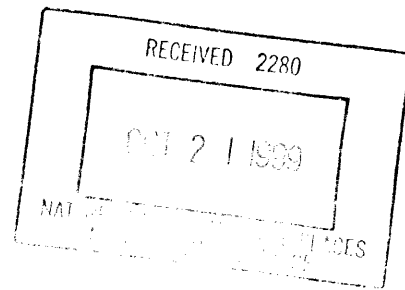
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October 8, 1999



Ms. Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resource Management
United States Department of Interior
National Park Service
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**RE: BISHOP WILLIAM WALLACE DUNCAN [DUPRE] HOUSE RELOCATION, SPARTANBURG
[SPARTANBURG COUNTY]**

Dear Carol:

The South Carolina State Board of Review, on March 19, 1999, approved with conditions a request by Mr. Arthur Cleveland, owner of the Bishop William Wallace Duncan [Dupre] House in Spartanburg, to have the house remain listed in the National Register of Historic Places after it is moved. A reason for submitting this package now and not earlier has been a couple delays in securing the necessary black and white photographs of the house in its current location and the proposed relocation site. The property was listed in the National Register on July 12, 1976. The house is being moved from its location at 249 North Church Street to a site approximately three blocks away on Howard Street near its intersection with Magnolia Street. Built ca. 1886 by the Rev. William Wallace Duncan, about the time that he was made bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the house is an exemplary specimen of the Queen Anne style of architecture. Although the National Register nomination does not provide evidence of an architect's involvement, the house's design was produced by Gottfried L. Norrman, a well-known Swedish born, Danish and German trained architect who practiced in Spartanburg and Atlanta. With the exception of a historic dining wing to the rear, the Duncan House remains basically in its original condition. It has a variety of interesting and significant architectural details, including a decorative mosaic tile front porch landing, at least five large chimneys, the front one featuring a terra cotta cartouche containing the Duncan family crest, a massive wood shingle-clad cylindrical tower, stained glass and Queen Anne block glass windows, and a host of interiors details such as oak paneling, spindle friezes and screens, a massive stone chimneypiece in the central hall, decorative wood mantels with overmantels, and a staircase. In addition, the house is situated on a landscaped lot containing several massive Magnolia grandiflora, at least one mature American Holly, and numerous mature trees such as red maple, pecan, walnut, water oak, crepe myrtle, and dogwood, as well as the significant remnants of patterned Iris and day lily gardens. Shrubs and other plantings such as camellia japonica, sasanqua, roses, forsythia, Rose of Sharon [Althea], daffodil and English ivy are also at the rear. The area contains some brick paving at the rear of the house and gravel walks throughout the parterre.

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.14(b), we submit the following documentation in support of this recommendation:

(A) The reasons for the move: When the Bishop William Wallace Duncan [Dupre] House was listed in the Register it was zoned commercial and was the only residence within approximately six blocks. There was an

automobile dealership located immediately to the north, and a desire on the part of its owner to acquire the house and demolish it. A nearby development and civic center was interested also in acquiring the property for parking. Although the lot is heavily landscaped, the surrounding neighborhood has changed dramatically since it was constructed and throughout much of its existence. According to the current owner "the highest and best use for the land...is no longer residential in nature." He is developing, under the name of Renaissance Park, Inc., a 120 million dollar full-service, eight-story, 250-room DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center on the site, complete with a twenty-acre nine-hole golf course and learning center. The hotel will require at least a 1.86 acre footprint, and with the necessary support structure and required grading of the site to prepare for the hotel's construction, it will be necessary to demolish or remove the historic house. Because the owner has stated on several occasions, both verbally and in writing, that the house must be moved to another site to preserve it or it will be demolished, the local board of architectural review approved a plan for relocation and rehabilitation. The owner, supportive of the plan, has provided a relocation site.

(B) The effect on the property's historical integrity: The relocation of the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House will affect the property's historical integrity in that its associative value as the home of a significant local figure [Criterion B] in the areas of religion and education will be severely diminished. Bishop Duncan's notoriety as a leading religious cleric of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his contributions to the community as a professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at nearby Wofford College are well-known locally. While the connection to the land on which Bishop Duncan built the house will be lost, the Duncan-Dupre House's primary physical significance is its outstanding architectural quality [Criterion C]. Provided the house is moved in as intact a condition as possible (ie: porches, wings, chimneys, including the reestablishment of the mosaic tiled front porch landing and the terra cotta family crest cartouche in the front chimney) and reestablished on its new site as successfully as planned (ie: identical or nearly-identical foundation materials, configuration and height), the property should remain eligible for the National Register. In addition, the State Board of Review's condition that the current site's landscaping be fully inventoried, its layout plan drawn, with botanical specimens either being moved or replicated at the new site, and its archaeological significance be documented, will all contribute to the success of the relocation and its status in the Register.

(C) The new setting and general environment of the proposed site, including evidence that the proposed site does not possess historical or archaeological significance that would be adversely affected by the intrusion of the property: The proposed site for the relocation of the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House is approximately three blocks to the west of the current site, on a sloping lot bound by Howard Street on the north, a gully and Magnolia Cemetery on the east, and Vaughn Street and Spartan Mills on the west. Although the site is far from ideal and the axial orientation of the house cannot be maintained, given the location of the lot to Howard Street, the house's relocation to this site will require perhaps the shortest moving distance of any of the potential sites, and is the most available lot of land in the vicinity of downtown Spartanburg. Archaeological investigations were conducted on the proposed site by Sean Taylor and Suzanne Coyle under the direction of Carl Steen of Diachronic Research Foundation of Columbia, SC, and Folly Beach, SC, and revealed some minor remains of foundations and occupancy of a sizable building (built before 1891 and razed by 1908) and several modest mill houses (built by 1908 and demolished in the 1960s and 1970s). Based on this firm's archaeological reconnaissance report (March 1999) and review by Andrew W. Chandler, staff architectural historian, and William G. Green, staff archaeologist of our office, it was determined that no evidence of significant historical and archaeological resources were found that would be adversely affected by the intrusion of the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House onto the property.

(D) Photographs showing the proposed location: Enclosed are photographs of the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House in its existing setting and of the proposed site for the house.

Also enclosed are sketch maps showing the current location, as well as the proposed relocation site for the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House, within the city of Spartanburg.

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As the owner may be interested in seeing the house relocated very soon, I would appreciate your consideration of this request at your earliest convenience. If possible, could your review of this project be handled in less than the 45-day federal regulation period? Please contact this office if you have any questions or desire more information. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Watson Edmonds".

Mary Watson Edmonds
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

MWE/awc

Enclosures