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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Walter Scott Montgomery House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 314 ~~South~~ Pine Street N/A not for publication

city, town Spartanburg N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county Spartanburg code 083

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name A. A. Fretwell et al.

street & number P.O. Box 5687

city, town Spartanburg N/A vicinity of state South Carolina 29304

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Spartanburg County Courthouse

street & number 180 Magnolia Street

city, town Spartanburg state South Carolina 29304

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic ^{Places} has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Walter Scott Montgomery House, located at 314 South Pine Street in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a two-and-one-half-story, brick-veneer residence built in 1909 for Walter Scott Montgomery. Plans were drawn by George F. Barber, Architect, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the contractor was the Fiske-Carter Construction Company of Spartanburg. The Colonial Revival style residence has seen very few alterations since its construction, and has integrity of location, design, materials, craftsmanship, feeling and association. Much of Pine Street around the Montgomery House has seen modern commercial development; however, the house itself retains its large landscaped lot.

Additional Information

The Walter Scott Montgomery House is typical of the type called "Classical Colonial" by the architect, Barber. The building is of frame construction with a yellow brick veneer and a red tile roof. A colossal Ionic portico with paired columns defines the principal (northeast) elevation. The columns are fluted, with Attic bases and Scamozzi Ionic capitals. A one-story porch with lesser Ionic columns is woven through the colossal portico, and extends around the northwest and southeast elevations of the house, with circular extensions at the corners. An elliptical archway between the colossal columns defines the entrance. The facade has three bays: a central entrance with an elaborate Doric surround, and single eight-over-six sash windows in flanking bays. Three gabled dormers pierce the forward slope of the hipped roof. The middle dormer has an arched central window with flanking square-headed windows. Two tall brick chimneys flank the dormers on the roofscape.

The northwest elevation has a projecting, two-story, gabled ell, from which extends a porte-cochere with paired Ionic columns on stone bases. Windows on this elevation are six-over-one sash with stone lintels. The southeast elevation is similar, but without the porte-cochere. The rear (southwest) elevation has a one-story, brick-veneer extension, and a frame porch which has been enclosed.

The Montgomery House has a broad central hall with a transverse stair hall to the right. Ionic screens set off the junction of the halls. The interior finishes are paneled wainscoting with plaster above; the finer rooms have elaborate plaster ornamentation in their coved ceilings. The stair features paneled newels, turned balusters, and wainscot returns.

The property includes a one-story, reinforced-concrete auto garage that was built before 1923. This garage, located on the southwestern corner of the property, has five portals with hinged wooden doors.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		
				Local History		
Specific dates	1909	Builder/Architect	Fiske-Carter Construction/George F. Barber			

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Walter Scott Montgomery House, located in a commercially developed area of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a two-and-one-half-story, brick-veneer residence built in 1909 for Walter Scott Montgomery. The Colonial Revival style residence was designed by George F. Barber and constructed by the Fiske-Carter Construction Company. It is significant for its association with Walter Scott Montgomery, prominent Spartanburg businessman and civic leader, as well as for its Barber design and the quality of craftsmanship.

Additional Information

Walter Scott Montgomery was the son of Captain John H. Montgomery, president of Spartan Mills in Spartanburg. The younger Montgomery held various positions in his father's companies including clerk and assistant treasurer of Spartan Mills.¹ Walter Montgomery became president of Spartan Mills following the death of his father in 1902, and in 1904 was elected treasurer and general manager of Laurens Cotton Mill. He also served as director of the Piedmont and Northern Railway, the Charleston and West Carolina Railroad, the Montgomery Trust Company, the Drayton Mills, and the Pacolet Mills.²

As president of Spartan Mills, Montgomery contributed liberally to the establishment of churches, schools, and a hospital in Spartanburg.³ He was also active in church, civic, and social organizations. Walter Montgomery died on 31 January 1929 in an automobile accident in Columbia, South Carolina.

The Walter Scott Montgomery House at 314 South Pine Street was designed by George F. Barber and constructed in 1909 for \$15,000.⁴ Barber, who practiced architecture in Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1889 to 1915, was noted primarily for his mail-order houses which he publicized in numerous catalogues and sold nationwide. The Walter Scott Montgomery House follows Barber's basic pattern for a "Classical Colonial" house, including the elliptical entrance arch, the circular projections of the one-story porches, and the composition of the dormers.⁵

In addition to its design, the Walter Scott Montgomery House is significant for its craftsmanship. The intricate and elegant plaster ornamentation, the detailing of the portico, and the leaded glass in the entrances are especially noteworthy. The quality of these details, combined with the grandiose composition of the house, reflect Walter Scott Montgomery's perception of his place in Spartanburg society.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.6 acres

Quadrangle name Spartanburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 17 416319 3867380
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Walter Scott Montgomery House is shown as the red line on the accompanying Spartanburg County Tax Map Sheets 7-12-16 and 7-12-12, drawn at a scale of one inch equals one hundred feet. The nominated property includes the house and the associated historic outbuilding.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

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date August 28, 1984

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city or town Columbia

state South Carolina 29211

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

Charles E. Lee 9/18/84

title Charles E. Lee

State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Helene Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

11-1-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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²Ibid., pp. 20-21, The Spartanburg (South Carolina) Herald, 1 February 1929.

³Seventy-five Years of Textile Progress, Spartan Mills, n.p., 1965.

⁴Manufacturer's Record, 25 March 1909, p. 59; Spartanburg (South Carolina) Metro, June 1980.

⁵Michael A. Tomlan, George F. Barber's The Cottage Souvenir No. 2: A Repository of Artistic Cottage Architecture and Miscellaneous Designs (Watkins Glen, New York: The American Life Foundation and Study Institute, 1982), pp. 14-15.

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