

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Union High School/Main Street Grammar School
other names/site number University of South Carolina-Union Administration Building

2. Location

street & number Corner of East Main and North Church Streets
city, town Union
state South Carolina code SC county Union code 087 zip code 29379

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal, building(s), district, site, structure, object, and resource counts.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Union, SC, c. 1823 - c. 1940
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Mary W. Edmonds
Date: 5/10/89
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, SC Dept of Archives & History

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Amy Schlager
Date of Action: 7/28/89

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/College

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & Early 20th Century Revivals;
Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick

roof Asphaltother Brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This building conforms to the general description of the property type "Buildings Associated With Education." Notable features include the brick parapet; central projecting bay and large pedimented portico supported by composite columns; double-door entrance with sidelights and semi-circular fanlight; semi-circular brick arch with voussoirs; wide frieze with dentils and modillions; and panel inscribed "1909".

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1909 - c. 1930

Education

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Starr, J.S. (Contractor)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This school was built in 1909 as Union High School. It is significant both for its association with twentieth-century education in Union and as an intact example of the common use of the Classical Revival style in public schools. Union High School was the first secondary school in the county, and was established in 1909 to provide education past the primary level offered at the Central Graded School. The high school was composed of the eighth through the eleventh grades after 1914. By 1925 the number of students had increased to the extent that a move was necessary. The trustees of the school district decided to house the high school students in the Main Street Grammar School at 503 East Main Street, built in 1922, and to move grammar school students to this building. In 1927 the move was completed and this building became known as Main Street Grammar School, while the former grammar school became known as Union High School. This building served as the grammar school as late as 1948; it was subsequently closed and left vacant. In 1965 the Union Campus of the University of South Carolina, later the University of South Carolina-Union, acquired the building and rehabilitated it to serve as its main building; it is presently the administration building of the campus. (1)

NOTES

(1) Allan D. Charles, The Narrative History of Union County, South Carolina (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, Publishers, for the Union County Historical Commission and the Arthur State Bank, 1987), pp. 341, 371; Lillie Emma "Ping" Edwards, "Historical Sketch of Union High School," in Mannie Lee Mabry, Editor, Union County Heritage - South Carolina (Winston-Salem, NC: Hunter Publishing Company for the Union County Heritage Committee, 1981), p. 391; South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, Survey files, South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

SC Department of Archives & History

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.5 acres

UTM References

A 17 443220 3841540
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying map, "Union High School/Main Street Grammar School (Individual Listing)," drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the school and its immediate surroundings.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

PHOTOGRAPHS

Section number _____ Page 1

The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Union High School/Main Street Grammar School
(Historic Resources of Union multiple property
submission)

Location of property: Union County, South Carolina

Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives & History staff

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives
& History

Date: 1989

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Facade
2. Facade detail