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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Kingstree Historic District Location Along sections of Main Street, Hampton Street, and Academy Street in Kingstree  
Common Kingstree Historic District Classification District

Owner Multiple public/private ownership

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1980

Description The Kingstree Historic District is located in the commercial downtown area. It contains seven buildings of particular architectural and historical significance and forty-one supporting properties. The district is centered along Main Street (Highway 261) and extends to the north and south along Academy and Hampton Streets. Most of the buildings were constructed between 1900 and 1920 when Kingstree experienced prosperity as a major tobacco marketing center. Primarily commercial, the district also includes four public buildings and one former residential property.

Significance The Kingstree Historic District contains forty-eight properties situated along Main Street, Academy Street, and Hampton Street in the commercial area of downtown Kingstree. The district includes the courthouse, public library, railroad station, and numerous commercial buildings. The district is a fine collection of nineteenth century vernacular architecture. With the exception of the courthouse, most of the buildings in the district were built between 1900 and 1920 when Kingstree enjoyed prosperity as a retail and tobacco marketing center for Williamsburg County. The majority of the buildings in the district are a visible record of this twenty year growth and the historic fabric of the area remains substantially intact.

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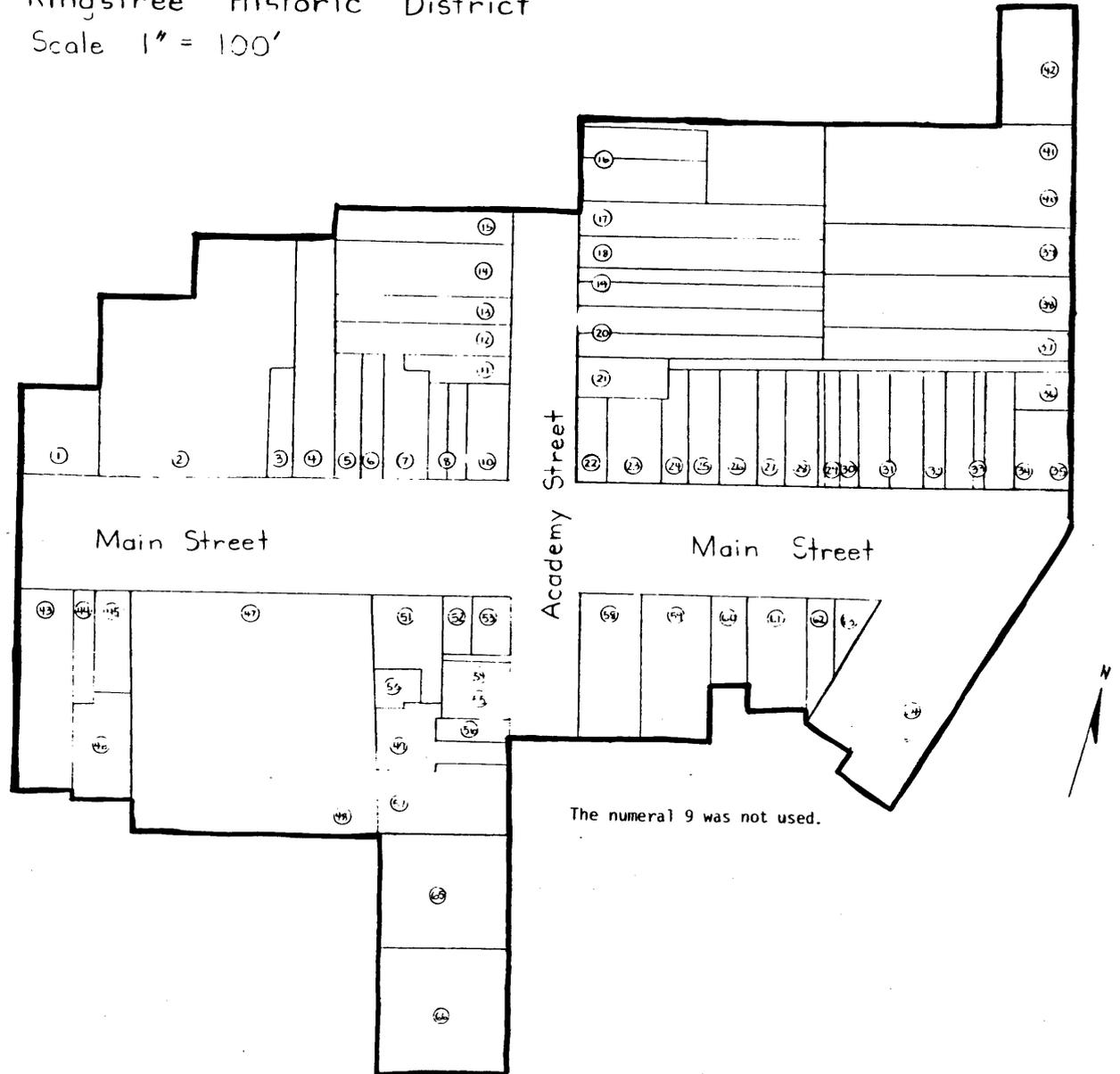
Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Kingstree Historic District nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map which is entitled "Kingstree Historic District" and drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the largest concentration of significant properties with the smallest number of non-contributing in this area of Kingstree.

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| <u>UTM Reference Point</u> | A. Longitude 79 <sup>0</sup> 49' 44" Latitude 33 <sup>0</sup> 39' 45" |
|                            | B. 79 <sup>0</sup> 49' 54" 33 <sup>0</sup> 39' 45"                    |
|                            | C. 79 <sup>0</sup> 49' 58" 33 <sup>0</sup> 39' 50"                    |
|                            | D. 79 <sup>0</sup> 49' 48" 33 <sup>0</sup> 39' 55"                    |

Other Information

# Kingstree Historic District

Scale 1" = 100'



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Key properties contributing to the character of the District:

10. Nexsen Building, 100 West Main Street: a three-story brick building constructed in 1913. The first story facade facing Main Street has been altered with the addition of modern plate glass. On the Academy Street elevation a round arched doorway with brick arching and keystone is located at the end of the building. The first story has a belt course which extends across the width of the building. The second and third story windows are identical with flat arches with stone keystones. The windows are together in groups of two and are separated by brick pilaster strips with Doric capitals. Above the third story windows is a small cornice with corbelled brickwork. The upper two floors currently are vacant and the windows are boarded up. The first floor still retains the original pressed tin ceiling. The building was originally a dry goods store.
22. Wee Nee Bank, 101 East Main Street: a two-story stuccoed brick building, constructed in 1904. The first story has three doorways alternating with five windows. Above the doorway and windows is a small metal entablature which runs the width of the building. The second story windows have rounded arches. Above the second story is a metal cornice with large support brackets and modillions. The building is topped with a stepped parapet. Stackley's Dry Goods Company was the original occupant.
25. Bank of Williamsburg, 109 East Main Street: a two-story brick building with a stone facing, built in 1906. The first story has been altered and now contains a central doorway and plate glass display windows. The second story features a large rounded window under a stone block with a scroll keystone. Above the second story is a stone cornice with a gable peak. This building was constructed to be the offices of the Bank of Williamsburg in 1906.
39. Kingstree Hardware Company, 117-119 North Hampton Street: a three-story brick building, constructed in 1914. The first story has been altered with plate and structural glass added. The upper two floors are three bays wide with a brick arcade encompassing the windows of both floors. The second story windows are rectangular while the third story windows are rounded. A large metal cornice with support brackets and modillions is above the third story arches. This building was constructed by the Kingstree Hardware Company in 1914.
42. Williamsburg County Library, 135 North Hampton Street: 1916 one-story brick building with raised basement. The windows in the basement are rectangular with flat brick arches. The main story has a round arched entrance with stone keystone, round arched windows, and fanlight transoms. The building has block modillions and a hipped roof.
47. Williamsburg County Courthouse, Main Street: ca. 1823. Designed by the noted architect Robert Mills, the courthouse was constructed ca. 1823 at a cost of \$10,000.00. The building has been continually used as a public courthouse since its construction. In 1883, the second story burned but damage was minor and repairs were completed within a year. In 1953-1954, wings were added to the rear of the courthouse and exterior remodeling was undertaken which included the addition of an exterior staircase and the removal of facade details.

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The courthouse is a fine example of Roman Classicism with its raised first floor, pediment with lunette, and Doric columns. The main story has a central doorway flanked by four windows. The entablature once featured triglyphs and metopes but these were removed in the 1954 remodeling. Although the courthouse has been altered, it still reflects much of Mills's original design. The courthouse grounds contain a Confederate monument erected 10 May 1910 by the Williamsburg Chapter U.D.C. and citizens of the county.

64. Kingstree Railroad Depot, Main Street: 1905, one-story stuccoed brick building. The doors and windows on the facade are arched with eyebrow hood molding. The hip-ped roof has wide eaves with large support brackets. On the Main Street and Hampton Street facades are gable peaks with fish scale shingles. The Hampton Street facade also contains a bay window. A shed addition is located at the rear of the building.

Other properties contributing to the character of the district:

1. Fina Gas Station, 146 West Main Street: 1936, one-story stuccoed brick service station, tile roof, constructed in the Mission style.
4. Vacant, 116-118 West Main Street: ca. 1900, three-story brick building with stucco finish. The first story has two entranceways; one rectangular with round cast-iron columns and the other has a round arched entrance. The facade has three rectangular windows with flat arched window heads and one round arched window on both the second and third stories; belt courses, and a simple brick cornice.
5. Soundtrack Records, 114 West Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building with stucco finish. The first story features decorative cast-iron pilasters which frame the doorway. The second story has three rectangular windows with flat arched window heads, and a corbelled brick cornice.
6. Red Door Flowers, 112 West Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building with stucco finish. Arched doorway and window with brick arching on stone piers. The second story has rectangular windows and a stepped parapet. This building was the first home of the Bank of Kingstree.
7. McClam's, 110 West Main Street: ca. 1900, one-story brick building. The facade has two doorways separated by plate glass display windows and decorative cast-iron pilasters made by G. L. Mesker Company, Inc. of Evansville, Indiana. Also recessed brick panels and corbelled brickwork.
8. Security Loan Company and Sam's Shoe Service, 106-104, West Main Street: ca. 1910, one-story brick building. Corbelled brick work.
11. Dubin's Clothing, 109 North Academy Street: ca. 1910, one-story brick building. Carrerra glass detailing and glass block added in 1930s.

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12. Clothing Store, 111 North Academy Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. Plate glass display windows.
14. Sears and Tucker Shoes, 117 North Academy Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. Brick belt course with brick piers and stone caps.
15. Welch Insurance Company, 119 North Academy Street: 1900, one-story brick building. The brick has been stuccoed on the facade. The building has both a rectangular and a round arched entryway.
16. Vacant, 124 North Academy Street: 1906, two-story concrete block building. Storefront has two entryways. Second story has rectangular windows with segmental arched heads and stone keystone, decorative stonework, and quoins.
19. Vacant, 114-116 North Academy Street: ca. 1910, one-story brick building. Brick quoins and corbelled brick work on the facade. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
20. Pots Plus and Manning Insulators, 110-112 North Academy Street: ca. 1910, one-story brick building. The building has two doorways with flanking plate glass windows. The facade of 110 still retains its transom with diamond bar pattern glass. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
21. Pressley's Boutique, 106-108 North Academy Street: 1911, one-story brick building. The first story has both a rectangular and a round arched entryway. The second story has round arched windows with brick relief molding. The facade features decorative brickwork and patterned belt courses.
24. Fabric and Kiddie Shop, 107 East Main Street: 1905, one-story brick building. Decorative brickwork and cast-iron wall pilasters.
26. Allied Department Store, 113 East Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. The first story facade has been altered. The second story features round arched windows with brick molding and stone keystones, Ionic pilasters and a metal cornice.
27. Rose's Department Store, 117 East Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. The first story has been altered. The second story has segmental arched windows and corbelled brick decoration.
28. Rose's Department Store, 117 East Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. Altered first story. The second story has segmental arched windows with brick relief molding and a small corbelled brick cornice.
29. Wig Imports (Kiddie Shop Sign) 121 East Main Street: ca. 1915, one-story brick building. Recessed brick panels.
30. Dubose-Smith Watches, 123 East Main Street: ca. 1900, one-story brick building. Altered storefront, corbelled brickwork and brick piers, gable roof line.

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31. Mary Jo's Styling Salon and C. Tucker's Department Store, 125-127 East Main Street: ca. 1915, one-story brick building. Entryways are flanked by plate glass windows; small corbelled brick cornice.
32. Marcus Department Store, 129 East Main Street: ca. 1915, one-story brick building. Plate glass storefront with recessed brick panel.
34. Cato's Department Store, 133½ East Main Street: ca. 1915, one-story brick building. The lower section of storefront has been altered, corbelled brick work on upper section.
35. Cato's Department Store, 135 East Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. Altered first story. The second story has rectangular windows with flat window heads, corbelled brickwork.
36. Vacant, 109 North Hampton Street: ca. 1915, two-story brick building. The first story has had a modern plate glass storefront added. The second story has rectangular windows which have been bricked in, diamond shaped brickwork and recessed brick panels.
37. The General Store, 111 North Hampton Street: ca. 1915, one-story brick building. The first story has a double doorway with flanking plate glass windows. Above the storefront is a metal cornice with block modillions and shortened Doric pilaster supports, recessed brick panels and a stepped parapet. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
40. Kiddie Shop and Max's Department Store, 123-129 North Hampton Street: ca. 1925, one-story brick building. These two buildings now contain three storefronts. Simple brick facades with plate glass display windows.
43. McIntosh Motor Company, 145 West Main Street: 1908, two-story brick building. The first story has been altered with a drive through for a gas station added at the corner of the building. The second story has rectangular windows with segmental brick window arching, decorative brickwork and a corbelled brick cornice. This building has been used as a public hall on the second story. At the rear of this building is a one-story brick garage built in the 1920s. The doors and windows of this building have segmental brick arches.
44. Vacant, 139 West Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. The storefront has two doors with plate glass display windows and transoms. The second story has been rebricked and has rectangular windows and a simple corbelled brick cornice.
45. Navy Recruiting Center, 135 West Main Street: ca. 1900, two-story brick building. The first story has a double doorway with plate glass windows and a transom. The second story has rectangular windows with segmental brick arching and brick belt courses. The courthouse square facade once contained a second story porch but it has been removed.

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49. Brown Law Office, Courthouse Square: ca. 1900, one-story brick building. This building has a portico with a pediment supported by Ionic columns. The entryway has a double doorway with diamond bar glass sidelights and transom. The building also has a brick rat-tooth course, recessed brick panels, and a small brick cornice. A single bay extension which attempts to match the original building has been constructed to the right.
52. Superior Cleaners, 105 West Main Street: ca. 1910, one-story brick building. The storefront has a central doorway flanked by plate glass windows. A transom runs the width of the building and cast-iron pilasters by G. L. Mesker Company, Inc. frame the doorway. Recessed brick panels are above the transom.
53. Gilman Real Estate Company and Jean's Kut'n Kurl, 101-103 West Main Street: ca. 1900 two-story brick building. The first story has been altered with the addition of plate glass windows. Two cast-iron pilasters remain on the storefront. The second story has segmental arched windows, corbelled brickwork, recessed brick panels, and cornice. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
54. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Office, 104 South Academy Street: ca. 1925, one-story brick building, with a stucco finish.
55. Vacant, 106 South Academy Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. A large porch extends out from the facade. This contains two brick semicircular arches with decorative brick work. The facade of the building has an arched doorway and windows with brick segmental arching.
56. Edward Insurance Company, 108 South Academy Street: ca. 1915, two-story brick building. The first story has a central doorway flanked by rectangular windows. The second story has two rectangular windows with segmental brick arching.
57. Kingstree Cleaners, 114 South Academy Street: ca. 1920, one-story brick building. Decorative brickwork on the facade. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
60. Williamsburg Furniture, 112 East Main Street: ca. 1925, one-story brick building. The facade has plate glass display windows and recessed doorways with transoms flanked by plate glass windows and cast-iron pilasters. Above the storefront is a corbelled brick cornice.
61. Kingstree Hardware Company, 114-116 East Main Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. The storefront has two recessed doorways with transoms flanked by plate glass windows and cast-iron pilasters by G. L. Mesker Company, Inc. Above the storefront is a corbelled brick cornice.
62. Kingstree Hardware Company, 118 East Main Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. Similar to 114-116, this building has a recessed doorway with transom, plate glass display windows, and cast-iron pilasters by G. L. Mesker Company, Inc.
66. 124 South Academy Street: ca. 1898, a one-story weatherboarded double-pile central-hall residence. The house has a gable roof, a gabled ell at the rear, and a hip-roofed porch across the facade.

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## Noncontributing Properties:

2. Exchange Bank of Kingstree, 130 West Main Street: 1973, one-story brick building, arched porch entrance.
3. Jenkins<sup>son</sup> Law Office, 120 West Main Street: ca. 1970, one-story brick building, fanlights on the windows, dentils on the gable roof eaves.
13. Hardee's Barber Shop, 115 North Academy Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. New plate glass display windows, rebricked exterior. See photo of #12.
17. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program, Inc., 122 North Academy Street: ca. 1960, one-story brick building.
18. Uptown Beauty Shop and Colonial Printers, 118-120 North Academy Street: ca. 1960, one-story brick building.
23. Silverman's 103-105 East Main Street: 1916, one-story brick building. The fabric of the building dates from 1916 although the facade has been rebricked.
33. Marcus Department Store and Kingstree Pawn and Loan, 131-133 East Main Street: ca. 1913, two-story brick building. Beneath this brick exterior is an early twentieth century hotel. The facade has been rebricked but the second story balcony with the original doors, windows, and pressed tin ceiling is extant underneath the new facade. The second story still contains the old hotel rooms. The storefronts have been altered.
38. IGA Food Store, 113-115 North Hampton Street: ca. 1925, one-story brick building. The exterior had been altered by the addition of a wooden false front. Above the false front a recessed brick panel and stepped parapet are visible. The interior has a pressed tin ceiling.
46. Clemson Extension Service, Courthouse Square: ca. 1950, one-story brick building with a pediment and brick porch.
48. County Office Annex, Courthouse Square: ca. 1950, one-story brick building with a hipped roof.
50. O'Bryan Law Office, Courthouse Square: ca. 1950, one-story brick building. Flat arch window heads with stone keystone.
51. East Carolina Business Development, Inc., 107 West Main Street: ca. 1960, one-story brick building. Plate glass storefront.
58. Fruit Stand, 100 East Main Street: ca. 1970, one-story frame building, open air market.

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59. White's Home and Auto, 108-110 East Main Street: ca. 1965, one-story brick building. Plate glass storefront.
63. The Stove Company, 120 East Main Street: ca. 1905, one-story brick building. The storefront has been altered but still retains some corbelled brickwork decoration.
65. Parking Lot.