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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
Hart House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
220 E. Liberty Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
York

VICINITY OF #5

STATE
South Carolina

CODE
045

COUNTY
York

CODE
091

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Robert E. Dillard

STREET & NUMBER
220 E. Liberty Street - P.O. Box 307

CITY, TOWN
York

VICINITY OF

STATE
VA South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. York County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
2 S. Congress Street

CITY, TOWN
York

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 S. C. Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN
Columbia

STATE
South Carolina

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 Hart House is a Greek Revival cottage set upon a raised basement. The front facade features a double portico with simple square columns and pilasters on the main floor, and brick piers and central arch on the basement level. The double front doors are surrounded by a transom and sidelights of unusual design, having muntins curved to form a gothic sash. Each of the front doors has a single vertical recessed panel in typical Greek Revival fashion. Windows are 6/6 with louvered shutters.

The house has a pedimented gable roof with boxed cornice enclosing a Palladian window at each end. The rear facade reveals several additions and alterations, having originally featured a double portico with shed roof. These additions include a bathroom on each floor made by enclosing part of the original rear double portico; an additional bedroom on the basement level, with summer porch above; and a screen porch on both levels connecting the house to the original kitchen building.

There are two interior, corbel capped chimneys which straddle the ridge of the gable roof.

INTERIOR: The main floor features a four room, central hall plan with double front doors and double interior doors that separate the front hall from the back hall. On the left is the dining room, with the living room on the right. The back hall is flanked by a bedroom on each side. These four rooms are served by similar fireplaces, all of which have simple mantels of wood. (The influence of the early Victorian style is found in the curved shapes and beveled edges of these mantels.) The backhall originally contained a dumbwaiter which was removed to provide a stairway to the basement. The flooring is wide plank, heart pine.

The structure is thought to have originally stood on brick piers with the lower floor open having a clay floor and two fireplaces. It is now divided into four rooms: kitchen, breakfast room, family room, and bedroom.



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/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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in York, South Carolina, the Hart House is significant in terms of both architecture and local history. Probably built ca. 1855 in the Greek Revival mode, it is the former residence of locally prominent individuals.

In 1853 David Gordon bought a lot on East Liberty Street in York for \$400. Five years later, Gordon sold this property for \$2,500. The disparity in the amount of consideration suggests that the house was probably built during the interim. Architectural analysis supports this as the probable period of construction.

In 1866 James Franklin Hart (1837-1905) acquired the property. A lawyer by profession, Hart was one of three South Carolinians appointed in 1881 to codify the laws of the state. These were published in 1882 as the General Statutes and Code of Civil Procedure of the State of South Carolina. Hart also served in the South Carolina Senate between 1882 and 1884 and in 1838 was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

In 1880 James Franklin Hart sold the property to George Washington Seabrook Hart, his law partner. George W.S. Hart was also a prominent local figure and served as President of the Loan and Savings Bank of Yorkville.

The property remained in the Hart family until 1974. Today it is owned by Robert E. Dillard who is presently restoring the structure.

ARCHITECTURE: The Hart House is an excellent example of a Greek Revival raised cottage. Interesting features of the house include the Palladian windows in the gable ends of the roof, and the sidelights and transom which reflect the Gothic Revival influence.

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