

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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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 Stokes-Mayfield House

and or common

**2. Location**

street & number 353 Oakland Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Rock Hill N/A vicinity of

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Addie Stokes Mayfield

street & number 353 Oakland Avenue

city, town Rock Hill N/A vicinity of state South Carolina 29730

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. York County Courthouse

street & number South Congress Street

city, town York state South Carolina 29745

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1979  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 Stokes-Mayfield House is located in a residential and commercial section which borders Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina. It was designed by architect Julian Starr and constructed in 1907 with A. E. Holler as contractor. The frame house reflects elements of neoclassical design--the most prominent of which is the two-story tetrastyle Corinthian portico on the facade. The interior has seen minor alterations which do not affect the character of the design. The exterior has been sheathed in vinyl siding which simulates the width and contour of the original weatherboard. Two of the original columns were replaced with replicas in 1983.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Stokes-Mayfield House is a two-story, rectangular frame residence with a gabled roof. The original weatherboard is sheathed in vinyl siding. The facade (northeast elevation) is three bays wide with a tetrastyle Corinthian pedimented portico. A central entrance on each story features a transom and sidelights. The house has porches on the northwest and southeast elevations and a small balcony with decorative iron brackets above the front door. The porches and the balcony feature turned balustrades. The southwest elevation contains a small enclosed porch and stairs leading to the second level. Windows are mainly one-over-one. There are two interior chimneys with corbelled caps on each side of the center gable. The cross-gabled roof is covered in slate. Each gable has a fanlight and a raking denticulated cornice.

The interior contains two floors, a half-basement, and a full attic. The building has a central-hall, double pile floor plan. The hall contains two screens, one supported by Ionic columns and the other by pilasters. The main staircase has two landings with the upper landing containing two windows. The attic is fully floored, but unfinished. A 1958 remodeling of the house consisted of converting a large kitchen into a den and the butler's pantry into a kitchen. The house has been sheathed in vinyl siding. Two of the columns were replaced with replicas in 1983.

An unusual feature of the Stokes-Mayfield House is a bell system powered by dry cell batteries, which was used to call servants to different parts of the house. A small clock-like box in the kitchen contains twelve Roman numerals, each indicating a separate room. When a servant was needed in a particular room, a bell would ring and a small hand would point to the number for that particular room.

### Surroundings

The house is situated on Oakland Avenue in a residential and commercial area of Rock Hill, a short distance from the Winthrop College campus.

## 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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1907 Builder/Architect A.E. Holler/Julian Starr

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stokes-Mayfield House is a two-story, frame residence designed by architect Julian Starr and constructed by contractor A. E. Holler in 1907. The house is locally significant for its neoclassical design elements and because it is one of the few houses remaining in Rock Hill which closely represents this design and the era in which it was built. It was constructed for Dr. James Richmond Stokes, a Rock Hill dentist, and his wife, Addie.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Stokes-Mayfield House was built on land sold to Addie Stokes in 1906 by the Rock Hill Land and Town Site Company, which also sold land to the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College (now known as Winthrop College) in Rock Hill.<sup>1</sup> The area on Oakland Avenue around the college contained many prominent houses similar to the Stokes-Mayfield House which reflected the prosperity of its residents and the growth of the town of Rock Hill during the early years of the twentieth century.<sup>2</sup> As the area developed in subsequent years, however, most of these houses were replaced with smaller, more modern houses and business offices. The Stokes-Mayfield House has remained in the same family since its construction.<sup>3</sup>

### Architecture

The Stokes-Mayfield House is representative of the social role of architecture in the early twentieth century, when prominent citizens would define their residences with classical porticos. Fashionable and wealthy men would have such porticos grafted to modest houses as a social statement. Julian S. Starr, the architect of the Stokes-Mayfield House, designed numerous other residences in the Rock Hill area in the early twentieth century, and was known to have a fondness for such porticos.<sup>4</sup> A reconnaissance survey of the city has determined that the Stokes-Mayfield House is the most outstanding such residence remaining in the city.

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Book 26, pp. 499–500, Book 40, p. 302, York County Deeds, York County Courthouse, York, South Carolina; Douglas Summers Brown, A City Without Cobwebs: Rock Hill, South Carolina (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1953), p. 221.

2

The Triad Architectural Associates, "Existing Facilities Study: Winthrop College," Columbia, SC, p. 107.

3

Case 431, File 13303, York County Wills, York County Courthouse; Book 286, pp. 121–22, York County Deeds, York County Courthouse.

4

Rosa B. Guess to Addie Stokes Mayfield, 21 February 1980, and William B. White, Jr. to Charles E. Lee, 24 May 1981, National Register Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .65 acres

Quadrangle name Rock Hill

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References Latitude: Approx. 34°56' 3"

Longitude: Approx. 81°1' 40"

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Stokes-Mayfield House is shown as the red line on the accompanying York County Tax Map #627-22, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 60 feet. This boundary includes only the house and its yard.

### 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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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 -X 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*

title Charles E. Lee State Historic Preservation Officer date April 2, 1984

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

*for Melissa Byers* Entered in the National Register date 5-17-84  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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