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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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 Mills House
other names/site number Mack House

2. Location

street & number 122 Confederate Street
city, town Fort Mill
state South Carolina code SC county York code 091 zip code 29715

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Properties of Fort Mill

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 80. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds 4/21/92
Signature of certifying official Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
State or Federal agency and bureau

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:

- entered in the National Register.
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

Patrick Andrews 6/11/92
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood: weatherboardroof Stone: slate; Asphaltother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Mills House is an impressive Classical Revival house built in 1906. The facade is dominated by a central lower porch topped by an upper tier and flanked by side porches connected by decking. All porches have Doric columns and balustrade with turned balusters. The side porches have three equally-spaced columns, while the central tiers have columns clustered in groups of three. The second story porch has a pedimented gable, while the first floor porches have hip roofs. The roof of the house is hipped, has a north-facing gable, and is capped by a balustraded deck. The roof is slate. There is a modillioned cornice. Within the north-facing gable and the porch gable are circular vent windows with keystones. The windows of the house contain one-over-one lights. There are triple-window canted bay extensions under the north side of the porch and on the south facade to the rear of the porch. The bay extension on the south is two-story and is capped by a balustraded deck. The front (east) facade has three bays. There are two interior corbelled chimneys. The front door features an oval central window and elaborate door surround with marbled glass sidelights, wood panels, and molding. The upper tier has a doorway with sidelights, arched fanlight with keystone, and wood panels.

The house is within the Residences property type and the subtype of Classical Revival houses. It represents perhaps the best example of this style in Fort Mill.

The house maintains its integrity, with only a few modifications. There is a modern addition to the rear with a hip roof and a porch with shed roof. These additions, made in the 1960s and 1970s, are not evident from the front and have little impact on the integrity of the design. The front yard is enclosed by a fence with brick columns and wrought-iron fencing. To the rear of the property is a modern garage.

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

1906 - c.1925

1906

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The Mills House was constructed in 1906 as part of the expansion of Fort Mill's residential areas during a period of prosperity and growth resulting from the development of the textile industry. The house is significant as an excellent example of the Classical Revival style.

The first owner was John Barron Mills, Sr., a successful and prominent businessman in Fort Mill. He was the first manager of the "Company Store" of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Company.¹ He later became an independent businessman, operating Mills & Young, a dry goods and clothing store.² Mills served in a number of capacities as a leader of the business community in Fort Mill. After Mills' death, the house passed into the related Mack family, and has remained as the property of the Macks. It is often referred to as the Mack House.

The house meets Criterion C because it is an excellent example of the Classical Revival style. The quality of the architectural detailing and the scale of the house make it perhaps the strongest statement of this style in Fort Mill.

FOOTNOTES:

¹Louise Pettus, The Springs Story: Our First Hundred Years. (Fort Mill, S.C.: Springs Industries, Inc., 1987), p. 40.

²Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 11 December 1914.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See full list of bibliographical references in the Multiple Property submission, Historic Properties of Fort Mill. The following references pertain to this individual nomination:

Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 11 December 1914.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

S. C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than 1 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel 20-06-08-07 as listed in the York County tax records, and is represented on the accompanying map, drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot which historically been associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Name of Property: Mills House
Historic Properties of Fort Mill multiple
property submission

Location of Property: York County, South Carolina

Photographer: Paul M. Gettys

Location of negatives: Paul M. Gettys Associates, 4180 Cureton
Ferry Road, Catawba, S.C. 29704

Date: May 1990

1. Facade and left elevation (SW)

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000645

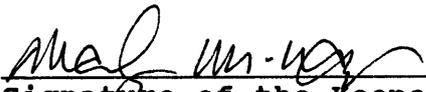
Date Listed: 6/11/92

Mills House
Property Name

York SOUTH CAROLINA
County State

Fort Mill MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for 
Signature of the Keeper

6/11/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

The period of significance was amended to show only the date of construction, c. 1906, since the significance of the 1925 ending date shown in the original nomination was not demonstrated in the text.

This change was confirmed by phone with the South Carolina SHPO (7/22/92).

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)