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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# DATA SHEET

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Josiah Kilgore House

AND/OR COMMON  
Lewis House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Corner of North Church Street and Academy Street

CITY, TOWN  
Greenville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
#4

STATE  
South Carolina

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
045

COUNTY  
Greenville

COPE  
045

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
City of Greenville (leased to Greenville Council of Garden Clubs)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Greenville

VICINITY OF

STATE  
South Carolina

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Greenville County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
305 East North Street

CITY, TOWN  
Greenville

STATE  
South Carolina

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE  
1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
South Carolina 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 1974

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**EXTERIOR:** The Josiah Kilgore House, built ca. 1838 of heart pine, is a two-story L-shaped design on a low foundation. Shiplap is used in the protected areas under the porches while the remainder of the exterior is clapboard.

The first floor of the front facade features 9/9 Palladian derived windows with 9/6 windows on the second floor. The square columned portico in Palladian stance rises two stories and is capped by a pediment of plain design with oculus. The six-panel double door with fanlight and sidelights, and the panels beneath the central second story window, continue this Palladian theme. The bracketing of the pediment and eaves is a later addition, and the original copper of the gable roof has been replaced by tin except on the right segment of the house.

The right and left elevations are identical, each consisting of a gable end chimney balanced by 9/9 lights on the first and 9/6 lights on the second story levels.

The rear elevation with projecting rear wing has a three-bay porch on the right side of the wing balanced by a similarly gabled enclosed porch on the left. The main body of the house continues the Palladian derived windows while the projecting wing has 9/9 double hung sash windows on the first floor and 9/6 lights on the second story. A gable end chimney is placed in the center of the rear wall of the wing with two rectangular bays on the attic level directly under the eaves.

**INTERIOR:** The interior is characterized by its central hall and stair. The parlor opens to the left and the dining room to the right with a ballroom opening through double doors to the rear.

The original simulated marble remains on the baseboards and mantel of the parlor, and the panels of the pine doors have been finished in "faux bois" to simulate burlwood. Also original is the brass hardware to be found on the doors throughout the structure.

The newel post, hand rail and stringer with cyma curve motif are Victorian in flavor having been added in 1880.

The second floor contains three bedrooms, each with fireplace and original mantel, opening off the center hall. The chair rail in the family bedroom above the ballroom and the handrail in the hall are also original to the construction.

**SURROUNDINGS:** Originally located in a commercial area of downtown Greenville adjacent to Buncombe Street Methodist Church, the structure was moved to a five acre site in McPherson Park to prevent its demolition. Surrounded by oak trees, the structure has been placed near a spring and spring house built about 1825. The building is in the process of being restored and will be used as the headquarters of the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs.



