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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Kilgore House AND/OR COMMON Lewis House **2 LOCATION** STREET & NUMBER Corner of North Church Street and Academy Street NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Greenville VICINITY OF 045 CODE STATE Greenville 045E South Carolina 3 CLASSIFICATION **CATEGORY OWNERSHIP** STATUS **PRESENT USE** _DISTRICT X.PUBLIC _OCCUPIED _AGRICULTURE __MUSEUM XBUILDING(S) __PRIVATE _UNOCCUPIED __COMMERCIAL __PARK __STRUCTURE __BOTH WORK IN PROGRESS __EDUCATIONAL __PRIVATE RESIDENCE __SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** __ENTERTAINMENT ACCESSIBLE __RELIGIOUS __OBJECT __IN PROCESS _YES: RESTRICTED __GOVERNMENT __SCIENTIFIC __BEING CONSIDERED XXYES: UNRESTRICTED __INDUSTRIAL __TRANSPORTATION __NO MILITARY __OTHER: 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY City of Greenville (leased to Greenville Council of Garden Clubs) STREET & NUMBER South Carolina CITY, TOWN Greenville **VICINITY OF** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Greenville County Courthouse STREET & NUMBER 305 East North Street CITY, TOWN STATE South Carolina Green ville 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina DATE 1973 __FEDERAL _XSTATE __COUNTY __LOCAL DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History CITY, TOWN



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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 The bracketing of the pediment and eaves is a later addition, and the original copper of the gable roof has been replaced by tin except on the right segment of the house.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 ball-room 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.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1838, the Lewis House is one of the oldest structures in Greenville County. Architecturally it is an example of the application of the Palladian style to what is otherwise an upcountry farmhouse. The Palladian stance of the square giant-order posts supporting the portico is echoed not only in the entrance but also in the windows at the front elevation and in some of the windows to the rear. The Palladian style found in the Lewis House is -- generally speaking -- more sophisticated than the vernacular styles usually found in this area of South Carolina during the first half of the 19th Century. Moved to prevent demolition, the Lewis House is a local landmark. It is in the process of being restored, and its adaptive use will be as headquarters for the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs.

Greenville has destroyed most of its old buildings; this is one of the few remaining and thus is significant even though it has been moved.

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