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 SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND
 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Orangeburg Multiple
Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Hodge Hall
South Carolina State College

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: On campus of South Carolina State College

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: South Carolina State College Trustees
c/o President M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, S. C. 29117

DESCRIPTION

Hodge Hall is a two-story, stretcher bond brick building with a full basement, a flat roof, and a parapet. It was constructed in 1928 from a design by Miller F. Whittaker. The central core is nine bays wide with four multi-light windows flanking each side of a modern plate glass, double-door entrance with large plate glass transom. The central portion of the core projects slightly and has a stepped parapet with a narrow, rectangular, recessed panel. The entrance is sheltered by a flat-roofed portico with paired fluted columns and pilaster responds. A double-approach concrete stair with landing addition leads to the original stair and the main entrance of the facade. Original cast-iron lamps sit on each side of the steps.

Projecting bays on either end of the central core have a decorative rectangular brick pattern with Flemish bond and concrete corner blocks. This pattern is repeated on a smaller scale on the area between the first and second-story windows of the central core facade. All windows have concrete sills and are vertically divided by brick wall pilasters. A concrete water table runs between the basement level and the first story; a corbeled concrete belt course runs above the second story windows; and a concrete cornice runs beneath the parapet and continues around the entire building. The left and right elevations have modern, double-door entrances with entablature and fluted pilasters. There are two, very large, modern brick additions on the rear of the building. In

spite of these additions, Hodge Hall retains historical and architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Black History
Architecture
Education

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hodge Hall is significant as part of the expanding physical plant and reflects the expanding educational capability of South Carolina State College. It is a substantial brick building, built for the agriculture and home economics departments. It is also significant as a competent Palladian design by architect Miller F. Whittaker, the director of the college's mechanical arts department. The design and supervision of the building's construction were requirements for the fulfillment of Whittaker's Master of Science degree from the architectural department of Kansas Agricultural College.

South Carolina State College students helped erect Hodge Hall. Whittaker was the state's first registered black architect; his pursuit of formal architectural training at Kansas Agricultural College (professional architectural training was not then available for blacks in South Carolina) and his expression of sound architectural principals at Hodge Hall demonstrate his competence.(1)

ACREAGE: Approximately .88 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Hodge Hall, South Carolina State College, nomination is shown as the yellow line on the accompanying Orangeburg County Aerial Tax Map #192-03 with a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes only the historic building and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/513770/3706280

FOOTNOTES

(1) Interview with Carmen Thomason, Orangeburg, S.C., 5 May 1983; McMillan, p. 178; Potts, pp. 43-65.