

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 Resources of Columbia (partial inventory: historic and architectural prop-
historic Supplement VII: Wardlaw Junior High School *located in R.F.H.* erties)
and/or common

2. Location

street & number The City Limits of Columbia, South Carolina *1003 Elmwood Blvd.* *See individual inven-
tory forms
city, town Columbia NA vicinity of ~~congressional district~~
state South Carolina code 045 county Richland code 079

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership (see individual inventory forms)

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Richland County Judicial Center

street & number Main Street

city, town Columbia state South Carolina

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1984 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 *See individual inventory forms

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

(See individual inventory forms)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates NA **Builder/Architect** NA

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

(See individual inventory forms)

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheets

10. Geographical Data

*See individual inventory forms

Acreeage of nominated property _____ *

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____ *

UMT References *

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The incorporated city limits of Columbia, South Carolina.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county NA code

state NA code county NA code

11. Form Prepared By

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City of Columbia; Interested citizens

organization South Carolina Department of Archives and History date July 31, 1984

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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 ___ 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 South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/3/84

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

Entered in the National Register

date 9-13-84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Wardlaw Junior High School Location 1003 Elmwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29201
Common Wardlaw Middle School Classification Building

Owner Richland County School District One
1616 Richland St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1980

Description

Constructed in 1927, Wardlaw Junior High School was designed by architect J.B. Urquhart. This three-story brick structure with Gothic detailing was built in a rectangular plan with a central courtyard. The facade, south elevation, is broken into five bays with the end bays and central bay projecting. The end bays are windowless, yet exhibit flanking buttresses and decorative brickwork. The projecting central bay serves as the elevated entrance which is approached by a wide granite staircase. The entrance is accented by a pointed arch and Gothic window tracery above the doors. The flanking buttresses are infilled with an engraved panel bearing the name of the school, nine-over-nine double hung windows, and a blind arcade with diapering brickwork at the terminus. The remainder of the facade is highlighted by a cast stone belt course and a series of decorative stone panels beneath the three unit (cont.)

Significance

Wardlaw Junior High School is located on Elmwood Avenue at the edge of a commercial and old residential area in Columbia, South Carolina. Begun in December of 1926 and completed in September of 1927, Wardlaw's significance lies in the fact that it was the first junior high school building in the state.¹

In addition, its design by J.B. Urquhart is a good example of a 1920's collegiate Gothic building.²

The grounds, formerly a farm which was a part of a plantation, are accented by large magnolias. Twenty-eight of the original 37 magnolias remain. The farm was bought (cont.)

Acreage 4.21 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Wardlaw Junior High School nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Richland County Tax Map #09012 drawn to a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The boundaries enclose the block upon which the school is located and include the school building, playground, parking lot and surrounding yard and trees.

UTM Reference Point

17/496070/3763360

Other Information

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Description (cont.)

groupings of windows on the third floor. The stone cornice on the facade changes to a corbelled brick cornice on the rear, north elevation.

Projecting one-story porches serve as ground floor entrances around the building.

The west elevation includes another projecting bay which serves as the entrance to the school's two-story auditorium.

The rear, north elevation, breaks with the typical window patterns with the use of a single row of second story windows in the school's gymnasium. A subsequent two-story addition was constructed, on the north and east elevations in a manner that is sympathetic to the original structure.

The school's interior features hardwood floors in the classrooms, a glazed brick wainscot in the hallway, and an ornamental pressed tin ceiling in the auditorium.

The school is surrounded by a mixture of commercial and residential uses on the east and west, a church on the north and commercial use across the street to the south. The school's front yard is filled with large magnolias that isolate the school and serve as a buffer from its commercial neighbors.

Significance (cont.)

in 1874 by Mr. Melton, brother-in-law of Mr. Washington Clark. When the land was purchased for the site of the state's first junior high, the property was referred to as the "Old Washington Clark Place." 3

Built when Dr. William Harvey Hand was superintendent of schools, the construction cost was \$220,000. 4

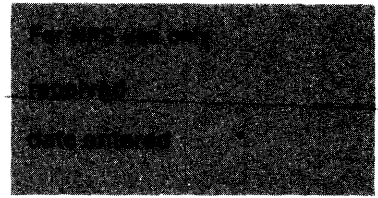
Before Wardlaw was built, schools in South Carolina were organized into elementary schools, grades 1-7, and high schools, grades 8-11. The administration of the Columbia City Schools felt that a junior high school, housing seventh and eighth grade children and equipped with sewing rooms, science laboratories, machinery shops, music and art rooms, a gymnasium and a library, would offer children in Columbia a better educational advantage. There was strong opposition to the school on the part of a group of influential citizens, so starting the school as soon as possible became a priority. Wardlaw Junior High set out to prove that a longer school day and more than traditional subject matter would be an educational advantage. 5

Wardlaw opened with about 700 pupils in the 7th and 8th grades and a staff of 30 teachers. 6

The school was named for Dr. Patterson Wardlaw, "one of the foremost educators of the South", at the time, a member of the faculty of the University of South Carolina. 7

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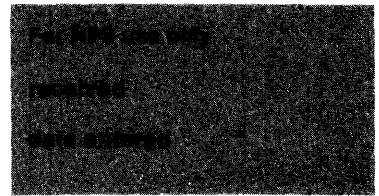
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Footnotes

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⁴ The Columbia Record, p. 6.

⁵ Sease, p. 1.

⁶ The Columbia Record, p. 6.

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