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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Coker, S. Pressly, House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 402 West Home Avenue not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Hartsville vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031  
zip code 29550

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide X locally.  
(\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 8/4/94  
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Elson A. Beall 9/8/94

for Entered in the  
National Register  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Historic Resources of Hartsville, ca. 1817-ca. 1941

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th/Early 20th Century American Movements; Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Asphalt

walls Wood/Weatherboard

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Agriculture  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1917  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
Coker, S. Pressly

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Period of Significance**

1917  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Casey, Joseph Huntley  
Fant, Charles William

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Hartsville Museum

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** Approximately 1.7 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>17</u>	<u>584500</u>	<u>3803480</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	<u>See continuation sheet.</u>					

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29211

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name James Larry & Sheila Mulcahy Haney

street & number 402 West Home Avenue telephone (803) 332-6468

city or town Hartsville state SC zip code 29550

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Coker, S. Pressly, House

name of property  
Darlington County, South Carolina  
county and State

The S. Pressly Coker House is located at 402 West Home Avenue in Hartsville. Constructed in 1917, it is an excellent example of eclecticism, and illustrates the successful blending of elements of both the Shingle and Colonial Revival styles with the form and massing of the bungalow. This house is also representative of residences in Hartsville associated with the community's industrial, commercial, and civic leaders.

This two-story shingle-clad residence has a rectangular plan, with a three-bay facade, a lateral gable roof, and an engaged one-story portico which extends and wraps to the west as a porte cochere and to the east as a screened side porch. The portico, porte cochere and side porch are supported by a combination of Doric columns and wide shingle-clad piers. The symmetrical three-bay facade has two paired windows, each of which has eight-over-one double-hung sash with paneled shutters, and the central entry features a single-leaf twelve-light door with a simple surround and leaded glass sidelights. The second story features a shingle-clad shed roof dormer with two paired eight-over-one double-hung sash windows with paneled shutters, and a central eight-over-one double-hung sash window with leaded glass sidelights similar to those at the entrance. One of the two interior corbel-capped chimneys is at the ridge of the roof, while the other is on the rear slope.

The central hall features a three-landing stair with unturned balusters and French doors. Other interior elements include plaster walls, hardwood floors, Colonial Revival mantels, overmantels, crown moulding, and built-in bookcases and cupboards with both Colonial Revival wooden traceried doors and Craftsman or Mission Style leaded glass closures.

Two small and deteriorated outbuildings--a wooden shed and a cement-block dairy--do not contribute to the historic character of the property.

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Coker, S. Pressly, House  
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The S. Pressly Coker House is significant as an excellent example of Craftsman-influenced residential architecture and for its association with S. Pressly Coker (1887-1953), prominent Hartsville agriculturist and businessman who was a plant breeder with the Coker Pedigreed Seed Company and later founder and president of the Humphrey-Coker Seed Company and the Hygeia Dairy.

The house was designed for Coker by the architectural firm of Casey and Fant, of Anderson; other South Carolina designs by Joseph Huntley Casey (1875-1928) and Charles William Fant (1886-1956), many of them ecclesiastical projects, included the Hartsville Methodist Church (1921), the parsonage for the Anderson First Baptist Church (1917), St. John's Methodist Church in Rock Hill (1923), the John C. Calhoun Hotel in Anderson (1924-25), and Thomas C. Smythe Dormitory at Presbyterian College in Clinton (1924).<sup>1</sup>

Samuel Pressly Coker, son of Edward Thomas Coker (1850-1933) and nephew of James Lide Coker (1837-1918), was a native of Society Hill, in upper Darlington County; he studied dairying at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he graduated in 1908, then studied plant breeding at Cornell University, where he received a graduate degree in plant genetics in 1911. He came to Hartsville soon after graduating from Cornell to work as a plant breeder for his first cousin David R. Coker (1870-1938), first with the farming operations of the J.L. Coker Company and with the Coker Pedigreed Seed Company after it was founded in 1913. Pressly Coker did "most valuable work" for Coker Pedigreed Seed Company according to his cousin David R. Coker, but left in 1918 to pursue work as an independent seed breeder. He founded the Humphrey-Coker Seed Company in 1920 to develop, produce, and sell his own pedigreed seed, and was widely considered an expert on seed breeding, serving as president of the Darlington County Agricultural Society in 1928-29. Coker owned and operated the Hygeia Dairy and the S.P. Coker Cotton Gin and was also active in civic affairs, serving as director of the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce and as a trustee of the Hartsville school board from 1920 to 1932.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>John E. Wells and Robert E. Dalton, The South Carolina Architects, 1885-1935: A Biographical Dictionary (Richmond: New South Architectural Press, 1992), pp. 24-30.

<sup>2</sup>The State (Columbia, S.C.), 21 October 1953; George Lee Simpson, Jr., The Cokers of Carolina: A Social Biography of a Family (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press for the Institute for Research in Social Science, 1956), p. 159; Eliza Cowan Ervin and Horace Fraser Rudisill, eds., Darlingtoniana: A History of People, Places, and Events in Darlington County, South Carolina (Columbia: R.L. Bryan Company, 1964); James A. Rogers with Larry E. Nelson, Mr. D.R.: A Biography of David R. Coker (Hartsville: Coker College Press, 1994), pp. 23, 101, 154; and Lucile Boswell Neely, Hartsville: Our Community, rev. ed. (Columbia: R.L. Bryan Company, 1965), pp. 222, 224.

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name of property  
Darlington County, South Carolina  
county and State

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the dotted black line labeled "S. Pressly Coker House" on the accompanying map "City of Hartsville," drawn at a scale of 1" = 700'.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the house and its immediate setting.



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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: S. Pressly Coker House  
Location: Hartsville, Darlington County, South Carolina  
Name of Photographer: J. Tracy Power  
S.C. Department of Archives & History  
Date of Photographs: 15 June 1994  
Location of Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives & History,  
Columbia, S.C.

1. Principal facade
2. Principal facade, right oblique
3. Principal facade, entrance detail