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

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

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Treadwell Street Historic District

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: Along portions of Treadwell and Amelia Streets

CLASSIFICATION: District

OWNER: Multiple Ownership (see Continuation Sheet)

## DESCRIPTION

The Treadwell Street Historic District contains approximately forty buildings, all but one of which (#21) were originally residences. The majority of the buildings were constructed between ca. 1890 and ca. 1930 and are set on small lots planted with bushes, trees, and lawns. Most of the houses are one-story, weatherboarded frame, with simple design and detailing.

## SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Black History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:   L   (for office use only)

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Treadwell Street Historic District contains the intact sections of an early-twentieth century black neighborhood. The district provides significant information about the history of the black community in Orangeburg in the early twentieth century. According to local residents, this neighborhood was one of the most

well-to-do black neighborhoods in the city.(1) All residents of Treadwell Street, as well as those of the Treadwell-Amelia Streets intersection, listed in the 1920-1921 Orangeburg City Directory, were black. Most of those listed were laborers or tradesmen, but there were also a few professionals and businessmen living in the neighborhood. For example, Dr. Henry Rowe, a physician and druggist lived in what is now 333 Treadwell Street (#3); the Reverend Nelson C. Nix, who served as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and was also dean and instructor in the department of mathematics at South Carolina State College, lived at the corner of Treadwell and Amelia Streets (#26).(2) Professor J. A. Pierce, an instructor at South Carolina State, lived at 358 Treadwell (#44). According to Dr. Pierce's daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman, Mrs. Pierce operated a school for black children in the house because of the poor reputation of public schools for blacks in the city.(3)

ACREAGE: Approximately 11 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Treadwell Street Historic District is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying Treadwell Street Historic District map. The map was copied from Orangeburg County Tax Map #22, drawn at a scale of one inch equals 200 feet. The district includes the historic sections of the Treadwell Street neighborhood which are still intact while excluding as many noncontributing resources as possible.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A. 17/513418/3705800  
B. 17/513300/3705740  
C. 17/512920/3706280  
D. 17/513060/3706400

OTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on these resources is available in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

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Property Owners Treadwell Street Historic District:

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| Trinity M.E. Church<br>185 Boulevard NE<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115                       | Bert V., Jr. & Thomas B. Gue<br>270 Mason<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115       |
| Redemptionist Father of SC, Inc.<br>710 Amelia N. E.<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115          | Ruby Collins<br>2471 Bratton<br>Columbia, South Carolina 29205                      |
| Mrs. Earline B. Wade<br>180 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115                         | Reddick A. Bowman<br>2035 Columbia Road<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115         |
| Alonzo & Helen Lott<br>176 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115                          | Thelma Q. Mack<br>2050 W. Master St.<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19121            |
| Eugene A. R. Montgomery<br>325 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115             | Ragle Lee<br>Rt. 1, Box 141<br>Cross, South Carolina 29436                          |
| Andrew B. Jackson<br>% Martha M. Brice<br>146 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115       | John D. Moorer, Jr. et. al<br>696 Amelia<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115        |
| Windfield Dash<br>152 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115                               | Sylvia Ann McNair<br>122 Ashland Place<br>Brookland, New York 11201                 |
| Amanda R. Lawton<br>148 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115                    | Margaret T. & Francis Sheppard<br>240 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115 |
| Mary T. Lawton<br>1620 Washington<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115                    | Helen R. Thompson Life Estate<br>240 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115  |
| Howard Pelzer<br>1674 Goff<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115                           | Marion & Francis H. Mack<br>274 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115       |
| Mark A. & Lillie S. Walker<br>Box 1681<br>S. C. State College<br>Orangeburg, S. C. 29115 | Alvereet D. Williams<br>282 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115           |
|  | Ida M. Dash<br>292 Treadwell<br>Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115                    |

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Property Owners Treadwell Street Historic District:

Sunlight Club  
302 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Kenneth E. Middleton  
311 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Ruth E. Cain  
312 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Wilhelmina Funches  
Janie Funches  
121 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Legue Bell  
2145 Charleston Road  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Mozelle Cain McGowan  
Box 204  
St. Stephens, South Carolina 29479

Charles Hannah  
253 Bedford Avenue  
Mt. Vernon, New York 10553

Juliet Lloyd Stewart  
9572 Wright Station  
Norfolk, Virginia 23505

Julia Ann & Daisy Simpson  
1904 Jenkins St.  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Frances R. Preston et. al  
133 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Jerry Summers  
346 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Geraldyn P. & James A. Pierce  
358 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Vanessa Burgess Autry  
3503 Algonquin Parkway #4  
Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Fannie R. Nix  
359 Treadwell  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Etta B. Rowe  
15910 Walden Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

Grace C. Rowe  
1560 N. Sandburg Terrace Apt. 404J  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

## FOOTNOTES

(1) Interview with Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman, Orangeburg, SC, 14 October 1984.

(2) Orangeburg, SC, City Directory, 1920-21, pp. 171 and 183; Caldwell, pp. 185-87.

(3) Orangeburg, SC, City Directory, p. 177; interview with Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman, Orangeburg, SC, 14 October 1984.

Key resources which define the character of the district:

4. 325 Treadwell Street: One-story, hip-roofed, frame house sheathed in weatherboard, constructed ca. 1915. Hipped roof porch on facade fronts a broad, pedimented ell and shelters a recessed single-door entrance with six lights, two-light sidelights, and a six-light transom, flanked on each side by six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with plain wooden surrounds.

6. 149 Treadwell: Two-story, weatherboarded frame residence with gabled roof, constructed ca. 1895. One-story, shed-roofed porch with decorative brackets and turned balustrade shelters a three-bay facade. A single-door entrance with a two-light transom and three-light sidelights resting on wooden panels, is flanked by single, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Second-story facade windows are also six-over-six, double-hung sash.

26. Nelson C. Nix House (710 Amelia Street): Probably constructed ca. 1890, this is a large, two-story, frame, L-shaped residence with a gabled roof. A single door entrance with multi-paned transom and sidelights over wooden panels is flanked by double, six-over-six windows with plain surrounds. There are additions on the right and left. The house is sheathed in asbestos shingle siding.

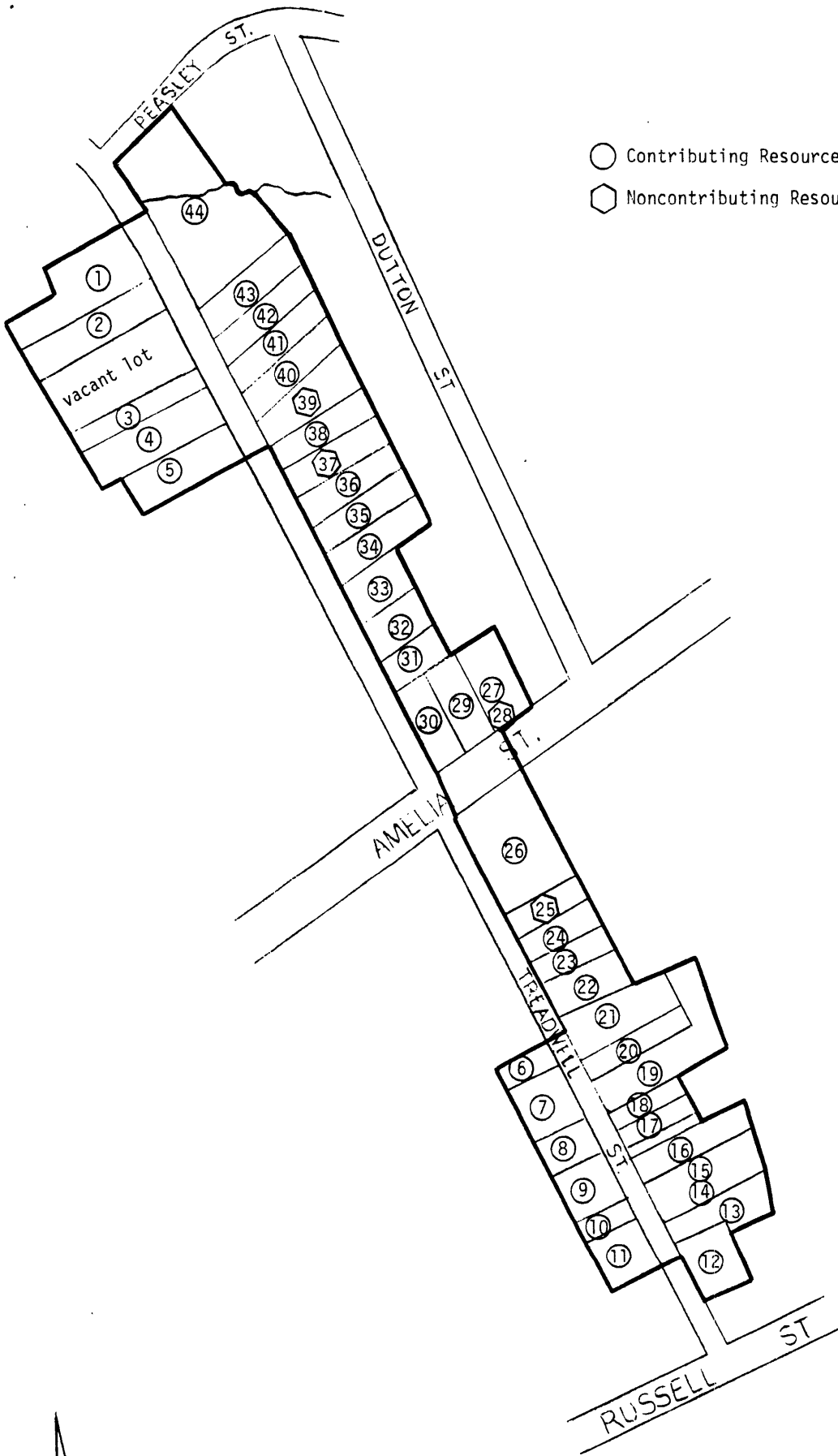
Resources which contribute to the character of the district:

1. 377 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
2. 359 Treadwell Street: ca. 1900 residence.
3. Dr. Henry Rowe House (333 Treadwell Street): ca. 1890 residence.
5. 311 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
7. 143 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
8. 139 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
9. 133 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
10. 129 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
11. Funchess House (across from 122 Treadwell Street): ca. 1880 residence.
12. 118 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
13. 122 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
14. 126 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
15. 130 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
16. 134 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
17. 140 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
18. 144 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
19. 148 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
20. 152 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
21. Between 152 and 166 Treadwell Street: 1942 church building.
22. 166 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
23. Between 166 Treadwell Street and 176 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
24. 176 Treadwell Street: ca. 1930 residence.
27. 727 Amelia Street: ca. 1920 residence.
29. 715 Amelia Street: ca. 1890 residence.

30. Byrd House (705 Amelia Street): ca. 1890 residence.
31. 232 Treadwell Street: ca. 1915 residence.
32. 240 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
33. 254 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
34. Between 254 and 274 Treadwell Street: ca. 1910 residence.
35. 274 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
36. R. L. Williams House (282 Treadwell Street): ca. 1920 residence.
38. The Sunlight Community Club (302 Treadwell Street): residence of unknown construction date converted to a community club building.
40. Legree Bell House (320 Treadwell Street): ca. 1925 residence.
41. 330 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence.
42. 338 Treadwell Street: ca. 1890 residence.
43. 346 Treadwell Street: ca. 1920 residence.
44. Professor J. A. Pierce House (358 Treadwell Street): ca. 1915 residence.

Resources which do not contribute to the character of the historic district:

25. 180 Treadwell Street: ca. 1925 residence that has been substantially altered by the application of asbestos siding, the enclosure of the front porch, and replacement windows.
28. 721 Amelia Street: Modern concrete commercial building.
37. 292 Treadwell Street: ca. 1950 residence.
39. 312 Treadwell Street: ca. 1955 residence.



- Contributing Resources
- ⬡ Noncontributing Resources



TREADWELL STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

SCALE 1" = 200'