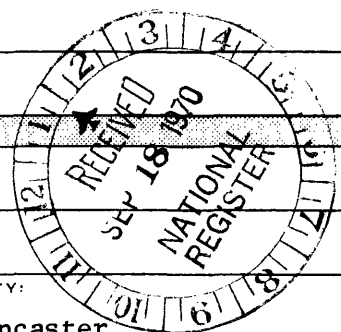


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| STATE:<br>South Carolina     |                 |
| COUNTY:<br>Lancaster         |                 |
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1. NAME

COMMON:  
Lancaster County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
104 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lancaster

STATE: South Carolina    CODE: 29720    COUNTY: Lancaster    CODE: 45    29

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both   | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____          |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Lancaster County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Lancaster    STATE: South Carolina    CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
104 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lancaster    STATE: South Carolina    CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, Box 11,188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia    STATE: South Carolina    CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Interior

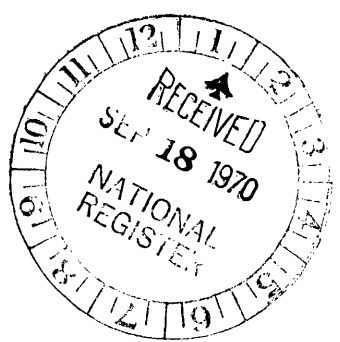
Two story handmade brick building of English bond with Flemish bond framing the windows. Venetian window behind judge's seat, chimney placement, doors, and windows within recessed arches are in the English Palladian manner. The entablature with cornice modillions, the portico pediment and the stucco-over-brick modified Tuscan columns are of the Roman Revival tradition. The front entrance with semicircular fanlight and crowning triangular pediment is especially handsome. Other features include the double flight of steps with arched opening below, the iron handrails and banisters and the semielliptical fanlight in pediment.

First floor walls are solid brick 24 inches thick, the second 18 inches. A series of double-barrel brick vaults supports the second floor and forms the ceiling of the first. The floors were brick but covered with wood in 1892. A ground floor room still retains an original fireplace.

Upstairs courtroom exhibits wainscotting and fine reeded woodwork.

The courthouse square contains an historical marker and Confederate and World War II memorials.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1828

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of probable Robert Mills design and displaying superb craftsmanship, the building has been in constant use as a courthouse since its 1828 completion. The contractor was Willis W. Alsobrook.

An addition made in 1853 was minus vaulted ceilings, the contractor probably not possessing the skill to undertake them.

In 1964 Lancaster County spent \$30,000 repairing and preserving the courthouse.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Floyd, Viola C., Lancaster County South Carolina Tours, 1956.

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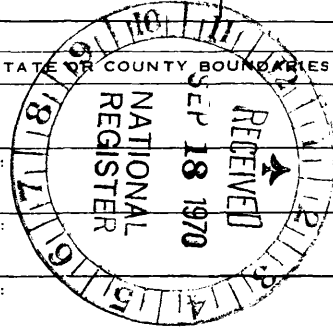
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                 |                         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               | LATITUDE  |                 | LONGITUDE               |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees   | Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |
| NW   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                | 34°   | 43' 09.13"      | 80° 46' 26.84"          |
| NE   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |   |                 |                         |
| SE   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |   |                 |                         |
| SW   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |   |                 |                         |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY  | CODE |
|--------|------|---------|------|
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **August 29, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia**      STATE: **South Carolina**      CODE: **4**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *John E. Lee*

Title Director, South Carolina

Department Archives and History

Date August 29, 1970

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

*Ernest A. Connally*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**FEB 24 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*William J. Huntley*  
Keeper of the National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_