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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 Darlington
Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: South Carolina Western
Railway Station

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Seaboard Airline Railway Station

LOCATION: 129 Russell Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY: 1 Contributing Building

OWNER: Dr. Anthony A. Hemmingway
129 Russell Street
Darlington, South Carolina 29532

DESCRIPTION

The South Carolina Western Railway Station was completed in May, 1911. Rectangular in plan, the brick building has projecting rectangular bays at the center of its north and south sides. The hipped roof features a bell-cast profile, red clay tile, and wide bracketed eaves. On the north and south slopes of the roof are intersecting gables, each containing a Palladian window and wood shingle siding. Piercing the roof at the ridge line are two brick interior chimneys, which are paneled. Windows are double-hung, one-over-one, with sandstone sills and lintels. Doors of the asymmetrical north and south elevations are paneled and have operable transoms.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Transportation
Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Carolina Western Railway Station is significant for its association with several railway companies that played major roles in Darlington's economy in the first half of the twentieth century. The South Carolina Western Railway was chartered in Darlington on August 26, 1910.¹ Its avowed purpose was "to build a railroad from McBee through Hartsville and Darlington to Florence."²

Proponents of the new railroad strove earnestly to bring it into reality. A petition was circulated in Darlington requesting the town council to call a special bond issue election for the purpose of raising \$12,000.00 to purchase the right-of-way through town and to construct a depot.³ Lawrence Reese, a Black master carpenter who had constructed many houses in Darlington, built the station.⁴ The rail line from McBee to Darlington was open to service on May 15, 1911, and the passenger station was completed shortly thereafter.⁵ The station is depicted on the 1913 Sanborn map of the city of Darlington.⁶

The South Carolina Western was merged on April 3, 1914, into the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway, and merged again on November 8, 1915, into the Seaboard Airline Railway Company.⁷ The railroad was abandoned in the 1950's and the station sold in 1963.⁸

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the S.C. Western Railway Passenger Station is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "S.C. Western Railway Passenger Station." The map was copied from a map of the town of Darlington, S.C., which is dated June, 1980, and is drawn at a scale of one inch to 500 feet. The nominated property includes the historic building and the lot on which it is situated.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East, S.C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/604080/3796200

FOOTNOTES

¹Horace Fraser Rudisill, "Coming of the Seaboard to Darlington," Darlington, S.C., 1973. (Typewritten.), p. 3.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴Interviews with Mrs. Benny Gary, Darlington, S.C., 12 February 1986 and 3 March 1987.

⁵Darlington News (Darlington, S.C.), May 18, 1911.

⁶Sanborn Map Co., Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina, 1913.

⁷Rudisill, "Coming of the Seaboard to Darlington," p. 6; Horace Fraser Rudisill, Darlington County, A Pictorial History (Norfolk, Virginia: Donning Co., 1986), p. 74.

⁸Sanborn Map Co., Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina, 1913.



South Carolina Western Railway
Passenger Station
Scale: 1" = 500'

SANDERS

STREET

PARK ST.

ORANGE

STREET

NORTH MAIN

FOUNTAIN ST.

HEWITT

ST.

NORTH

STREET

OAK

STREET

CASHUA

CR.

SPRING

STREET

ERVIN

STREET

STREET

STREET

SCAMORE

DARGAN

GROVE

S. MAIN

WARD ST.

EXCHANG

CASHUA

STREET

SOUTH

HOOR

SPAIN

DARLING

W. HAMPTON ST.

DARGAN

GROVE

S. MAIN

WARD ST.

EXCHANG

HAMPTON

COLUMBIAN

WOODS

STREET

SOUTH

ERVIN

BREAR

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4ST

STREET

HAMPTON

STREET

STREET

VAUGHAM

STREET

STREET

STREET

R. R.

ARNOLD

BRUNSON

DANIEL ST.

AVENUE

PINE

AVENUE

LEE

DARGAN

STREET

RAILROAD

AVENUE

AVENUE

JACKSON

STREET

JACKSON

SIT.

AVENUE

3RD

STREE

4TH

STRE

A. C.