

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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 Reidville Academy Faculty House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number corner of College and Main Streets not for publication _____
city or town Reidville vicinity _____
state South Carolina code SC county Spartanburg code 083 zip code 29375

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 7/29/97
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): _____

Edson H. Beall 9/4/97

for _____
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> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival; Late Victorian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Asphalt

walls Brick/Stucco

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

EDUCATION

Significant Dates

ca. 1860

1905

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Period of Significance

ca. 1860-1905

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: S.C. Department of Archives and History

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Approximately 1.08 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>17</u>	<u>398140</u>	<u>3857920</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

name/title Mrs. William D. Geen and Mr. Donald L. Love, Jr., AIA
organization Reidville Historical Society date September 1996
street & number 100 Main Street, P.O. Box 264 telephone _____
city or town Reidville state SC zip code 29375

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 Reidville Historical Society, c/o Board of Directors
street & number 100 Main Street telephone _____
city or town Reidville state SC zip code 29375

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county and State

DESCRIPTION

The Reidville Academy Faculty House, located at the corner of College and Main Streets in Reidville, Spartanburg County, was built ca. 1860 as a residence for the principal of the Reidville Male High School, later the Reidville Male Academy. It is a two-story brick Greek Revival raised cottage with late Victorian alterations.

The exterior brick walls are covered with stucco and scored to look like large blocks of stone. One unusual feature of the house is that the east, or rear, elevation has never been covered with stucco. The original roof is believed to have been a low hipped design, replaced in the late nineteenth century by the present gabled roof with wooden shakes at the same time that the front portico was probably added.

The floor plan features four rooms and a large central hall on each story, with symmetrical staircases in the first story central hall. The second story, designed as the main living area, features twelve-foot ceilings, wainscoting in the central hall, and more elaborate trim and moldings than on the first story. Several of the windows on the first story are original to the house, as is the pair of front doors, sidelights, and transom.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Reidville Academy Faculty House is significant as an excellent example of mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival residential architecture with late-nineteenth century Victorian alterations and also for its association with the Reidville Male Academy and Reidville Female Academy, institutions which played a major role in education in upcountry South Carolina from 1858 to 1905.

The academies, also known as the Reidville Male and Female High Schools, were founded by Rev. Robert Hardin Reid (1821-1907), a Presbyterian clergyman and educator. Reid, for whom the town of Reidville was also named, was an 1846 graduate of South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina), studied at the Columbia Theological Seminary and was chaplain of the Barhamville Collegiate Institute near Columbia his last year in seminary. He moved to Spartanburg District in 1853 to become the minister of nearby Nazareth Presbyterian Church, a position which he held for forty years until ill health forced him to retire in 1893.

Nazareth Presbyterian Church, approximately five miles northeast of Reidville, was founded in 1772 and had long been involved in education in the South Carolina upcountry. In 1794 its members had founded the Nazareth Philanthropic society--later incorporated as the Spartanburg Philanthropic Society--to promote the improvement of education both in Spartanburg District and throughout the state. Reid, in a sermon preached on New Year's Day 1857, pointed out that the young Presbyterians of the Nazareth community and western Spartanburg District were being educated elsewhere, often in schools of other denominations, and he challenged his congregation to help establish suitable local schools. By mid-1857 the effort to establish "the Reidville Male and Female High Schools" was well underway when funds were raised by subscription, trustees were selected, a building committee was appointed, and a site for the school was chosen. In August the editors of the Carolina Spartan commented, "it is truly cheering to every lover of education and refinement of whatever religious persuasion to see this spirit manifested in our district." By the end of 1857 one hundred acres had been donated for the schools by James N. Gaston, James Wakefield, and Anthony Wakefield; the cornerstone of the first building had been laid; and a charter had been granted to the trustees, with Rev. Reid as president.

The Reidville Male High School was built at one end of Main Street and the Reidville Female High School was built at the other, with residential lots laid out between the schools on either side of Main Street for two blocks in each direction. The town, named Reidville, was established with limits set at a one-mile diameter from the schools. Reidville Male High School, with Rev. Thomas E. Davis of Concord, N.C., as principal, opened for classes in March 1858, and Reidville Female High School, with Rev. Reid as principal, opened for classes in February 1859.

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This house was built ca. 1860 as the residence for the principal of the Reidville Male High School. Rev. Thomas E. Davis, who did not live in the house--he left Reidville before its completion--was succeeded by Thomas C. Duncan, probably the first principal to occupy the house, in October 1860. Both the male and female high schools remained open during the Civil War, and Rev. Reid persuaded Federal troops not to burn the schools when they camped briefly near Reidville at the end of the war in 1865. Though the schools closed briefly during Reconstruction they opened again in 1870, and Reidville Female High School became Reidville Female College in 1871. The academies operated under Rev. Reid's supervision as president of the Board of Trustees until 1893 and under the direction of Reid's son Rev. B.P. Reid until they were consolidated as a single high school and renamed Reidville High School in 1905.¹

¹Spartanburg County Board of Education. Records of the Trustees of the Reidville High School 1857-1901 (Columbia: South Carolina Department of Archives and History Microfilm C260); Patricia Ann Thorne, "The Reverend Robert Harden Reid and the Reidville Male and Female High Schools," Unpublished Graduate Seminar Paper, Department of History, University of South Carolina, 1977, on file in the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; J.B.O. Landrum, History of Spartanburg County: Embracing an Account of Many Important Events, and Biographical Sketches of Statesmen, Divines and Other Public Men, and the Names of Many Others Worthy of Record in the History of their County (Atlanta: Franklin Printing and Publishing Co., 1900; Spartanburg: The Reprint Co., 1985); F.D. Jones and W.O. Mills, eds., History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850, Published by the Synod of South Carolina (Columbia: R.L. Bryan Company, 1926); and Michael Leonard, Our Heritage: A Community History of Spartanburg County, S.C. (Spartanburg: Spartanburg Herald-Journal, 1986).

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown as Parcel A, marked "Reidville Academy Faculty House," on the accompanying plat map of the property, drawn at a scale of 1"=100.'

Verbal Boundary Justification

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

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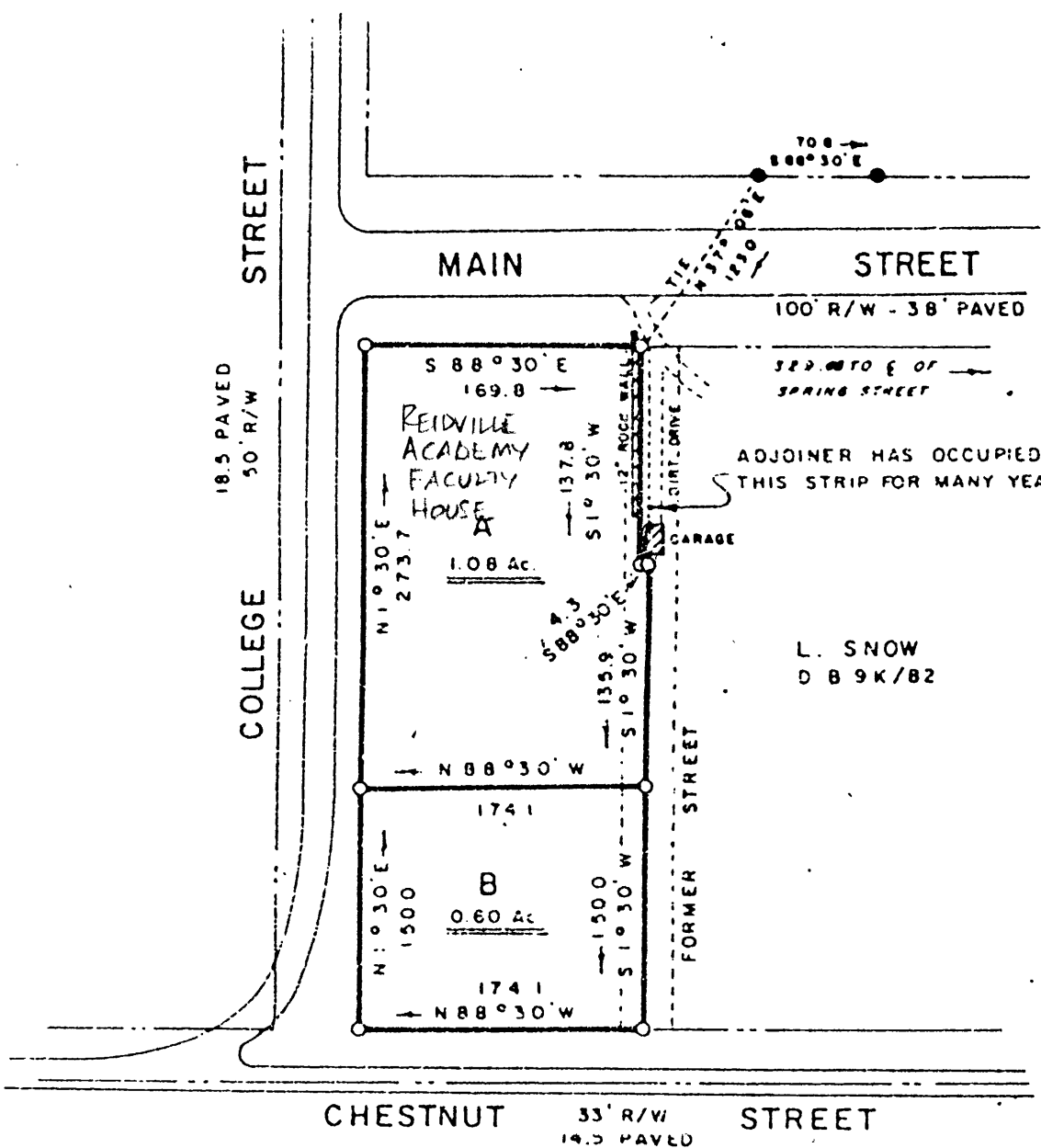
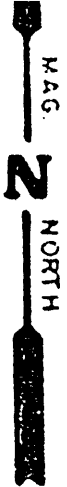
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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Reidville Academy Faculty House
Location of Property: corner of College and Main Streets
Reidville, Spartanburg County, S.C.

Name of Photographer: Lamar Nelson
Date of Photographs: 1 October 1995
Location of Original
Negatives: Reidville Historical Society, Reidville, S.C.

1. Facade, from Main Street
2. Facade
3. Facade detail
4. Rear elevation
5. Right elevation
6. Left elevation
7. Left elevation, gable detail
8. Left elevation
9. First floor central hall and stair
10. First floor central hall and closet
11. First floor corner and ceiling
12. First floor fireplace and closet
13. First floor fireplace and closet under central stair
14. First floor kitchen wall and pantry
15. Second floor fireplace and door to hall
16. Second floor fireplace and closet
17. Second floor main sitting room fireplace
18. Second floor central hall facing portico entrance
19. Second floor front portico and columns, from interior

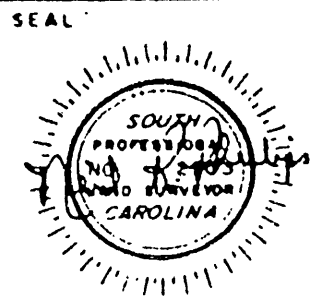


ALL AREAS SUBJ TO R/W.

Neil R. Phillips
MEMBER S.C. SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

SURVEY FOR **FLOYD M. TEASLEY**
BEING LOT NO. 14 AS SHOWN ON A MAP OF THE TOWN OF REIDVILLE, S C BY J. W REID
RECORDED IN PB 25/301. ALSO SEE DB 47Z/818.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RATIO OF PRECISION OF THE FIELD SURVEY IS 1/10,000 BEFORE BALANCING, AND THE AREA WAS DETERMINED BY COMPUTER



COUNTY SPARTANBURG	TOWN OR COMMUNITY: TOWN OF REIDVILLE.	STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA
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DATE 2 FEB 1982	BLOCK MAP SHEET 5-36-12 PARCEL 35	FIELD CHIEF ROBBY JENNINGS	DRAWN BY JOE WISENANT
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SCALE 1" = 100'

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