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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Witherspoon-Hunter House was probably built between 1823 and 1831 and is located in the town of York, South Carolina. Constructed of wood, the structure rests upon a raised brick basement. It consists of a two-story front section covered by a gable roof, and a one-story L-shaped annex at the rear.

A double-tiered portico on the front of the structure is supported by three square columns supporting a pediment. (This portico appears to be a later addition.) On the first level of the portico there are two single doors with four-light transoms above. Opening onto the upper level of the portico are two jib doors which have hinged panels at the bottom.

An exterior chimney is located on each side facade, and a one-story porch extends along a portion of the left side facade. Windows are 9/9 and have louvered shutters. The roof is currently covered with asphalt shingles.

The rear elevation reveals the L-shaped one-story annex. A porch originally extended along the rear of this section; however, the right portion has been enclosed for a bathroom. Another bathroom enclosure has also been added to the second floor of the rear facade.

<u>INTERIOR</u>: The first floor of the structure consists of six rooms. The front doors open directly into a dining room on the right and a parlor on the left. Located behind these rooms are a kitchen (modern) on the right; with a sitting room, library, and bedroom on the left. An enclosed staircase in the sitting room leads to the second level which is one room deep, having a central hall flanked by a bedroom on each side. There are a total of six fireplaces. All the mantels appear to be original.

SURROUNDINGS: The structure is located in the town of York; a new bank is located next door. Included within the nominated acreage is a small brick building. It is not known when this structure was built; nor is its original purpose known. It appears to be of the same period as the main house.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

The Witherspoon-Hunter House was probably built ca. 1825 and is significant as having been the home of two of York, South Carolina's leading families. It is also significant architecturally, being an example of an early 19th Century upcountry townhouse.

This structure was probably built by Thomas B. Hoover. In 1823 Hoover bought three contiguous lots (comprising a total of one and one-half acres) for \$550. In 1831 Hoover sold this property to Isaac D. Witherspoon for \$3,000, the deed reading "...the lot whereon the said Thomas B. Hoover now resides..."

Isaac D. Witherspoon (1803-1858) was a lawyer and prominent figure in both local and state politics. He served in the South Carolina Senate between 1840 and 1856, and while a member also served as Lieutenant Governor between 1842 and 1844. He was a Trustee of South Carolina College (1842-44, 1845-57), and a presidential elector in 1844. Upon Witherspoon's death in 1858 in Virginia, a public meeting was held at the York County Courthouse to pay tribute to him.

Witherspoon's son, Isaac D. Witherspoon (1833-1901) was also a lawyer, a member of the South Carolina Senate, and a Trustee of South Carolina College. From 1882 until 1898 he served as judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

In 1880 the house was sold by the executor of the estate of I.D. Witherspoon to John Jackson Hunter (1844-1913). A veteran of the War Between the States, Hunter established a successful dry goods business in York in 1876. He also served as mayor of the town. The house remains in the Hunter family today.

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