

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Horry	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 764,45,0013	DATE 4/7/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Horry County Court House and Old Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Conway

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 29526 COUNTY: Horry CODE: 45

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	Jail to be restored as museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Conway

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Horry County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

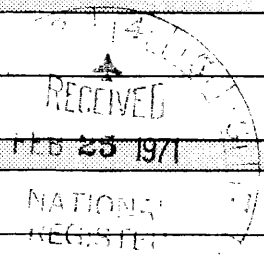
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local

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

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

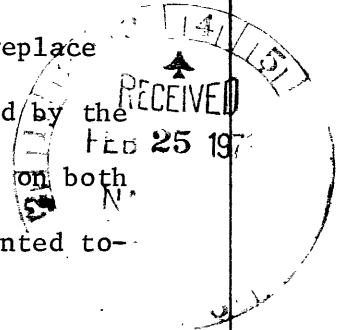
The Old Horry County Court House and Old Jail were erected to replace their deteriorating predecessors; contracts to build were granted by the same Commissioners of Public Buildings for Horry District; work on both was being done in 1825. For these reasons they are being presented together as Horry's most significant government buildings.

The Old Court House, unaltered with these exceptions: ground story arches enclosed to accomodate new offices; several windows bricked over and painted, leaving original brick work displayed.

Two story brikk building of common bond. Extended pediment supported by Doric columns sheltering second story portico which does not extend full width of facade. First story extension beneath portico holds three high arches; through center arch is recessed street level entrance. Divided stairways to each side of first story extension with second rise turning inward diagonally to meet portico floor. Plain iron railings up stairs and along portico. Segmented arches over windows and arched main entrance which has sidelights and fanlight. Interior: vaulted ceilings, arches over doorways, plain mantels.

From a nineteenth century painting and a c.1910 photo, the jail was a stark brick structure of two stories. Three small rectangular windows in second story of facade with large arched windows to either side of arched doorway on first floor. End chimney to each side of building. Interior had two rooms to each floor, each having an unornamented fireplace. Presently, the exterior walls remain. Plans are in progress to restore the old jail for use as a museum.

Presented as a unit because they are situated on the same block, separated by only one building.



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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) 1824-1827

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   | <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            |                                      |   | _____                                    |

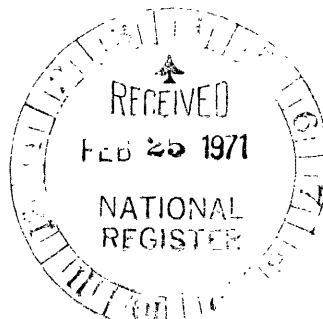
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significant as a center of county and city government for almost 150 years, the Old Court House now serves as the Conway City Hall. It is reputedly designed by Robert Mills who was still on the South Carolina Board of Public Works at that time.

Commissioners of Public Buildings for Horry District contracted with Major Russell Warren in March of 1824 to erect the district court house; completed by May 15, 1825, according to contract.

Commissioners of Public Buildings, finding that repairs on the old jail would be "injudicious ... for all the wooden parts are decayed", appointed Henry Durant July 9, 1825, to build a new jail which was to be finished by March 1, 1827.

In 1914 the Grace Hotel was built over the jail. Then in 1968, the hotel was torn down, leaving the original walls of the jail. Present plans are to restore the old jail for use as the Horry County Museum.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Julien, Carl. Pee Dee Panorama. Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1951.

Marsh, Blanche. Robert Mills, Architect in South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina: R.L. Bryan, 1970.

Sanders, Frank A. "Horry District's Second Court House and Goal". The Independent Republic Quarterly. Vol. #3. April, 1969.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33° 50' 04"	79° 02' 47"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Dollie McGrath, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: 2/10/71

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1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 Charles E. Lee

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date 2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest A. Connolly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 7 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Henry [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4/5/71

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9. Bibliography

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