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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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Description

The Kingston Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Third Avenue and Kingston Street in Conway, Horry County, South Carolina, is located on a large lot with the church facing Third Avenue, on a bluff overlooking Kingston Lake and the Waccamaw River.

Kingston Presbyterian Church (1858)

This Greek Revival church features an engaged, fully-pedimented portico set on paneled, square pillars. The columns rest on low brick piers that are engaged to the brick steps [ca. 1955]. The building also contains paneled pilasters on each corner along with louvered shutters for windows on the south [facade], west and east elevations. Two sets of double-leaf paneled doors with architraves and cornices on the church's façade are accessed by individual sets of brick steps with iron hand railings [ca. 1955] and flank a massive, triple sash window with architrave and cornice. This and each window along the side elevations contains twenty lights per sash. Smaller windows [six-over-six double-hung sash] at the gallery level within the portico - one over each entrance doorway - were closed ca. 1955 during other renovations to the portico area. The building's entablature and boxed cornice continues unbroken to incorporate the portico. The roof is sheathed in asphalt architectural shingles; however, was clad with cypress shingles well into the twentieth century. The building was originally sheathed with weatherboard, but was covered in stucco in 1930 when a stuccoed brick addition was added to the rear.

The 1930 brick addition, which is accessed on the west side of the building, features an inset, pedimented entrance with a circular window above it. Also on the west side, there are four fixed windows, two on each story, that have thirty lights each. The addition features a cross-gabled wing that extends a short distance into the cemetery. Walter D. Harper, an architect from Florence, South Carolina, designed the addition as well as a number of buildings in Florence and the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Henry Pyle Little, who lived in the Beaty-Little House in Conway—also listed in the National Register—and constructed many buildings in Conway and Horry County during the first half of the twentieth century, served as contractor for the addition.

The present steeple was added to the building in 1962. It consists of a square wooden base, surmounted by a graduated octagonal lantern featuring four arched, multi-light windows and urn finials at every corner of both the square base and lantern. The eight-sided conical spire is sheathed in shingles and is completed with a copper ball finial at its apex. The steeple replaced a late nineteenth-century steeple with a rectangular base and a pointed spire containing diamond-shaped, louvered vents, damaged by Hurricane Hazel in 1954. When initially constructed the church, a Greek Revival temple form edifice, had no steeple.¹

¹ New South Associates, "A Historical and Architectural Survey of Conway, Horry County, South Carolina" (Stone Mountain, Ga.: New South Associates, 2005).

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The church contains a vestibule that is entered from the two main entrances within the portico and is located under a portion of the gallery. Staircases on either side access the gallery from the vestibule. Originally, a door located near the front of the building but on the west elevation [Kingston Street] accessed the gallery in an enclosed staircase; however, that door was closed during the 1930 addition and renovations and the staircase reconfigured. The current east gallery staircase was configured from an old janitor's closet. The gallery itself, having been closed off for a number of years was reopened and renovated in 1930. Two sets of double-leaf doors access the sanctuary from the vestibule. The sanctuary measures fifty-one feet by thirty-five feet with a ceiling height of twenty-one feet. The original pulpit was relocated to one of the church's meeting rooms in another building. Three ranks of wooden pews, the middle section of which is wider and the paneled ends and backs of which are painted white, occupy the bulk of the carpeted wooden floor space of the sanctuary. A paneled partition, the same height and alignment as the pews, separates the three sections of pews from the open area surrounding the communion table and elevated pulpit platform. A beamed or semi-coffered ceiling, adorned with large Colonial Revival brass chandeliers, was installed during the 1930 renovations. To the north of the pulpit is a choir loft set behind a low paneled wall and framed by a large, heavily moulded square proscenium arch. The inset for the choir loft, part of the 1930 addition, is finished in a high paneled wainscot and features a large central panel with classical broken pediment surround. Flanking the proscenium arch and above the single-leaf six panel doors to either side of the pulpit, as well as on the upper side walls of the choir loft, are large rectangular grilles for the church's pipe organ operations.

A chandelier with four arms for kerosene lamps dates from ca. 1879 hangs in the choir loft. When Kingston Presbyterian Church installed electrical lights in 1908, it was given to the Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, which later had it electrified. The chandelier was returned to Kingston Church sometime after 1958, and restored.

Sometime in the late nineteenth century a church bell was ordered from New York but never arrived because the vessel carrying the bell was lost at sea. The vessel carrying a second bell was also wrecked in a storm, but its cargo was salvaged and the bell, with a patent date of 1860, was eventually recovered and sent to the church.

Educational Building (1956)

In 1956 a brick educational building, costing about \$100,000, was built a short distance to the southeast of the sanctuary in what had been laid out as the southern end of the church's cemetery. The site closely approximated the location of the previous Kingston Presbyterian Church sanctuary. The educational building, with a two-story Colonial Revival style residential appearance, was designed by the Wilson, North Carolina, architectural firm of Charles C. Benton and Sons. Moore Construction Company of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, served as the general contractor. It was dedicated on October 14, 1956, and put into service. Approached through brick gateposts with ball finials and curving support walls, the building features an entrance with broken scrolled pediment surround, an octagonal cameo window above, six-over-six, double-hung windows with louvered shutters, a modillioned cornice, and lateral gabled slate roof. A large pitched and flat roof portion of the building extends to the east toward Kingston Lake.

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The Kingston Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Third Avenue and Kingston Street in Conway, Horry County, South Carolina, on a bluff overlooking Kingston Lake and the Waccamaw River.

The church, built in 1858, is an outstanding example of antebellum Greek Revival ecclesiastical design; a 1930 addition and 1962 steeple do not compromise its architectural integrity and significance. It is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C as a significant example of church architecture; as such, it also meets the standards for exceptional significance under Criteria Consideration A.

Additional Information

Kingston Township and the village of Kingston were established when the British Crown decreed that a township should be laid out on the Waccamaw River some hundred miles from Charles Town.² The site of present-day Conway was chosen on the farthest inner side of the Waccamaw River. The boundaries of the new township were laid out after a 1732 survey by Alexander Skene and Justice William Wright.³ The name Kingston was chosen in honor of King George II, and the township and village were opened for settlement in 1735.

Shortly after Kingston was opened up for settlement in 1734, there was a church established upon the Waccamaw. Though the exact date and name of this church is not well documented, the location of this church is not in dispute. It was located on the banks of the Waccamaw. Presbyterian historian George Howe notes that the pioneers of this settlement were predominantly Scots-Irish Presbyterian and observed that it was "natural that the first church in the town and township of Kingston was of the Presbyterian faith."

One of the first ministers to preach at Kingston—sometimes also called Waccamaw Township—was Reverend John Baxter, who was holding services here as early as 1734, before the creation of the Kingston Township. The diary of Reverend Archibald Simpson records that the first regular minister of the Presbyterian Church in Kingston was Reverend William Donaldson. In February 1756, during a meeting of the Presbytery in Charleston, Donaldson accepted a call to be sent to the church on the Waccamaw; he served that congregation until his death in 1759.

² Paul Quattlebaum, The Kingston Presbyterian Church, Pee Dee Presbytery, Conway, South Carolina, 1858-1958 (Conway: Kingston Presbyterian Church, 1958), p. 3.

³ Catherine H. Lewis, Horry County, South Carolina, 1730-1993 (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1998), p. 7.

⁴ Quattlebaum, p. 3.

⁵ George Howe, History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina (Columbia: Duffie and Chapman, 1870).

⁶ Quattlebaum, p. 5.

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The church appears on Henry Mouzon's 1775 "An Accurate Map of North and South Carolina". The Presbyterians allowed Methodist and Episcopal congregations to use their church on occasion. Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury noted in his diary in 1795 that "the old Presbyterian meeting house" had been repaired by the Methodist congregation for their services. It eventually fell into disuse and was finally blown down in a storm sometime between 1795 and 1858. Paul Quattlebaum's history of Kingston Presbyterian Church observes that once the congregation began to decline there was no real organized Presbyterian congregation here until the present church was built in 1858.

In 1801, Kingston was renamed Conwayborough by the South Carolina General Assembly in honor of General Robert Conway; Conwayborough was later renamed Conway in 1883. Conwayborough became the county seat of the new Horry District the same year.⁹

In 1855, Reverend M.D. Fraser of Harmony Presbytery offered to help the citizens of Conwayborough build a new Presbyterian church. After townspeople subscribed for about \$600.00 toward the cost of a new building, they passed a resolution stating that they were "firmly convinced that the establishment of an additional religious association in Conwayboro would be conducive to the temporal and spiritual welfare of its citizens and that of the district of Horry at large," that they appreciated "the generous and liberal aid" offered to them by the Presbytery, and that they pledged \$300.00 annually to pay a Presbyterian minister for the new church. ¹⁰

After Mrs. Jane Norman donated a lot adjacent to the "town burying ground," work on the new sanctuary began in early 1858. The cornerstone was laid that spring, with master builder Otis Eaton—a carpenter and ship builder from Bucksport, Maine who had come to the area to build ships—as the contractor.

Architecture

The architectural design of the Kingston Presbyterian Church is significant as an excellent example of the Greek Revival style popular in mid-to-late antebellum America, a local expression of nationalism and freedom from aristocratic or ecclesiastical associations.

A masterpiece of architectural design, Kingston Presbyterian Church symbolizes the social and economic success of the village. It features a portico set on square columns with recessed panels, square pilasters on façade, three-bay façade with central triple sash windows of twenty lights each and flanking double doors with architrave.

⁸ Ouattlebaum, pp. 6, 7.

⁹ Lewis, pp. 46, 50.

¹⁰ Quattlebaum, pp. 9-10.

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Kingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery

The church cemetery, originally the "town burying ground," was established soon after Kingston Township was created ca. 1737 and eventually became the cemetery for Kingston Presbyterian Church, organized shortly after the township. The cemetery is particularly significant for its fine Victorian-era gravestone art, and was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 5 August 1986.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is illustrated as the parcels at the corner of Third Avenue and Kingston Street, Horry County Tax Parcels # 137-02-01009 and 13702-01-004 marked with a heavy black line as "Kingston Presbyterian Church and Cemetery."

Boundary Justification

This boundary includes the 1858 church and 1956 educational building and their immediate settings as well as the church cemetery, which was previously listed in the National Register in 1986; it brings all the historic resources associated with Kingston Presbyterian Church into a single National Register boundary.

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Name of Property:

Kingston Presbyterian Church

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Third Avenue and Kingston Street

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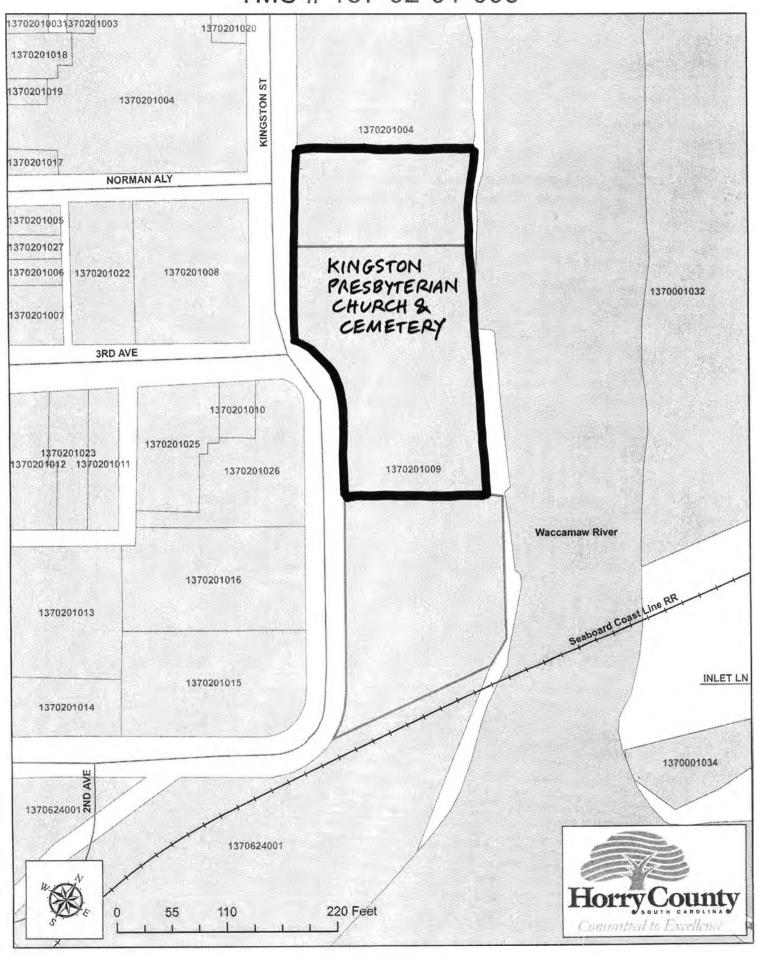
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- 6. Kingston Presbyterian Church, Portico Detail
- 7. Kingston Presbyterian Church, Right Elevation and 1930 Addition
- 8. Kingston Presbyterian Church, View Toward Pulpit from Sanctuary
- 9. Kingston Presbyterian Church, View of Gallery From Pulpit
- 10. Kingston Presbyterian Church, View of Sanctuary and Pulpit From Gallery
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Comments Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name:

Kingston Presbyterian Church and Cemetery

Property Location:

Conway, Horry County, SC

Reference Number:

08000759

Date of Return:

August 5, 2008

Reason for Return: The Kingston Presbyterian Church and Cemetery nomination is being returned for technical corrections regarding the Number of Contributing Resources, Function or Use, Areas of Significance (AOS), Period of Significance (POS), Acreage of Property, and Photo Quality. The following must be addressed for this nomination to be considered acceptable:

Section 5. Since the church cemetery was listed in the National Register on August 5, 1986, the number of contributing resources for this nomination should only include the two contributing buildings. Please revise the resource count.

Section 6. Under Function or Use, since the earlier church cemetery nomination indicates the historic and current functions as Funerary, the Function or Use for this nomination should only indicate Religion/Religious Facility.

Section 8. The Criteria Considerations section should only indicate (a), since (d) was explained in the earlier cemetery nomination. The Conway Multiple Resource Area POS is from c. 1850 – c. 1930. Consequently, Consideration (g) needs to be added to explain the extended POS to 1962. The AOS category can delete "Art" since it was covered in the cemetery nomination for the gravestone art.

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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION PROPERTY Kingston Presbyterian Church NAME: MULTIPLE NAME: STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH CAROLINA, Horry 8/25/09 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE RECEIVED: 10/08/09 DATE OF 45TH DAY: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 08000759 DETAILED EVALUATION: ACCEPT RETURN ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: RECOM. / CRITERIA DISCIPLINE REVIEWER TELEPHONE

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Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

Facade, Looking North Up Kingston Street



Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

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Portico Detail



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Right Elevation and 1930 Addition



8. Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

View Toward Pulpit From Sanctuary



 Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

View of Gallery From Pulpit



Kingston Presbyterian Church
 800 Third Avenue, Conway
 Horry County, South Carolina

View of Sanctuary and Pulpit From Gallery



 Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

View of Sanctuary and Gallery



12. Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

Narthex and Gallery Stair



 Kingston Presbyterian Church 800 Third Avenue, Conway Horry County, South Carolina

1956 Educational Building











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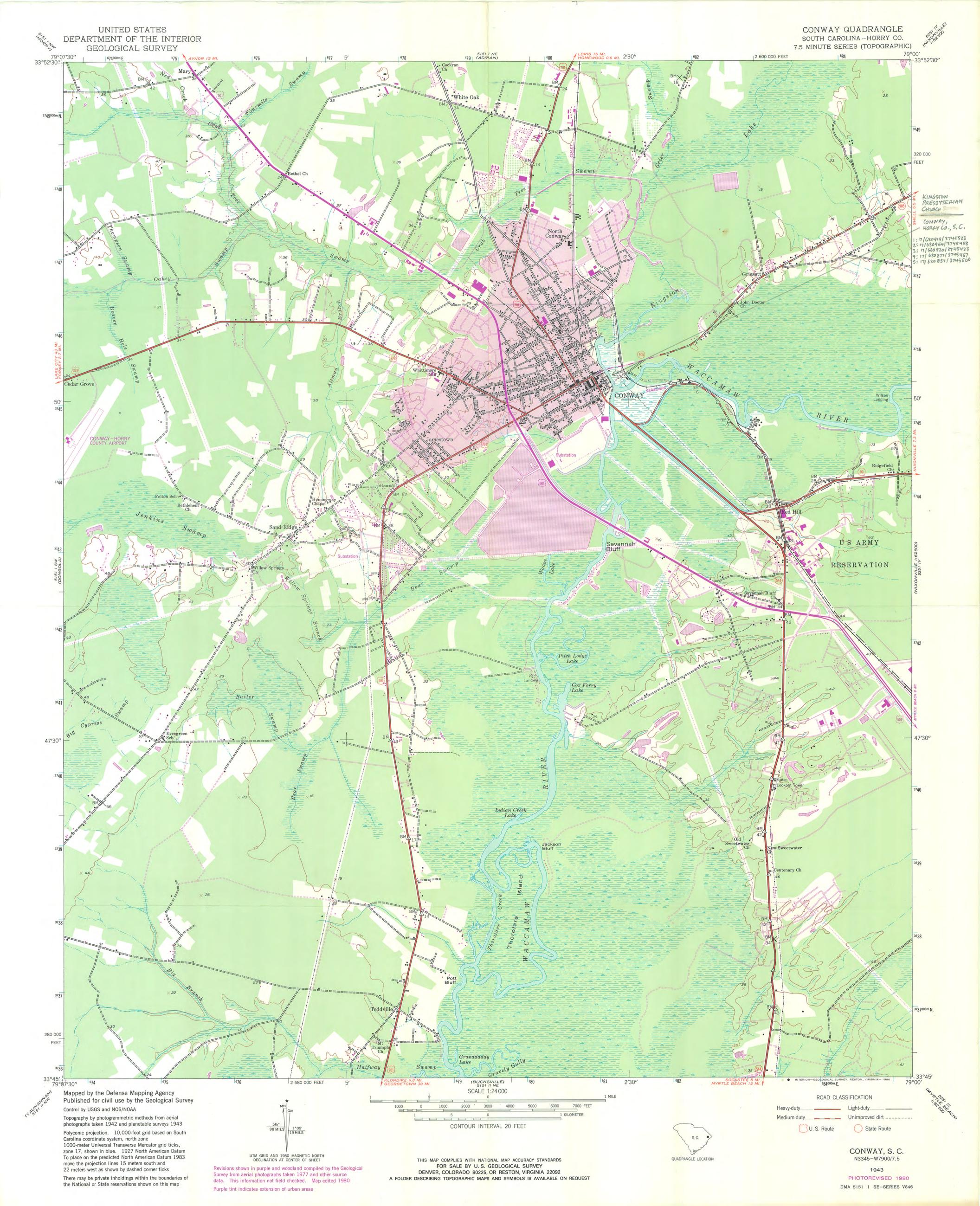
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Thursday, 19 June 2008

Dr. Janet Matthews Keeper, National Register of Historic Places U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service 1201 Eye (I) Street, NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Matthews:

Enclosed is the National Register nomination for the Conway Post Office, and the Kingston Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, both in Horry County, South Carolina, recently approved by the South Carolina State Board of Review.

We are now submitting these nominations for formal listing in the Register.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below, call me at (803) 896-6182, fax me at (803) 896-6167, or e-mail me at power@scdah.state.sc.us. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

J. Tracy Power

Historian and National Register Co-Coordinator

State Historic Preservation Office



Thursday, 20 August 2009

Dr. Janet Matthews Keeper, National Register of Historic Places U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service 1201 Eye (I) Street, NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20005



Dear Dr. Matthews:

Here is the National Register nomination for the Kingston Presbyterian Church, in Conway, Horry County, South Carolina, originally submitted to you on 25 June 2008 and returned to us for poor quality photographs and substantive revisions.

We are enclosing new black and white prints and a CD of color digital photographs for the property, and are now resubmitting this nomination—for the church, excluding Kingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery, previously listed in 1986—for formal listing in the Register.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below, call me at (803) 896-6182, fax me at (803) 896-6167, or e-mail me at power@scdah.state.sc.us. I hope to hear from you soon.

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Subject National Register Return for Kingston Presbyterian Church & Cemetery, Horry Co., S.C.

Dear Lisa,

I'm sorry we didn't get the chance to talk today, so am following up with an e-mail.

I'm making my way through my stack of returned nominations and nominations approved by our Review Board and yet to be submitted to you, and wanted to ask you a question or two about the Kingston Presbyterian Church and Cemetery nomination, which you returned to us on August 5, 2008.

The Kingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery was listed in the National Register on August 5, 1986. At the time, we believed (incorrectly!) that the church had been significantly altered in the period from 1958 to 1986, and did not nominate the church.

As it turns out, the 1930 addition and 1962 steeple were the only major alterations, and they do not compromise the architectural integrity of the church; the 1956 educational building is also worthy of inclusion in the listing.

Our intent on nominating these properties together as a complex was to replace the 1986 nomination of the cemetery with a new revised nomination of the church, educational building, and cemetery. To do so, should we incorporate the language of the 1986 cemetery nomination (one of the first nominations I researched and wrote as a historian in this office, way back when) in the new revised nomination?

We do not have the resources --- and, to be honest, don't feel that it is necessary --- to continually revise the periods of significance for older TR, MRA, and MPS studies and contexts, because it seems simpler and more efficient to nominate properties individually without any regard to connecting them to previous studies, such as the 1986 Historic Resources of Conway MRA.

Any advice you can give us will be greatly appreciated; I hope to hear from you at your convenience.

All the best,

Tracy

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