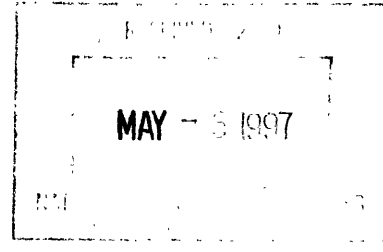


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hartsville Community Center and Hartsville Community Market
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Fifth Street (Center); 106 West College Ave (Market) not for publication
city, town Hartsville vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031 zip code 29550

3. Classification

| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
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| | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <u>2</u> | _____ buildings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | _____ | _____ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | _____ | _____ structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | _____ | _____ objects |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Hartsville, SC, c. 1817-c. 1941
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Mary W. Edmonds 4/30/97
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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Edson H. Boall 6.4.97
 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/Theater

Government/Government Office

Commerce/Specialty Store

Defense/Arms Storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/Auditorium

Commerce/Specialty Store

Government/Government Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Modern Movement/Art Deco

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Not Visible

other Cast Stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hartsville Community Center is located on Fifth Street between College and Home Avenues. The Hartsville Community Market is located at 106 West College Avenue adjacent to the Community Center. Constructed in 1935-36 and designed by Lafaye and Lafaye, this complex is an excellent example of Art Deco architecture in South Carolina. These buildings are representative of Hartsville's historic public facilities.

The Hartsville Community Center is a two-story, rectangular plan building with a flat roof and parapet. The building is clad with running bond, red brick and decorative cast-stone trim. The five-bay symmetrical facade features reeded pilasters with stylized capitals and a central entry bay. The entry bay has cast-stone cladding, pilasters, pedimented parapet with stylized motifs and a streamline marquee. "Hartsville Community Center" is inset in the parapet in an Art Deco lettering style. Display windows are located at the first floor. The second story windows are grouped, industrial steel sash with inset, cast-stone panels of a stylized, Art Deco motif.

The Hartsville Community Market is a two-story, rectangular plan building with a flat roof and parapet. The building has a common bond, red brick cladding and cast-stone trim. Three stepped planes invigorate the five-bay asymmetrical facade. The facade features brick pilasters with stylized cast-stone capitals. The windows are paired and single industrial steel sash. The building has a central primary entrance set within a cast-stone surround. "Community Market" is inset in the surround in an Art Deco lettering style. The glass door is a non-historic replacement. A secondary entry which retains double, wood and glass doors is located in the left bay. It also has a cast-stone surround with the inscription "CO. L 118 - INF".

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1935-36

Significant Dates

1935-36

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Lafaye & Lafaye

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hartsville Community Center complex, consisting of the Hartsville Community Center and Hartsville Community Market, is significant both as an excellent example of Art Deco architecture in the state and for its association with New Deal-era public projects in South Carolina during the 1930s.

The Hartsville Community Center and adjacent Hartsville Community Market were built in 1935-36. They were built with Federal loans from the Public Works Administration, and under the authority of the Hartsville Township. The township, a little-utilized political subdivision, was able to secure a loan after several attempts to fund the project at both the city and county levels of government had failed. The Community Center Building Commission, led by prominent Darlington County businessman A. Lee M. Wiggins (1891-1980), was established in late 1934 and approved plans for two buildings in early 1935.(1)

These buildings, designed by architects Lafaye and Lafaye, of Columbia, and built by contractors Wheatley and Mobley, of Augusta, Georgia, were completed and occupied in the spring of 1936. The Hartsville Community Center, also known as "Building 'A,'" was the larger of the two buildings, and faced Fifth Street; it was described at its opening as "a small city in itself." The first floor housed the town's offices, the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Commissioners of Public Works, a stationery and office supply store, and a soda shop. The centerpiece of the Center, however, was the Center Theater, a \$21,000 auditorium with almost 800 seats and "the last word in theatrical reproducing and projecting equipment." The second floor housed a law office, an assembly hall, and a small library and reading room.(2) The Hartsville Community Market, also known as "Building 'B,'" faced College Avenue. The first floor housed the Hartsville Community Market, the center for the local Home Demonstration program. One local official, at the market's opening, called its work "most typical of the spirit which the new building symbolizes." The second floor housed Company L of the 118th Infantry, Hartsville's company of the South Carolina National Guard which had been formed in 1902, and

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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

Specify repository:

SC Department of Archives & History,
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the broken line labeled "Hartsville Community Center" and "Hartsville Community Market" on the accompanying map, "City of Hartsville," drawn at a scale of 1" = 500'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the community center, community market, and their immediate surroundings.

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11. Form Prepared By

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the Hartsville chapter of the American Red Cross.(3) "The Community Center, the pride of a community of 10,000 alert and progressive citizens, is, to be really a Community Center," claimed an editorial in the Hartsville Messenger in April 1936. "Rural and city folks will rub shoulders quite often when they meet, as they will often, thru the medium of the Assembly Hall and other community conveniences. . . . would it not be commendatory for every loyal Hartsvillian to boost the Community Center?"(4)

The Hartsville Community Center and Hartsville Community Market were designed by the firm of Lafaye and Lafaye, of Columbia. George E. Lafaye (1878-1939), a prominent South Carolina architect of the early twentieth century, was a native of New Orleans and graduated from Jesuit College. He moved to Columbia after 1900 to become chief draughtsman for W.B. Smith Whaley and Company, and designed the Clarendon County Courthouse, in Manning (1908), while he was a partner in the firm of Shand and Lafaye. After practicing alone from 1911 to 1917, he formed Lafaye and Lafaye, with his brother Robert S. Lafaye (1892-1972), in 1917. Their significant public designs include several buildings at the South Carolina State Hospital (1917-1939); the Federal Land Bank (1934); the Wade Hampton State Office Building (1938); and the World War Memorial (1928-39); all in Columbia.(5)

NOTES

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(3) Hartsville Messenger, 5 March 1936; see also 12 March and 23 April 1936.

(4) Hartsville Messenger, 23 April 1936.

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Name of property: Hartsville Community Center and Community Market
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multiple property submission)

Location of property: Hartsville, South Carolina
Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Photographer: Staff, SC Dept. of Archives and History
Date of photograph: May 1990

1. Community Center
Facade
2. Community Market
Facade
3. Community Market
Oblique