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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: H.W. Ambrose House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Dunmeade

LOCATION: 1503 Elm Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Lollice B. Courtney
1503 Elm Street
Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The H.W. Ambrose House, which was built from 1924 to 1926, is a large two-and-one-half-story, cruciform plan, brick residence. A steeply-pitched gable roof encompasses the top one-and-one-half stories and is sheathed in slate.

The facade is composed of four blocks. The one-and-one-half-story central block is flanked on the left by a smaller one-story block and on the right by a larger two-and-one-half story block. A two-story, gable-front bay projects from the central section. The one-story block features a pair of French doors with sidelights. The one-and-one-half-story section has three bays. The first story is AAB, where A = a single six-over-six, double-hung sash window, with louvered shutters, which have a candlestick silhouette motif in the top panel, and B = a single-leaf entrance door with a semi-circular blind light over the door, recessed behind a round-headed arched opening. Two narrow rectangular four-over-four windows flank the entranceway. Three gabled dormers are also on this section, two of which have six-over-six, double-hung sash windows while the third has stained glass. Immediately to the right of this block is the two-story projecting, gabled bay of the third section. This bay features a tripartite window with two four-over-four windows flanking a six-over-six window. Louvered shutters with the candle-

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stick silhouette motif are featured at all windows in the bay. The second story has two six-over-six windows and a circular vent in the gable. The block to the right of the projecting bay is two-and-one-half stories and has two bays. The first story has one single six-over-six window and one tripartite window identical to the tripartite window in the two-story projecting bay. Both windows have shutters identical to the other bays. Two ranks of two dormers each are at the roof of this block, with six-over-six sash windows (the uppermost dormers are smaller than the lower dormers). There is an arcaded porch with a dormer in the gabled roof to the right of this block. Other elevations feature casement windows; a projecting pavilion with porte-cochere; four large brick chimneys; and boxed cornices.

A contributing one-and-one-half story, three-bay garage and pool house, built in the same style as the main house, is included in the nominated property. Three double-door segmental-arched car bays are at the first story. Two dormers with six-over-six windows are on the front slope of the side gable roof. A noncontributing in-ground swimming pool is adjacent to this building.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Local History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The H.W. Ambrose House is significant as a fine example of a house-type reminiscent of an architectural style popular in Canada, and one very rare in the Southeast and for its association with Henry Ambrose.

Henry William Ambrose came to Conway from Wilmington, North Carolina in 1906 to become general manager of the Conway Lumber Company. The company was founded by Arthur M. Burroughs, whose house is included in the nomination for the Conway Multiple Resource Area (see individual inventory form). The Conway Lumber Company was one of the largest lumber mills in this part of South Carolina and shipped some 140 railroad car-loads of lumber a month in the boom years of the 1920s. Ambrose served as manager of this mill until his death in 1937.(1) He had this house built in an adaptation of the English manor style for his wife, Maude Law Ambrose. She was a native of Toronto, Canada, and wanted her new house to remind her of the architectural styles of that area.(2)

ACREAGE: 2.1 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 123-13, section 8, parcel 14, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/679600/3746640

NOTES

1) Elizabeth Ambrose Jones, "The Conway Lumber Co.," in The Independent Republic of Horry 1670-1970: Items From the Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society, 1970), pp. 45-47; The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society), 4:3 (July 1970):47.