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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM



SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Meng House, also The Hill House <sup>EDS</sup>

AND/OR COMMON

Clough-Wallace House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

117 Academy Street

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Union

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Union

CODE

087

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ruth A. Chalk

STREET & NUMBER

111 Wallace Court

CITY, TOWN

Union

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Union County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Union

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973

--- FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED (minor)

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: The Meng House, built ca. 1832, is two-story frame Greek revival structure. The exterior facades are typically Greek Revival in scale and proportion. The south or principal front is divided into five bays in an "AABAA" pattern, the dominant feature of which is a two-story Doric portico. Four stucco-over-brick columns support a Doric entablature composed of a well defined triglyph, metope, and guttae motif. Crowning the composition is a triangular pediment with a central 6/6 sash window flanked by sidelights and transom.

A simple balustrade with plain balusters and handrail adjoins the columns on the first floor. Square pedestals approximately three feet on a side support the columns of both porticos. The absence of formal bases is typical of the Greek Doric order. Brick foundation walls and steps between the piers were constructed ca. 1930.

The windows are double-hung with six lights per sash. The original louvered shutters have been removed for painting purposes. The central doorway displays eight panels and is flanked by sidelights and transom.

The west facade is similar to the south in that it is dominated by a matching 2-story Doric portico. However, the window and door arrangement is broken into an "ABA" pattern with a door on either end of the veranda.

The east facade is similar to the west except for the absence of the portico. Four windows on both floors are crowned by the roof gable which duplicates the pediments of the south and west facades. The only exterior addition is attached to the north facade. Two stories in height, the wing houses the kitchen with bathrooms above.

A standing-seam terne roof covers the house and, like other exterior surfaces, is well maintained. Chimneys with corbeled caps flank either side of the south portico.

Interior: The Meng House features a floor plan typical of this style: two rooms on either side of a central hall on both floors.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meng House, significant as an excellent example of Greek revival architecture, is also recognized as a landmark in the town of Union.

The date of construction has traditionally been accepted as 1832, and local historians credit Zachariah Herndon as the builder and first owner of the structure. Four generations of the Meng family have since occupied this house.

The Meng House is an example of Greek revival architecture. Among its more prominent features are the Doric porticos on the south and west facades and the tripartite windows in the center of each gable. The Meng House is one of the last well-preserved structures of this architectural style and era remaining in Union.

In a statement submitted by officials of the City of Union, the importance of this structure to the community was emphasized:

"The conservation of this excellently preserved example of Greek revival architecture becomes more imperative when consideration is given to the number of such homes that have been eliminated in the past few years in the Union area, either through deterioration and lack of maintenance or to make way for 'progress' (?)." <sup>1</sup>

At present there are plans to purchase the Meng House and adapt it for use as a Senior Citizens Center for the city and county residents.

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Statement submitted by Donald J. Klinger, Project Coordinator, City of Union, January 20, 1976.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Latitude: 34° 43' 08"

Longitude: 81° 37' 24"

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bordered on the east by Wallace Court and on the west by right of way of Southern Railway.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Ann Eaddy, Steve Smith, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

(Donald Klinger-City of Union)

DATE

April 8, 1976

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

STATE

South Carolina

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Charles E. Lee*  
DATE 4-19-76

TITLE Charles E. Lee, State Historic Preservation Office

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

*John P. ...*  
DATE 7/12/76

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6-25-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

RBR for WJM 7/8/76

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"Union of Fifty Years Ago." The Union Daily Times, December 11, 1908.

Information compiled by Miss Fannie Lee Sparks, local historian.