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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 Mack-Belk House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 119 Banks Street

not for publication

city, town Fort Mill

vicinity

state South Carolina code SC county York code 091 zip code 29715

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Properties of Fort Mill

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  
Signature of certifying official

4/21/92  
Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History  
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.  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): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Andrews

6/11/92

for  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)**Domestic: single dwelling

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**Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)**Domestic: single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification**

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

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**Materials (enter categories from instructions)**foundation Brick

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walls Brick

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roof Asphalt

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other Wood

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Mack-Belk House is a two-story brick house with a hip roof. There is a one-story hip-roofed porch across the facade and wrapping around a portion of the east elevation. The porch has chamfered posts and a decorative balustrade. The brick is laid in six-to-one common bond. Brickwork includes segmental and jack arches over windows and doors. The front (north) facade consists of three bays, with paired windows in the center bay. The entrance has sidelights and transom. The windows feature four-over-four lights. The east and west elevations have a window on each floor of the main block of the house. There is a side door with transom on the east end within the porch. A one-story rear wing with gable roof extends to the south. This portion predates the main block of the house and represents an earlier residence which dates to about 1861. Also of brick, this wing has irregular window placement. On the southwest section of the house is a newer addition with enclosed porch. There are two interior chimneys which have corbelled caps. On the original rear wing, there is a square corbelled interior chimney with brick recessed panels on either side.

The house is representative of the Residences property type, and of the subtype Victorian Era Houses. The integrity of the house is from the c. 1890 addition.

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

c.1890 - 1940  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c.1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

The Mack-Belk House consists of a one-story rear section built in the 1860s and a two-story main block built about 1890. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent example of Late Victorian architecture, with a number of architectural influences.

The house has been associated with the Mack and Belk families for about one hundred years. It was occupied by Dr. Edward Mack who was a native of Fort Mill. He was educated at the Fort Mill Academy under his uncle, A. R. Banks, and at Davidson College. He attended Union Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. He later taught for a number of years at the Seminary, located in Richmond, Virginia. After his death, the house was owned by his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mack Belk. Her husband, Thomas Heath Belk, operated a mercantile store on Fort Mill's Main Street, and was part of the Belk family, which was developing a chain of stores. The house was later owned by their daughter, Hattie Belk Potts and her husband, George Potts. It passed out of the Mack-Belk-Potts family in the 1980s.<sup>1</sup>

The Mack-Belk House, in addition to its significance as an example of Late Victorian architecture, represents a period of rapid growth and development in Fort Mill following the founding of the textile industry in 1887. The house is typical of a number of properties which were enlarged during this period of growth. The Late Victorian architecture has some influences of the Italianate style, including paired windows in the central bay, segmental arches which suggest the window crowns of the Italianate style, wide roof overhangs, and hip roof.

FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Interview with B. Bayles Mack, Fort Mill, S.C., 24 September 1990.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See full listing of bibliographical references in the Multiple Property submission, Historic Properties of Fort Mill. The following references pertain to this individual nomination:

Bradford, William R., Jr. Legacy: A History of Unity Presbyterian Church.  
Fort Mill, S. C.: Unity Presbyterian Church, 1988.  
Mack, B. Bayles, Fort Mill, S. C., Interview, 24 September 1990.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

S. C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 1.9 acres

**UTM References**

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1	7
Zone	

5	0	5	9	4	0
Easting					

3	8	7	3	5	8	0
Northing						

C 

Zone	

Easting					

Northing						

B 

Zone	

Easting					

Northing						

D 

Zone	

Easting					

Northing						

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Parcel 20-05-03-15 as shown in the York County tax records, and represented on the accompanying map, drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the entire parcel which has historically been associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name of Property: Mack-Belk House  
Historic Properties of Fort Mill  
multiple property submission

Location of Property: York County

Photographer: Paul M. Gettys

Location of Negatives: Paul M. Gettys Associates, 4180 Cureton  
Ferry Road, Catawba, S. C. 29704

Date: May 1990

1. Facade (S)

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000647

Date Listed: 6/11/92

Mack-Belk House  
Property Name

York SOUTH CAROLINA  
County State

Fort Mill MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for*   
Signature of the Keeper

9/4/92  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

Section No. 8

The period of significance was amended to show only the date of construction, c. 1890, since the significance of the 1940 ending date shown in the original nomination was not demonstrated in the text.

This change was confirmed by phone with the South Carolina SHPO (7/22/92).

**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)