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NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet Item Number Page

Name Historic David Rawl House Location 210 West Main Street
Common Lexington, South Carolina
Classification Building

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Bryan
210 West Main Street
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description The David Rawl House, which was constructed ca. 1854, is a rectangular, one-story, frame cottage with a gable roof and a rear ell. The facade features double pedimented cross gables supported by four wood pillars connected by a balustrade. The house, including the cross gable ends and the pillars, is sheathed in board-and-batten; the roof is covered in standing-seam metal. Original fenestration on the facade consisted of two single doors in the center flanked by six-over-six windows. The left door was converted into a window in the 1950s. The remaining door has multi-paned transom and sidelights above recessed wood panels.

Significance The only board-and-batten dwelling in the town of Lexington, the David Rawl House is one of the nine surviving antebellum houses in town and was owned by David Rawl (1821-1900), whose adjacent carriage, wagon, and harness⁵³ business was one of the few industries operating during the county's antebellum period. Rawl's business employed twenty-one workmen: six woodworkers and two specialty body makers for buggies and carriages; nine blacksmiths and two apprentices; Thomas Wheat, a saddle and harness maker; and R.T. Owens, a painter.⁵⁴ Its construction may date from ca. 1854 when Rawl acquired the property from Noah Hendrix.⁵⁵ According to his descendants, Rawl moved to Coweta County, Georgia in 1840, returned to Lexington in 1850, served in Co. F, 5th Regiment CSA, and removed in 1879 to Batesburg.

Acreage .65

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the appropriate red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map #04321 drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes only the historic building and excludes any adjacent insignificant buildings.

UTM Reference Point 17/477920/3760105

Other Information

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Local
- State
- National