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

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Orangeburg Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Ellis Avenue Historic District

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: Along a portion of Ellis Avenue between Summers Avenue and Wilson
Street

CLASSIFICATION: District

OWNER: Multiple Ownership (see Continuation Sheet)

DESCRIPTION

Ellis Avenue Historic District contains eight buildings, all but one of which, Ellis Avenue School (#10), are residences. The houses were constructed around the turn of the century and are substantial one- and two-story, weather-boarded frame residences with decorative woodwork on the porches and/or in the front-facing gable ends. Ellis Avenue School, a two-story, brick building, was built in 1931. These buildings are set on very large, landscaped lots along a tree-lined portion of Ellis Avenue.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1 (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ellis Avenue Historic District is a significant concentration of basically unaltered turn-of-the-century residences and a 1931 school building. The

houses display a variety of architectural characteristics of the period including wraparound porches (#1, #5, #7, and #9), lozenge windows in the transom (#2), a polygonal bay (#7), and imbricated shingles (#9). Ellis Avenue School is architecturally significant as an example of the collegiate design of James B. Urquhart, prominent South Carolina architect.(1)

ACREAGE: *Approximately 12 acres*

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the Ellis Avenue Historic District is shown as the bold black line on the accompanying map entitled, "Ellis Avenue Historic District." This map was copied from Orangeburg County Tax Map #22 and was drawn at a scale of one inch to 200 feet. The district includes the highest concentration of contributing buildings with the smallest number of noncontributing possible.

QUAD NAME: Orangeburg South

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A. 17/512938/3706430
B. 17/512780/3706080
C. 17/512520/3706200
D. 17/512690/3706520

OTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on these resources is available in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Key resources which establish the character of the district.

1. Corner of Ellis and Summers Avenues: Constructed ca. 1900, this is a two-story, frame residence with synthetic siding and a hipped roof. The facade features a one-story, wraparound porch with plain paired columns and a turned balustrade. A pediment which is supported by triple plain columns sits over the entrance to the porch. The facade is three bays wide with three one-over-one windows on the left; a single door entrance with sidelights and transom with intersecting tracery to the right of that; and double, one-light casement windows on the right. The second story has an oval window with tracery on the right. A hipped-roof dormer pierces the front slope of the roof.

5. 555 Ellis Avenue: A two-story, weatherboarded frame residence with gabled roof, constructed around 1900. The gable end faces the street, is pedimented with a pent roof, and has a three-light, rectangular window with a shelf architrave. A one-story, hipped-roof porch with plain columns and turned balustrade wraps the left elevation and was enclosed on the right. There is narrow beaded paneling and dentil molding in the frieze beneath the porch eaves. The five-bay facade features from left to right two two-over-four, full-length windows, a double-door entrance with a rectangular transom, a two-over-two window, and an enclosed porch portion with two six-over-six windows. The second story has a pedimented bay on the right elevation.

10. Ellis Avenue School: Constructed in 1931 by Lupo and Holcombe, Builders, from a design by prominent South Carolina architect James B. Urquhart. This is a large, two-story, rectangular-plan, brick building with a flat roof. The facade is divided into seven blocks. The central portion of the first story is a concrete panel with wall pilasters and a central, recessed double-door entrance which is flanked on each side by a double window with a shelf architrave. Flanking each side of this central portion are three double windows with concrete panels between the first and second stories. On the first story of each end is a one-story, flat-roofed, arcaded porch with a mortar frieze and cornice, which shelters a double-door entrance with sidelights and transom. The second story has double windows in each block. The school has a water table, plain frieze, a cornice which has a course of dentil molding, and a parapet in the center. The parapet has recessed brick panels with the words, "Ellis Avenue School" in a concrete panel. The parapet is slightly peaked above this block and has decorative console brackets. There is a brick stoop with three sets of stairs leading to the main entrance. The side elevations have one-story, flat-roofed porticos and brickwork with projecting headers forming a regular diapering pattern. All original windows in the building have been replaced by modern aluminum ones.

Other resources which contribute to the character of the district:

2. 521 Ellis Avenue: turn-of-the-century residence.
3. 531 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1900 residence.
7. 587 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1890 residence.

8. Between 587 and 637 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1900 residence.
9. 637 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1895 residence.

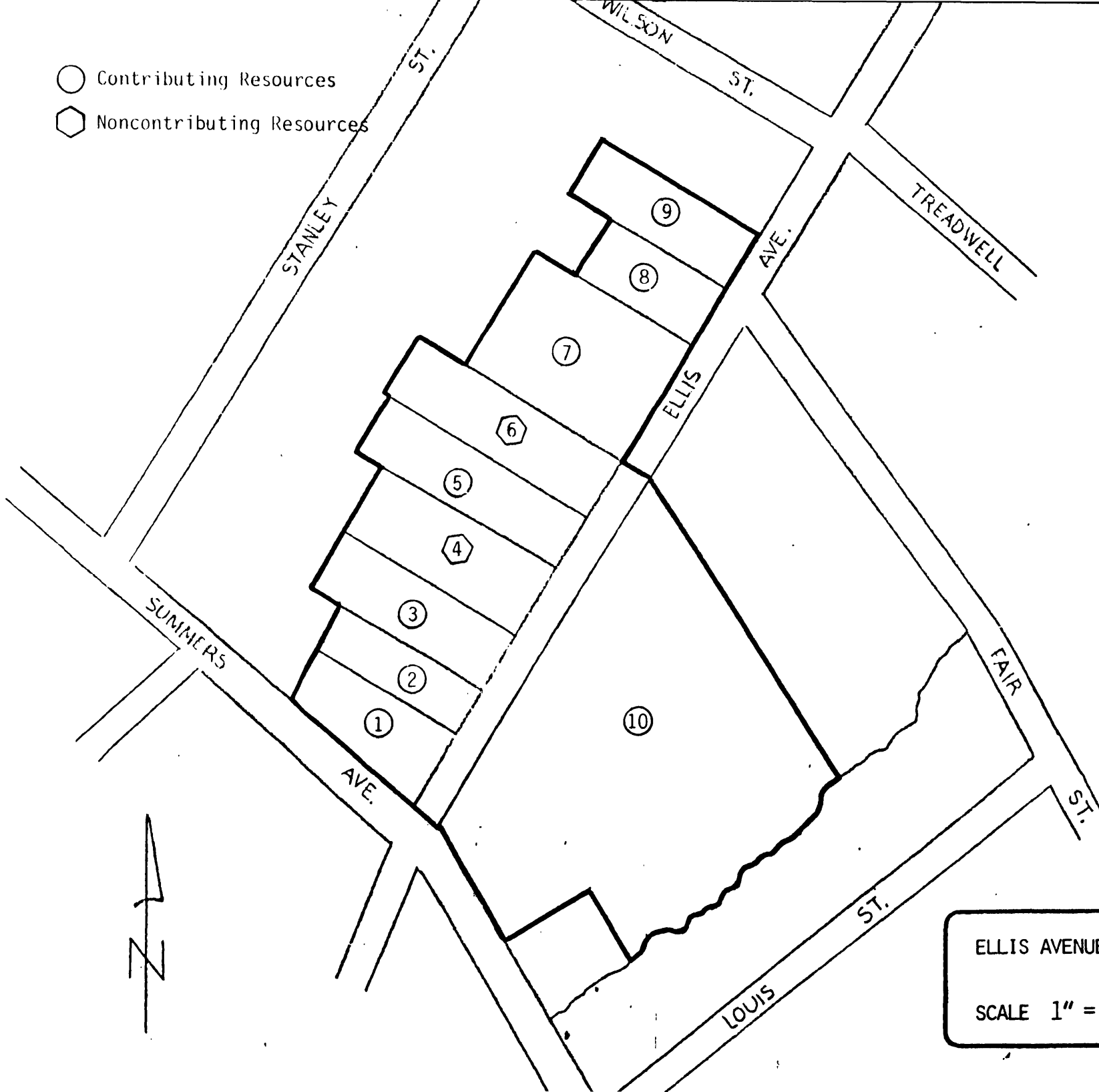
Resources which do not contribute to the character of the district:

4. 543 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1940 residence with alterations.
6. 567 Ellis Avenue: ca. 1900 residence, with modern wooden siding, a replacement front porch with wooden beam supports, and the probable addition of the second level.

FOOTNOTES

(1) Manufacturers Record, 27 November 1930; commemorative plaque in Ellis Avenue School.

- Contributing Resources
- ⬡ Noncontributing Resources



ELLIS AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
SCALE 1" = 200'