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National Park Service**

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

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Burroughs Graded School

and or common Burroughs School (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 801 Main Street NA not for publication

city, town Conway NA vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county Horry code 051

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Horry County

street & number Third Avenue, Horry County Courthouse

city, town Conway NA vicinity of state South Carolina 29526

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Horry County Courthouse

street & number Third Avenue

city, town Conway state South Carolina 29526

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Burroughs School complex is located on Main Street in Conway, South Carolina. The two-story, brick school and auditorium, exhibiting influences of the neoclassical and Georgian revival styles respectively, were constructed in three phases between 1905 and 1923. Henry Emil Bonitz designed the original school in 1905, the five-bay southeast wing was added ca. 1915, and the auditorium on the northwest end of the original building was built in 1923 from the design of Charles Coker Wilson. These major additions to the original building were for the continued functional use of the complex as a school. The Burroughs School maintains its integrity as an early twentieth century educational facility. Subsequent additions to the south and southwest of the main building have not significantly affected the integrity of the complex.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Burroughs School building is composed of three sections built between 1905 and 1923. The original portion is a two-story, brick building with elements of the Georgian revival style. The brickwork is common bond. The facade (northeast elevation) of this section has three main portions of eleven bays. The three-bay central portion is recessed behind the other two and features a one-story, hip roof porch supported by six Ionic columns with Scamozzi capitals. Recessed behind a round arch of stone with key and shoulder stones are double wood and glass doors with a round-arched transom. Narrow beaded board sheathes the recessed "air lock" area. On either side of the doorway is a single one-over-one double-hung sash window with lug sill, molded concrete keystone, and radiating voussoir architrave. The second story of the central portion has a central, triple eight-over-eight light window with lintel and lug sill flanked by single eight-over-eight light windows. A pedimented gable-roofed dormer projecting from the central roof slope has two one-over-one light windows with lattice muntins in the upper sash. Flanking the central portion of the 1905 building are hipped roof sections featuring a watertable and four two-over-two light windows with radiating voussoirs, keystone architrave, and lug sills on each story.

The northwest elevation of the 1905 building was partially blocked by a two-story brick concourse and stairhall joining the original building with the new auditorium in 1923. A hip-roofed dormer, matching the one on the facade and southeast elevation, and one of the original chimneys are found on this elevation. Window treatment is similar to the facade. Two original windows have been bricked up. The southwest elevation (rear) of the 1905 building has a projecting central portion with four round-arched windows on the second story. All other windows on the southwest elevation are identical to those on the facade.

A two-story, hipped-roof classroom wing was added to the southeast end of the original building ca. 1915. The brickwork, watertable, and window treatment match the 1905 building. There is a hip roof dormer on the south elevation that matches the dormer on the facade.

In 1923 an auditorium and four classrooms designed by Charles Coker Wilson were added to the complex. Located on the northwest end of the original building and facing northeast onto Main Street, the auditorium is connected to the main school by a recessed two-story brick concourse and stairwell. The two-story auditorium rests on a raised brick foundation and exhibits elements of the neoclassical style; these include a projecting central pavilion with a pedimented gable, two-story brick pilasters, and a slate-covered hip roof. The facade is composed of three entrance bays in the central pavilion. The double-paneled, recessed doors and transoms are distinguished by three segmental arches with limestone headers and

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				<input type="checkbox"/> local history
Specific dates	ca. 1905–1923	Builder/Architect	Architect: Henry Emil Bonitz Builder: E.H. Leslie Auditorium Architect: Charles Coker Wilson	
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)				

Burroughs School, located in Conway, South Carolina, was constructed in three phases between 1905 and 1923. Architects who worked on the building during this period included Henry Emil Bonitz and Charles Coker Wilson. The two-story, brick building, which reveals the influences of the Georgian revival and neoclassical styles, is the oldest remaining public school building in Horry County. The earliest portion of the building, constructed in 1905, was designed by Henry E. Bonitz. About 1915 a classroom wing was added to the building and in 1923 an auditorium with neoclassical motifs, designed by Charles Coker Wilson, was added to the complex. The Burroughs School is significant in the early history of education in Horry County. In addition, the school served as a community center and remains a local landmark in Conway.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In 1905, Wilmington, North Carolina, architect Henry Emil Bonitz designed the central portion of the Burroughs School. It was constructed at a cost of \$15,000 and used as an elementary school.¹ As the community grew and educational needs increased, the school expanded. In 1908, high school students were moved to Burroughs. Shortly after, ca. 1915, a two-story classroom wing was constructed on the southeast end of the main building. In 1917, eleventh grade curriculum was added to the school. In 1921 the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic League supported a \$60,000 bond drive to build an auditorium and classrooms and remodel the existing auditorium into classrooms. Project architect was Charles Coker Wilson of Columbia.²

Burroughs School has always been significant to the people of Conway and Horry County as a center of community activity. The buildings, grounds, and auditorium were in high demand for recitals, concerts, debates, spelling bees, chautauquas, fund raisers, a tonsil clinic, and church services.³

The Burroughs School complex served the people of Conway and Horry County until 1979–80 when the building was vacated. Plans are being considered to adaptively use the complex as county offices.

Henry E. Bonitz, architect of the original school, is known to have designed four other buildings in South Carolina, including a Baptist Church in Conway. The Burroughs School, though altered, is the only extant example of Bonitz's work in the state.⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx. $\frac{+}{-}$ 3

Quadrangle name Conway Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	7	6	8	0	2	5	8	3	7	4	6	1	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification The Burroughs Graded School is situated on +3 acres of land and is bounded as follows: east, 462 ft. on Main Street; south, 350 ft.; west, 405 ft. along Laurel Street; and north, 330 ft. along 9th Avenue. The boundaries for the Burroughs (see continuation sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county NA code

state NA code county NA code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cynthia D. Cole, Chairman, Burroughs School Committee

organization Burroughs School Committee
Horry County Council

date March 31, 1984

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city or town Myrtle Beach

state South Carolina 29577

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

title Charles E. Lee
State Historic Preservation Officer

6/20/84 date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William S. Byers
Keeper of the National Register

date 8-2-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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FOOTNOTES

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Dr. E. Norton, "Conwayboro Academy to Burroughs Graded School From 1856 to 1910," n.d. (Typewritten.); Project files, "Architects and Builders in North Carolina," Raleigh, North Carolina.

2

Interview with Mrs. Dena McGinn, Conway, South Carolina, 19 March 1984; Interview with Miss Evelyn Snider, Conway, South Carolina, 19 March 1984; Catherine H. Lewis, "Landmarks in the History of Education in Horry County" (Typewritten), Conway, South Carolina, October 1972; The Horry Herald (Conway, South Carolina), 28 July 1921, p. 1; Manufacturer's Record, 18 May 1922, p. 90.

3

Interview with Mrs. Dena McGinn.

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nomination were drawn to follow the original property lines and to include the property now owned by Horry County. See attached Horry County Tax Map number 137-2 and attached plat map.

