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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)

Classical Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood: weatherboardroof Stone: slate; Asphaltother 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Mills House is an impressive Classical Revival house built in 1906. The facade is dominated by a central lower porch topped by an upper tier and flanked by side porches connected by decking. All porches have Doric columns and balustrade with turned balusters. The side porches have three equally-spaced columns, while the central tiers have columns clustered in groups of three. The second story porch has a pedimented gable, while the first floor porches have hip roofs. The roof of the house is hipped, has a north-facing gable, and is capped by a balustraded deck. The roof is slate. There is a modillioned cornice. Within the north-facing gable and the porch gable are circular vent windows with keystones. The windows of the house contain one-over-one lights. There are triple-window canted bay extensions under the north side of the porch and on the south facade to the rear of the porch. The bay extension on the south is two-story and is capped by a balustraded deck. The front (east) facade has three bays. There are two interior corbelled chimneys. The front door features an oval central window and elaborate door surround with marbled glass sidelights, wood panels, and molding. The upper tier has a doorway with sidelights, arched fanlight with keystone, and wood panels.

The house is within the Residences property type and the subtype of Classical Revival houses. It represents perhaps the best example of this style in Fort Mill.

The house maintains its integrity, with only a few modifications. There is a modern addition to the rear with a hip roof and a porch with shed roof. These additions, made in the 1960s and 1970s, are not evident from the front and have little impact on the integrity of the design. The front yard is enclosed by a fence with brick columns and wrought-iron fencing. To the rear of the property is a modern garage.

**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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1906 - c.1925

1906

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 Mills House was constructed in 1906 as part of the expansion of Fort Mill's residential areas during a period of prosperity and growth resulting from the development of the textile industry. The house is significant as an excellent example of the Classical Revival style.

The first owner was John Barron Mills, Sr., a successful and prominent businessman in Fort Mill. He was the first manager of the "Company Store" of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Company.<sup>1</sup> He later became an independent businessman, operating Mills & Young, a dry goods and clothing store.<sup>2</sup> Mills served in a number of capacities as a leader of the business community in Fort Mill. After Mills' death, the house passed into the related Mack family, and has remained as the property of the Macks. It is often referred to as the Mack House.

The house meets Criterion C because it is an excellent example of the Classical Revival style. The quality of the architectural detailing and the scale of the house make it perhaps the strongest statement of this style in Fort Mill.

FOOTNOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Louise Pettus, The Springs Story: Our First Hundred Years. (Fort Mill, S.C.: Springs Industries, Inc., 1987), p. 40.

<sup>2</sup>Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 11 December 1914.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 11 December 1914.

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

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**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 less than 1 acre

**UTM References**

A 17 505160 3873560  
 Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

D         

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Parcel 20-06-08-07 as listed in the York County tax records, and is represented on the accompanying map, drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the entire city lot which historically been associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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property submission

Location of Property: York County, South Carolina

Photographer: Paul M. Gettys

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

Date: May 1990

1. Facade and left elevation (SW)

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000645

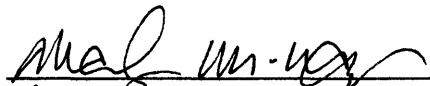
Date Listed: 6/11/92

Mills 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

6/4/92  
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. 1906, since the significance of the 1925 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)