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1 NAME

HISTORIC

The William J. Cayce House

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2 LOCATION STREET & NUMBER 517 Holland Avenue -NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITY, TOWN 1 ... Cayce 2nd VICINITY OF COUNTY CODE STATE CODE South Carolina 29033 063 Lexington CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY OWNERSHIP **STATUS PRESENT USE** DISTRICT PUBLIC ___MUSEUM ___AGRICULTURE X BUILDING(S) **X**PRIVATE X UNOCCUPIED ___COMMERCIAL ___PARK ___STRUCTURE BOTHWORK IN PROGRESS _EDUCATIONAL **X**PRIVATE RESIDENCE ___SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS ___OBJECT X YES: RESTRICTED XIN PROCESSGOVERNMENT __SCIENTIFIC BEING CONSIDERED ___YES: UNRESTRICTED _INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION NO __MILITARY -OTHER: **OWNER OF PROPERTY** NAME Mrs. J. P. Carr (Carrie Cayce) STREET & NUMBER 401 Clark Street CITY, TOWN STATE Cayce VICINITY OF South Carolina 29033 **5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** will book F, pp. 273, 587 COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Lexington (S.C.) County Courthouse office of the Judge of Probate STREET & NUMBER Main Street CITY, TOWN STATE Lexinaton South Caroling 29072 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE Inventory of Historic Places In South Carolina DATE __FEDERAL XSTATE __COUNTY __LOCAL 1973 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS S.C. Department of Archives and History CITY, TOWN STATE Columbia, S.C. 29211 1430 Senate St.

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A vernacular classical revival house. Wood frame weatherboarded of two stories with a typical central hallway (10'x34' on the first floor) flanked by six rooms. Plain stairs ascend to the second floor along the left wall of the hallway. Rooms across the rear are a 9'x12' kitchen with a 6'x6' pantry and a 12'x 12' back bedroom with a hall and bathroom between.

Exterior: and other and other at its	Design is Classical Revival of the period with 8' Doric wood columns across the entire front porch with a one room return beneath a hipped roof along the east side. The upstairs center porch has 4 smaller columns with a pediment. Wooden front steps lead to the 10' deep lower porch floored with narrow boards. The porch ceiling is 3" edge beaded boards. Front door is early 20th Century period paneled and surrounded by vertical sidelites above side panels. Door and window surrounds are plain, rectangular, flat boards. House rests on low brick pier foundations with remains around the porch of a pierced brick curtain wall. Windows on both floors are double hung, two over two vertical lites. Two main exposed brick chimneys of common bond. Side garden has vestiges of original
	specimen plants and trees. Floors throughout are typical narrow, tongue and groove pine. All molding and trim appear to be pine. Primary doors are four panel, Bible and Cross, with secondary doors, five panels. Door fittings are typical pressed steel of the period. All rooms of the first floor have 10' ceilings with plastered walls and picture rail moldings. Two front rooms (formal parlor and dining room) have period ornamental mantels abave coal burning fireplaces having integral cast iron surrounds and grates. First floor back rooms have simple, plain mantels, as do

the upstairs four bedrooms, which have coal burning fireplaces also and 8' ceilings. All interior closets are sheathed with edge and center beaded boards.

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1917 SPECIFIC DATES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Not of itself highly architecturally distinguished, the house is important nonetheless in its unquestioned historical significance to the community as one of the first residences constructed in the city and one of the last such dwellings remaining. Built in 1917 by merchant William J. Cayce (1864 - 1948), founder of the town, the house distinctly represents a vanishing individualistic design typical of the life style of the emerging prosperous merchant of the period. The house further provides an identifying and recognized landmark for the community of some 10,000 persons. Having experienced phenomenal growth and development during the past 20 years, the community has retained little of its original historical identity since it began after the turn of the century as an outgrowth of William J. Cayce's railside store, first called "Cayce's Siding," which later was replaced by a larger general merchandise establishment offering groceries, seed and fertilizer to local farmers. Plans to preserve the house as a community civic, social, and cultural center in a living memorial to this first merchant and to other city founders is an appropriate and purposeful usage of this historic structure. There is little or no desecration of original designs and the condition of the building and grounds are fairly good, presenting no great problems to restoration. Restoration of this property is of extreme importance to the neighborhood as a much needed focal point for revitalization and aesthetic rejuvenation.

> Nancy F. Wingard, CMRPC Historic **Preservation Planner**

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Cayce, S.C. Chambers, Gladys North Copyright 1968. Undated. Volume privately printed. p. 28 describes William J. Cayce as founder of town. It was first called "Cayce's Siding", then "Cayce's Crossing" and incorporated as the Town of Cayce September 17, 1914.



Lying and being on the south side of Holland Avenue between First Street and State Street, in the Town of Cayce, in the County of Lexington, South Carolina; said lot fronting on Holland Avenue 90 feet and running back therefrom in parallel lines 100 feet and being bounded on the north by Holland Avenue, on the east by property of J.H. Royal, on the south by property of Forrest K. Abbott and on the west by First Street.

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ORGANIZATION Central Midlands Regional Planning Council			January 28, 1975	
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