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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *****
Hartsville Passenger Station
AND/OR COMMON
Hartsville Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
114 South Fourth Street
CITY, TOWN
Hartsville
STATE
South Carolina
VICINITY OF
CODE
045
COUNTY
Darlington
CODE
031
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
#6
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED (exterior)	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company
STREET & NUMBER
500 Water Street
CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville
VICINITY OF
STATE
Florida

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk of Court, County Court House
STREET & NUMBER
Public Square
CITY, TOWN
Darlington
STATE
South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina
DATE
1973 (update)
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
CITY, TOWN
Columbia
STATE
South Carolina
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: The Hartsville Passenger Station, constructed in 1908, is a one-story structure typical of early 20th Century railroad design. The slate roof is hipped with a deep overhang which is supported by large wooden brackets. There are three dormers with semicircular louvers on both the front and rear of the structure. There are also three interior chimneys of varying proportions which pierce the roof at its crest. Opening onto the exterior are six single doors and two double doors, all with rectangular transoms. The double doors contain six rectangular panels each; four of the single doors have a single pane of glass in their upper sections. Windows vary in sash configuration and arrangement: 6/1, 4/1, 2/1, and single, double, or triple arrangement.

In 1948 the station became the office for the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. At this time the slate roof was repaired, new gutters and downspouts were installed, and asbestos shingles were placed over the wood siding.

Interior: The original interior of the Passenger Station consisted of a ticket office and two waiting rooms. In 1948 changes were made to the western (left) section of the station to accommodate the office of the Chairman of the Board. Walls were repaneled, new floors and ceilings were constructed, and a modern heating and cooling system was installed. Office space was divided into a reception room, a secretary's office, and a large private office. At present, A.L.M. Wiggins, former Chairman of the Board, continues to occupy the western section of the structure as his office and, under agreement with the railroad, will continue to occupy it during his lifetime. At present the eastern section of the station is unoccupied.

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hartsville's former passenger station, constructed 1908, stands as a visual reminder of the railroad and its role in the growth and development of the town of Hartsville, South Carolina.

In the 1880s, goods were transported by wagon from the county seat of Darlington to Hartsville. Major James Lide Coker, who owned a store in Hartsville, decided that the community needed a railroad to transport these goods. After an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Atlantic Coast Line to build a branch to Hartsville and an unsuccessful cooperative venture with individuals in Darlington to build a line, Major Coker decided to establish a railroad himself. He organized the Hartsville Railroad Company and in 1889 secured an Act of Incorporation from the South Carolina Legislature for a railroad from the community of Floyds to Hartsville. With the help of his family, the cooperation of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad management, and with some assistance from local subscriptions, Major Coker built the Hartsville Railroad. After several years of successful operation, the stockholders sold out to Atlantic Coast Line.

In 1911 Major Coker wrote of the influence of the Hartsville Railroad: "...this little road has revolutionized business in the western portion of Darlington County, and has been the means of building up a considerable town at Hartsville with its varied industries and its present commercial importance."¹

With the coming of the railroad, Hartsville (incorporated in 1891) experienced a period of growth. According to the census of 1890 Hartsville had a population of 342; by 1900 the town had grown to 704 and by 1910 claimed 2,365 people.

In 1908 the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company built a passenger

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J.L. Coker, Hartsville, Its Early Settlers, (Available at Hartsville Library, Hartsville, S.C.), p.34.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 1/2 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 7	5, 18, 51, 6, 0	3, 8, 0, 3, 7, 6, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

East fronting on Fourth Street; West & South by property of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company; North by US Post Office leased property and J. L. Coker and Company parking lot.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

(City of Hartsville)

NAME / TITLE

Mary Ann Eaddy, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

S.C. Department of Archives and History

DATE

April 7, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

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

DATE

April 13, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

Wm. B. Smith

DATE

6/29/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Charles E. Lee

DATE

6-27-76

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station at Hartsville to accommodate growing passenger travel. In 1940, however, with the decline of passenger service, Atlantic Coast Line discontinued this line to Hartsville.

In 1948 A.L.M. Wiggins became Chairman of the Board of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. (Mr. Wiggins, a prominent businessman, also served as Under Secretary of the Treasury and, in an advisory position, as special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury during President Truman's administration). As a condition of acceptance of the position, Wiggins required the company to provide his principle office in Hartsville rather than in New York.

"I established my 'main office' in Hartsville, and at the suggestion of my wife, utilized the former Coast Line passenger station which was being torn down. The building was 'modernized' with new siding, mahogany paneling, and new furniture...Newspapers reported that Wiggins had moved Wall Street to Hartsville." ²

(Portions of the depot were utilized for freight service until 1971--this area is now unoccupied).

Because the railroad has played such a significant role in the development of Hartsville and because the former passenger depot can be easily adapted, the City of Hartsville plans to convert the station into an historical museum. At present negotiations are underway with Seaboard Coast Line (which merged with Atlantic) to purchase the structure.

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A.L.M. Wiggins, Autobiography of A. Lee M. Wiggins (Columbia, S.C.: R.L. Bryan Co., 1969), p. 172.

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