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Name Historic:

East Main Street Historic Location : Along portions of East Main Street,

District

Hursey Drive, and Craig Street

Common

Classification: District

0wner Multiple ownership (see continuation sheet)

Representation in Existing Surveys: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1980.

Description: The East Main Street Historic District contains twenty-two properties representing aspects of the development of the town of Chesterfield from ca. 1798 to 1937. The district, mainly residential, also includes a church, the old Chesterfield Courthouse, the old Chesterfield Jail, the Bank of Chesterfield Building and the post office. The Craig Family Cemetery, containing the graves of several members of one of the founding families of Chesterfield, is included in the district. The district has admitted some middle and later twentieth century development; however, this development has not compromised its historical integrity.

Significance: The East Main Street Historic District includes sites, structures, and buildings significant in the history of Chesterfield, including the ca. 1795-98 residence and the grave of John Craig, a prominent early resident; the site of an early secession meeting; the oldest county government buildings, the ca. 1885 Chesterfield County Courthouse and Chesterfield County Jail; and the Bank of Chesterfield Building, the finest commercial building from the 1900-1930 period of prosperity. The district also contains the residences of several citizens prominent in the early twentieth century, including the Minor James Hough House and the Dr. Lewis Trotti House. It contains some of Chesterfield's finest architectural expression: the John Craig House, a hall-and-parlour farmhouse with excellent Federal style woodwork; the Chesterfield Courthouse (continued on back) Acreage 26

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the East Main Street Historic District is shown as the heavy red line on the accompanying Chesterfield County Tax Maps #'s 190-01 and 189-13, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes the greatest number of key and contributing historical buildings and properties in this part of Chesterfield and the fewest non-historic properties.

UTM Reference Point

- A. 17/584210/3844210
- B. 17/584170/3843720
- C. 17/583782/3843730

D. 17/583600/3843943

Other Information

Continuation of Significance: with its Second Empire cupola; and several vernacular residences with Queen Anne and bungalow influence. The Chesterfield Post Office is a brick building designed by government architect Louis Simon.

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Property Number	<u>Owner</u>	
#36	Thomas B. and Ruth Miller A. Don and Carolyn G. River c/o Miller Rivers Funeral H 318 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	es Iome
#32	Merle E. Bollinger Betty J. Cutchins W. Lafond Eddins Post Office Box 887 Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086	
#29	James I. Redfearn Box 207 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	
#30	Charlie Hunt, Sr. and Eva R Box 22 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	. Hunt
#33	Eloise T. Stephenson 304 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	
#34	Everette Demby 306 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	
#35	Catherine Ward Rivers 316 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	
#27	George K. Craig Heirs c/o Mrs. Moody Nifong Route 9, Box 458 Winston-Salem, N.C.	
#28	Charles R. Jackson and Other Avinjack Development Compar Box 908 Cheraw, S.C. 29520	
#12	Almyra Kirkley 130 Hursey Drive Chesterfield, S.C. 29709	
#13	Ruth D. Watson	

c/o Ruth Liptrott

Chesterfield, S.C. 29709

Box 634

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Property Number	<u>Owner</u>
#16	Charles R. Pusser, Sr. 108 Hursey Drive Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#17	Charles R. Pusser c/o Aiken Speir Florence, S.C. 29501
#18	Charles R. Pusser, Jr. Box 72 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#20	T. R. Pusser 104 Hursey Drive Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#21	Leo E. Hough 409 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#2	County of Chesterfield County Courthouse Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#19	T. R. Pusser 104 Hursey Drive Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#7	Perry Hurst 301 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#8	W. Rembert and Leba D. Jones Box 172 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#9	Lloyd W. Pusser c/o Tulia Pusser Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#10	Caroline G. and Rhonda Purser 2808 Watauga Drive Greensboro, N.C. 27408
#11	Laurin Robert Redfearn, Jr. 214 Wall Street Cheraw, S.C. 29520

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Property Number	<u>Owner</u>
#31	Margaret H. Trotti Box 293 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#14	A. Eugene Gooden 206 Lakeside Drive Dillon, S.C. 29536
#22	Chesterfield County c/o County Courthouse Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#25	Mrs. Marian Craig Nifong Route 9, Box 458 Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107
#24	Walter R. Burr, Jr. 103 Scotch Road Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#23	United States of America c/o Chesterfield Post Office Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#26	J. A. Welsh, Jr. 116 Church Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#6	Chesterfield Baptist Church 207 East Main Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#5	J. A. Welsh, Jr. 116 Church Street Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#4	Sara T. Farmer Box 293 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#3	H. F. Bell Box 189 Chesterfield, S.C. 29709
#1	County of Chesterfield County Courthouse Chesterfield, S.C. 29709

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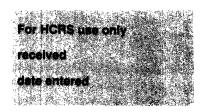
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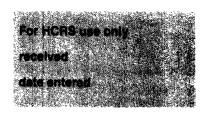
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East Main Street Historic District, Chesterfield

Key properties contributing to the historic character of the district:

- 1. Bank of Chesterfield Building, 110 West Main Street. This two-story brick building was built in 1908 as a bank. The three-bay facade has a central pavilion with a recessed entrance. A pediment shelters the recess, and the entablature from this pediment is carried across the facade to separate the first and second floors. Broad elliptical arches enclose twin windows to either side of the entrance. On the second floor semicircular brick arches with projecting keystones enclose single windows on either side of a central double window, which has the date "1908" and the words "Bank of Chesterfield" beneath its arched head. The parapet is raised above the central pavilion and crowned with a modillioned cornice; a less elaborate cornice is carried around the rest of the building. The Green Street elevation has five regular bays, with double windows on the first floor, and single windows on the second floor, all enclosed by brick arches.
- 2. Chesterfield County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street. This courthouse was built ca. 1884 to replace an earlier building, which reputedly had been burned by Sherman's troops in 1865. The courthouse is a two-story brick building with a cross-gabled metal roof and a tall cupola with a Second Empire mansard roof, recessed behind the facade. The building has offices on either side of a central longitudinal hall on the first floor and a single large courtroom on the second floor. The windows of the building have segmental brick arches. A brick entrance porch was added by the WPA in 1935, and a two-story rear addition was built at the same time. The building was used as the county courthouse until 1978, when the Department of Social Services occupied the building. The courthouse grounds contain a marker erected in 1928 by the seven chapters of the U. D. C. in Chesterfield County to commemorate the "First Secession Meeting."
- 4. John Craig House, 203 East Main Street. This two-and-one-half-story frame residence was built ca. 1795-98 by John Craig. The house has a modified hall-and-parlor plan, with two interior brick chimneys, and a full basement. A one-story porch shelters the south and west elevations. The interior features the original wide board floors and ceilings, the Federal door surrounds and mantels, reeded and honeycombed cornices, wainscoting, and original "H-L" hinges. The original kitchen was detached from the house; it is no longer standing. The house has been altered by the introduction of interior plumbing and electricity and by the application of alumninum siding.
- 22. Chesterfield County Jail, 101 West Main Street. This two-story brick building was built ca. 1884 to serve as a residence for the sheriff and as a incarcerative facility. The building has a T-shaped plan with the sheriff's quarters in the front, facing the courthouse across the street, and the jail cells in the rear wing. The gable-on-hip metal roof features metal acroterions. A one-story porch with a brick entrance bay shelters the facade. The two-over-two windows have

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segmental brick arched heads. Although the building is no longer used as a jail, the iron-barred cells remain intact.

Other properties contributing to the historic character of the district include:

- 6. Chesterfield Baptist Church, East Main Street and Craig Street. This imposing brick edifice was constructed in 1928. A colossal portico with lotus leaf capital columns centers the facade. A smaller pediment shelters the front door. Windows have flat brick arches with contrasting concrete keystones. Concrete window sills and a stone beltcourse contrast with the brick construction.
- 9. 309 East Main Street. This two-story frame house was built ca. 1925 for W. P. Odom. The building has bungalow features, such as deep bracketed eaves with exposed rafter ends and a rambling porch with similar roof eaves, supported by tapered wooden pillars set on brick piers. The house has two interior brick chimneys.
- 11. 321 Hursey Drive. This one-story frame residence was built ca. 1900. The building has a hip roof with metal acroterions; five gabled projections, each with an acroterion, enrich the roofscape. A one-story hip roofed porch wraps around the south and east elevations. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps pierce the roof.
- 12. Residence, Hursey Drive and Campbell Street. This one-story frame residence was built ca. 1920. The house has an L-shaped plan with a metal roofed porch in the crook of the L. Two brick chimneys pierce the roof.
- 13. 128 Hursey Drive. A one-and-one-half-story frame residence, this building was constructed ca. 1905. The house has a hip roof, with two gabled wings extending to the south and east. A porch with wooden pillars set on brick piers shelters the facade.
- 14. Residence, Hursey Drive. This one-and-one-half-story frame building was constructed ca. 1920. Originally a parsonage, it is now a private residence. The house has a "jerkinhead cross-gable roof" centered over the front door and two interior brick chimneys. A one-story porch spans the facade.
- 16. 110 Hursey Drive. Built prior to 1915, for W. A. Douglas, this residence is of frame construction, with asbestos siding and a high hipped roof. A one-story porch with square post supports shelters the facade.
- 18. 106 Hursey Drive. A one-story frame residence, built ca. 1915, for J. Welborn Pusser. The house has an L plan, with a one-story porch in the angle of the L, and an entrance with flanking sidelights. The double-hung windows have four vertical lights in their upper sash, over single lower lights.

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- 19. Open landscaped traffic island, corner of East Main Street and Hursey Drive.
- 20. 104 Hursey Drive. This two-story frame residence was built in 1908 by the owner, Henry W. Pusser, with the assistance of an employee, Lonnie Dormer. The house has a complex roofline, with a one-story porch on the west and south elevations, and a balcony on the second floor recessed between twin polygonal bays. A jerkinhead gable rises behind these bays. A gambrel roofed bay projects on the south elevation. The house is sheathed in weather-board and fishscale shingles. The interior features beaded wainscoting, granite hearths and fireplace surrounds, and a staircase with turned balusters.
- 21. Minor James Hough House, 409 East Main Street. A two-story frame residence, sheathed in weatherboard, built in 1908 by Minor James Hough. The house has two interior chimneys, a gable roof, and a one-story porch. The original porch posts and balustrade have been replaced by brick piers.
- 23. Chesterfield Post Office, East Main Street and Scotch Road. A one-story, T-shaped brick building, designed by Louis Simon, government architect, and built in 1937. The building features brick laid in English bond. Simon designed Federal post offices across the nation.
- 25. Craig Family Cemetery, between Craig Street and Scotch Road, behind the Post Office. This small cemetery includes six marked gravesites. John Craig, builder of the John Craig House, and his wife, Sarah, are buried here. Most of the marked gravesites date from the first half of the nineteenth century. The stonecutters include J. Ritter and N. Haven.
- 29. Dr. Lewis Trotti House, 302 East Main Street. This two-and-one-half-story frame building was built between 1911 and 1913, for Dr. Lewis Trotti. The house has a gabled roof with a cross-gable on the west side and a one-story wraparound porch on the west and north elevations. The building has been altered by the application of vinyl siding.
- 30. 107 Craig Street. A two-story frame building, built 1911-1913, this house features a polygonal turret with a polygonal tent roof on its west elevation. The main body of the house has a gable roof and two brick chimneys. The building is sheathed in weatherboard.
- 32. 111 Craig Street. This one-story frame house was built ca. 1910. The house has a central-hall plan, a gable roof with a central cross-gable above the door, and a one-story hip roofed porch supported by square posts.
- 33. 304 East Main Street. This two-story frame residence was built between 1911-1913. The first story has two polygonal bays at the northwest corner; the second story has a single five-sided bay, projecting over two bays of the first story, with two crowning gables. The house has a one-story porch, a gable roof, and two interior brick chimneys.

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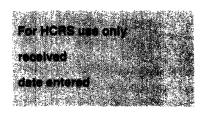
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36. 318 East Main Street. A one-and-one-half-story frame residence, built ca. 1900, with a broad hipped roof covering the house and its front porch. Three cross-gables with imbricated shingles and a gabled dormer pierce the front plane of the roof. The east and west elevations feature polygonal bays with decorative bargeboards.

Noncontributing properties:

- 3. Office building, East Main Street and Green Street. A one-story brick office building of mid-twentieth century construction.
- 5. Garage building, East Main Street. A white painted brick garage building of mid-twentieth century contruction with large garage doors.
- 7. 301 East Main Street. A one-story brick veneer residence with a steep gable roof. The house, built ca. 1935, was enlarged and rebuilt ca. 1960.
- 8. 303 East Main Street. A one-story brick veneer ranch house, with an attached garage. The house is of contemporary construction.
- 10. 311 East Main Street. A two-story frame building with a gable roof, sheathed in asbestos siding. The house appears to date from ca. 1945.
- 15. 112 Hursey Drive. A small frame residence, with a gable end facing the street. The house is sheathed in asbestos siding. The house dates from ca. 1930.
- 17. 108 Hursey Drive. A one-story brick veneer ranch house ca. 1960.
- 24. 103 Scotch Road. A one-story L-shaped frame residence, sheathed in asbestos siding. The building dates from ca. 1940.
- 26. Service Station, 212 East Main Street. A brick and metal frame gasoline dispensary and automotive maintenance establishment.
- 27. Parking lot, with weeds, East Main Street.
- 28. Parking lot, with weeds, East Main Street.
- 31. Residence, Craig Street. Built ca. 1918, this house was originally one-story, with a pyramidal roof. The house was enlarged ca. 1929, and the front plane of the roof was raised to accommodate athree-bay dormer. Two shed roof dormers were added on the sides of the roof. The house has a one-story porch that wraps around the north, west, and south elevations. Two brick chimneys pierce the roof. A one-story gabled wing is on the east elevation. Alterations include new windows and porch posts.

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- 34. 306 East Main Street. A two-story brick veneer residence with one-story wings and a two-story portico. The house, built ca. 1940, was enlarged and given its present form ca. 1960.
- 35. 316 East Main Street. A one-story residence, of frame construction, sheathed in stucco, with two gable ends facing the street. The house dates from ca. 1940.

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CHESTERFIELD

East Main Street Historic District

