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The Walterboro Library Society Building (1820) is a small, white, frame building with gable roof. Double, four-panel doors with entablature design above are flanked by four pane sidelights and green, louvered shutters.

Unusual, semi-circular, louvered fanlight rests on entablature of entrance. Windows on either side of entrance also have entablature design and shutters. Set of five brick, ground steps lead to entrance.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walterboro Library Society Building is significant in the areas of architecture, literature and history. Since 1820, the building has served as a center of literary activity for the Colleton County area and is now adaptively used as headquarters for the Colleton County Historical Society.

In 1821, the society petitioned the General Assembly for incorporation which was granted. The founders were all civic leaders. M. E. Carn, South Carolina's lieutenant-governor 1858-60 and a signer of the Ordinance of Secession, served as society treasurer.

The strong influence of the library society was evident when Walterboro was incorporated in 1826, and the town boundaries fixed as "3/4 of a mile in every direction from the Walterboro Library."

In 1955 when the Walterboro Library Society consolidated with the Colleton County Memorial Library, its volumes were removed, and the building has subsequently served as headquarters for the Colleton County Historical Society.

Architecturally, this small building has much significant detail. Its double door, unusual louver fanlight, sidelights and entablature windows add sophistication to the basically simple, Georgian style.

Structure included in 1938 HABS.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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