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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Lower Richland County Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Hopkins Graded School

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Hopkins Graded School

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Hopkins School

LOCATION: North of the junction of County Roads 37 and 1412 in the Hopkins community

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Mrs. Susan Burns Yelton  
Mizpah Circle  
International Order of the  
King's Daughters and Sons  
Route 1, Box 447-B  
Eastover, S. C. 29044

DESCRIPTION

The Hopkins Graded School is a rambling, one-story, frame building constructed ca. 1897 as a public school. The exterior of the Hopkins Graded School appears to be largely intact.

The school building has an L-shaped, frame core with weatherboard siding and a gable roof. A cross-gabled block is on the east end of the building, and three small cross-gabled entrance vestibules are on the east, south, and west elevations. A small square belfry with a pyramidal roof is located on the roof ridge at the east end of the L, and two brick chimneys pierce the ridge of the north wing of the L.

The building has regular fenestration with six-over-six sash windows. The three entrance vestibules have single doors with rectangular transoms. Shed-roofed porches with simple wooden posts shelter the areas around the vestibules. The gabled roof has purlins and rafter tails extended to carry deep eaves; roofing is modern sheet metal.

## SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
Education

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hopkins Graded School is significant as an intact small, rural, late nineteenth century school, a rapidly disappearing building type. In addition, the school is significant in the history of education in the Hopkins community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

According to local tradition, the Hopkins Graded School was constructed ca. 1897 as a one-teacher school serving the white children of the area.<sup>1</sup> Because of a growing enrollment, before 1914 a new two-story school was built across the road.<sup>2</sup> After that the Hopkins Graded School building was used as a teacherage with the principal and his family being the first occupants.<sup>3</sup>

ACREAGE: 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County tax map # 21615, section 5, parcel 2, with a scale of 1 inch equalling 100 feet. It includes the historic building (school) and all of the acreage in the parcel.

QUAD NAME: Congaree, S. C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/511600/3752030

OTHER INFORMATION:

## FOOTNOTES

(1) Information on Hopkins Graded School furnished by Mrs. J. Carlton McCracken, Hopkins, S. C., July 24, 1985, National Register of Historic Places Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

(2) Ibid.

(3) Ibid.