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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Greenwood Hall; Laura Lander Hall; Willson Hall

and/or common Lander College Old Main Building (preferred)

2. Location

street & number Stanley Avenue at Lander Street NA not for publication

city, town Greenwood NA vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county Greenwood code 047

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name State of South Carolina, c/o Lander College Board of Trustees Chairman

street & number Stanley Avenue

city, town Greenwood NA vicinity of state South Carolina

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Greenwood County Courthouse

street & number Monument Street

city, town Greenwood state South Carolina 29646

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes  no

date 1983 federal  state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Lander College Old Main Building, constructed in 1903-04 with a major addition in 1911, is located on the Lander College campus in Greenwood, South Carolina. The large, brick building contains three distinctive sections which display elements of the Romanesque Revival and Georgian Revival styles. Architect for the two original sections-- Greenwood Hall and Laura Lander Hall-- was Reuben Harrison Hunt of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Thomas W. Cothran of Greenwood designed the 1911 addition-- Willson Hall-- which matches the other sections in scale, materials, and design features, and thus contributes to the character of the building. Alterations such as the enclosure of two porches, rear additions, and interior remodeling have somewhat compromised the building's integrity of design, but the dominant exterior features of the building including the fenestration, the central tower, and the scale of the building itself, allow the historical character of Old Main to be distinguished. In addition, Old Main retains integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Each section of the Old Main Building is three stories and constructed of brick with a brick foundation and water table. The roofs are covered in composition shingles. The boxed cornices feature a dentil course. All windows are two-over-two and have granite sills; first and second story windows have segmentally arched surrounds.

Greenwood Hall is a rectangular, hipped-roof section located on the southeast end of the building. The facade (southwest elevation) is nine bays wide; a four-story, square tower with pressed metal shingle, pyramidal roof with finial comprises the central bay. The double-door main entrance on the first level of the tower is set in a semicircular archivolt, as are the windows on the side elevations of the tower. Single windows with segmentally arched surrounds are located on the second and third levels. The upper level of the tower features segmentally arched narrow openings with keystones, belt courses, corbelled frieze, and corner pilasters. The pilasters extend through the roof and are surmounted by pyramidal roofs with finials. Windows throughout are paired. A brick belt course between the first and second stories encircles the section. The southeast elevation is three bays wide. Doorways have replaced windows in one bay of each story, and a metal fire escape has been installed for safety purposes. The centrally located doorway on the first story is set in an unoriginal, pedimented surround. A hipped-roof dormer with louvered vent and corner pilasters pierces the southeast slope of the roof; a brick chimney projects from the northwest slope. Single story brick and frame ells have been added to the rear (northeast) elevation.

A three-story connector on Greenwood Hall's northwest elevation provides access to Laura Lander Hall, a rectangular block with hipped roof and nine-bay facade. The three central bays of the facade (southwest elevation) are defined by brick pilasters and are surmounted by a pediment. A semicircular window with prominent keystone is located in the tympanum. Each of the five central bays contains two single windows; paired windows are located in the four outer bays. All windows on the first story have arched surrounds. A single story, flat roof porch extends across the five central bays of the facade. The porch, originally supported by Tuscan columns with a balustrade, has been enclosed with shiplap siding. An original balustrade along the porch roof and four brick chimneys with corbelled caps have been removed.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	X architecture	X education	military	social
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration settlement	philosophy	theater
X 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation
		invention		X other (specify) Local History
<b>Specific dates</b>	1903-04, 1911	<b>Builder</b>	<b>Architect</b>	Reuben H. Hunt, Thomas W. Cothran

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Main Building of Lander College is located on the Lander College campus in Greenwood, South Carolina. The large masonry building, composed of three distinct sections, displays an eclectic blending of elements of the Romanesque Revival and Georgian Revival styles. Two of the sections-- Greenwood Hall and Laura Lander Hall-- were built in 1903-04; Willson Hall was added in 1911. Old Main is significant as the earliest Lander College building and for its association with the educational theories proposed by the college's founder and first president, Samuel Lander. Architecturally, Old Main possesses significance as an efficiently designed, early-twentieth-century college building and as an example of the designs of the prominent architect Reuben Harrison Hunt.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lander College was founded in Williamston, South Carolina, on 12 February 1872 as Williamston Female College by the Reverend Samuel Lander, a Methodist minister. The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assumed control of the college in 1898.<sup>1</sup>

As the college prospered, it became necessary to acquire a new and larger physical plant. The city of Greenwood offered land and attractive financial incentives and on 8 January 1903 the decision to relocate was announced. In the same year a tract of land comprising approximately eighteen acres was purchased and the site of the college building was selected.<sup>2</sup> Reuben Harrison Hunt of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was chosen as architect for the college building. Hunt designed a five-part building consisting of a three-story central section with bell tower flanked by three-story wings joined by two-story connectors.<sup>3</sup> Greenwood Hall and Laura Lander Hall were constructed in 1903-1904. General<sup>4</sup> contractor of the building was George W. Buchanan; T. J. Hannon served as brick contractor.

Dr. Lander died two months before the building was completed and his son-in-law, the Reverend John O. Willson, was elected president of the college. The college opened in Greenwood on 27 September 1904 with a first-year enrollment of 178 students.<sup>5</sup> In 1905 the name of the institution was officially changed to Lander College by an act of the South Carolina General Assembly.<sup>6</sup>

In 1911 increased enrollment necessitated the construction of additional dormitory rooms and Willson Hall was built on the northwest end of Laura Lander Hall. A three-story connector attached it<sup>7</sup> to Laura Lander Hall. Architect for Willson Hall was Thomas W. Cothran of Greenwood.

The Old Main Building served as the sole college building until Chipley Hall dormitory was completed in 1925.<sup>8</sup> Lander College admitted its first male student in 1943, and the college is now completely co-educational. When the Methodist Church discontinued support of the institution in 1948, a group of Greenwood citizens formed a non-profit corporation, the Lander Foundation, and leased the college from the church. In 1951, Greenwood County acquired the college from the church, and the institution continued to be controlled and financed by the county government until 1973 when it became part of the state college system.<sup>9</sup>

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approximately 3.5 acres

Quadrangle name Greenwood, SC

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The boundary, of the Lander College Old Main Building nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Greenwood County Property Tax Map No. 98-14, which is drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the Old Main Building and its immediate surroundings, which include trees and a non-historic gazebo

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county NA code

state NA code county NA code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann B. Herd, Director of Community Relations, Lander College  
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date 3 April 1984

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state South Carolina 29648-1366

# 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* 6/20/84

title Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*John C. Blythe, Jr.*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

8-2-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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As originally constructed, a two-story wing containing dining room and music room was attached to the rear of Laura Lander Hall by means of a two-story connector. A single story kitchen ell projected from the rear of this wing. A third story was added to the connector and wing in 1920 and a two-story annex was built on the kitchen's northwest elevation at this time.

R. H. Hunt's plan for the building envisioned a wing identical to Laura Lander Hall on the southeast end of Greenwood Hall, but this was never built. Instead, Willson Hall was attached to the northwest elevation of Laura Lander Hall by means of a three-story connector. A single story, brick arcaded porch located in front of the connector has been enclosed with windows. The Willson Hall facade is located in the pedimented gable end and is three bays wide. A semicircular fanlight is located in the tympanum of the pediment. Windows are two-over-two with arched surrounds on the first and second levels. The single story porch which extends across the facade is supported by Tuscan columns and has been partially enclosed with shiplap siding. A pedimented ell is located on the northern end of the northwest elevation. Willson Hall has a full basement.

Interior: A wide central hall runs the length of each wing of the Old Main Building. Located along each hall are rooms originally used for offices, dormitory rooms, or classrooms. The first story of Greenwood Hall contains C. A. C. Waller Hall, the auditorium. Most of the interior details throughout the building have been obscured or destroyed by renovations over the years, but some door surrounds retain bull's-eye or other decorative corner blocks, and several ornately carved balustrades and newel posts remain at staircases. A spool and spindle frieze is located in the entrance hall of Laura Lander Hall.

Surroundings: The Old Main Building is located in the southeast corner of the Lander College campus. An intensive building program initiated in the 1970s has resulted in the construction of three large, modern, educational facilities to the north of Old Main. The nominated area includes the Old Main Building and its immediate surroundings, including the loop driveway with centrally located fountain in front of Laura Lander Hall, but excluding the modern buildings.

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Architecture: The Old Main Building of Lander College is architecturally significant for its efficient design as a college building and as an example of the work of Chattanooga architect Reuben Harrison Hunt. The large windows allow sunlight and ventilation in every room and the wide hallways provide easy and safe access to the classrooms, offices, and dormitory rooms. The tower of Greenwood Hall serves as a focal point for the building and defines the character of Old Main as a school building. Hunt (1862-1937), whose company was one of the most widely known and prolific architectural firms in the southeast during the early twentieth century, also designed other Greenwood buildings including the Greenwood County Courthouse, the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, and Magnolia School, but only the Old Main Building remains intact.<sup>10</sup>

Education: Williamston Female College, and later Lander College, served as an institution in which Samuel Lander's education innovations could be introduced and practiced. As an admirer of Friedrich Froebel's ideas relating to early childhood education, Lander established the first kindergarten in Williamston as early as 1876 and conducted a class at the college to train teachers in Froebel's method. Lander also introduced the "one-study plan" whereby the school session was divided into seven five-week sessions with one area of study emphasized in each session. Students were promoted based on their proficiency in each subject at the end of each session. Graduation was private and held at the end of each session for those students who met the requirements. Dr. Lander's "premiums" system was also innovative, in that it offered a reduction in tuition fees based on each student's sessional average and therefore encouraged scholastic achievement through financial incentives. Although Dr. Lander died before the college opened in Greenwood, these<sup>11</sup> innovations continued to be practiced throughout the early years of Lander College.

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OLD MAIN BUILDING-BASIC CONFIGURATION

Kitchen-Dining Area/Music Room  
1903-1904

Willson Hall  
1911

Laura Lander Hall  
1903-1904

Greenwood Hall  
1903-1904