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Name: Historic: The Manor Location: 529 N. Main Street

Common: Tisdale House Classification: Building

Owner: W.W. Tisdale
529 N. Main Street
Bishopville, S.C. 29010

Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1981.

Description: The Manor is a two-story brick, Neo-Classical style house completed in 1918. The house is rectangular in form with a gable roof and two interior brick chimneys. On the main (south) facade is a free standing, two-story portico with six wooden Corinthian columns. Above the columns is an entablature with round medallions in the frieze and dentils. On the roof of the portico is a balustrade and decorative railing. On the west facade of the house is a one-story, open porch with fluted Doric columns. On the east facade is a one-story, open porte-cochere which is also supported by fluted Doric columns. The house is five bays wide with the central bay of both floors containing large doorways. The main entrance on the first story has an elaborate surround with paired Doric columns and pilasters. Framing the door are multi-light sidelights and transoms. On the second story the doorway leads to a small balcony with a rectangular spindled railing. Windows in the house are nine-over-one sash with jack arching and stone keystones. Between the first and second story windows on the main facade are stone panels with garland and swag designs. The interior of the house has not been altered and it retains very elaborate plaster work on the walls and ceilings. Details include coffering in the ceiling, dentils, urn and garland designs and other classical motifs. At the rear of the house are two original, one-story brick, hipped roof buildings which serve as a garage and storage area for the main house.

Significance: The Manor is the one of the best examples of early 20th century architecture built in Bishopville. Its Neo-Classical design was the work of architect J.H. Johnson of Sumter. It was begun in 1914 but was not completely finished until 1918 (55). The house was built by Edward Tisdale who was one of Bishopville's leading cotton merchants of the early 20th century. Tisdale was a farmer and businessman who lived in Sumter until the early 1900s (56). He moved to Bishopville during its boom years to take advantage of the growing cotton industry. In addition to owning substantial amounts of farmland, Tisdale also built a brick cotton ginney adjacent to the railroad tracks off Main Street. In 1909 Tisdale built a second ginney on Durant Street (57). Tisdale amassed a sizeable fortune through the cotton industry by 1914 when he began his house on Main Street. The house was under construction for several years until its completion in 1918. In addition to the house, Tisdale also erected a

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two-story brick commercial building at 243-247 N. Main Street in the downtown area ca. 1920. After 1920 Tisdale's fortunes declined along with the rapid decrease in cotton prices. The 1923 Sanborn map of Bishopville shows both of Tisdale's gins but lists them as not in operation. Tisdale lost much of his savings in the 1929 stock market crash but he remained active in the local cotton industry until his death in 1960 (58). The house continues to be occupied by his son, W.W. Tisdale, and it has not been significantly altered.

Acreage: Approximately 1.4 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for The Manor is shown as lot # 03 on accompanying Lee County Tax Map 30-07 which is drawn at the scale of 1' = 100'. The boundary includes all property historically associated with The Manor.

UTM Reference Point: 17/5698 20/37870 40 (Bishopville East Quad).

Other Information: