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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: Laurelwood

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Laurelwood

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Laurelwood

LOCATION: Just off U.S. Hwy. 378/76 near its intersection with  
County Rd. 962, approximately 20 miles east of Columbia

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Miss Margaret McCaskill Campbell  
Route 1, Box 332  
Eastover, S. C. 29044

DESCRIPTION

Laurelwood is a two-story, frame residence believed to have been built ca. 1830. The building has integrity from the antebellum period.

The building is of frame construction with weatherboard siding. The facade (southwest elevation) has five bays, with a two-tier, pedimented porch spanning the three central bays. The porch has paneled piers and a simple balustrade. The first story of the facade has a central entrance with rectangular transom and sidelights, with nine-over-nine sash windows to either side. The second story windows have nine-over-six sash; all windows have louvered shutters.

The side elevations (southeast and northwest) have four bays; the pedimented gable ends have tripartite attic windows. A modern door and stoop are located on the southeast elevation. The rear (northeast) elevation originally had a two-story porch similar to the facade porch. This was removed in the twentieth century, and a one-story, frame addition built in its place.

The building has a typical central-hall, double-pile plan, with interior chimneys. Most of the original woodwork is intact in the house.

Two historic outbuildings are located on the property. A frame smokehouse is to the southeast of the house, while a frame barn is to the northeast. A modern masonry pump house is also on the property.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Laurelwood is significant architecturally as one of the few remaining antebellum plantation houses in lower Richland County. Built in the Greek revival mode with a two-story, pedimented portico featuring panelled piers, this house is said to have been constructed ca. 1830 by James H. Seay, cotton, corn, and rice planter.(1)

James H. Seay, in 1850, owned 2,500 acres with 600 improved acres; however, by 1860, he had apparently divested himself of all but about 425 improved acres.(2) A small portion of Seay's acreage went to the Congaree Baptist Church, which constructed a church known as Good Hope, on the property, near Laurelwood.

At Seay's death, Laurelwood passed to his daughter, Cecelia Nina, who married Rev. Charles Augustus Stiles, minister of Good Hope Baptist Church until ca. 1905.(3) When Rev. Stiles died in 1908, the house became the residence of the Jasper Campbell family, in which it remains.(4)

ACREAGE: Approximately 1.4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County tax map #35200, section 5, parcel 10, with a scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic buildings and their immediate surroundings.

QUAD NAME: Eastover, S. C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/526562/3755585

OTHER INFORMATION: