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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dr. Benjamin Gregg House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

315 South Coit Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Florence

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

South Carolina

VICINITY OF

CODE

045

COUNTY

Florence

CODE

041

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Sam B. Mitchell

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 2051

CITY, TOWN

Florence

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Court for Florence County

STREET & NUMBER

180 Irby Street

CITY, TOWN

Florence

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This fashionable wood frame residence of the early 20th Century is the style of Beaux Arts Classicism. The projecting two-story portico is supported on each side by three Roman Ionic fluted columns of monumental proportion which form the typical "coupled" columns of the style when viewed from either front or side. The portico is topped by a balustraded parapet with sections divided by pedestals in an elaborate fret design. A lower porch extends across the front of the house and is covered by the larger portico. This lower porch wraps around the corners of the house and ties into the porte cochere on the right side. Both lower porch and porte cochere have small unfluted columns matching the larger portico columns, and both are topped by a balustrade of simple square picket design with pedestals above each column. The hipped roof of the main house has a center flat deck with a balustrade matching the lower front porch. The chimneys are not symmetrical, but their caps duplicate those of the balustrade pedestals. All cornices are denticulated in graduated proportion with the columns. Leaded beveled glass is found in the front windows on the lower floor, the sidelights and transom of the entrance, as well as the entrance door.

The rear of the house is also symmetrical and features twin two-story wings separated by a flat-roofed enclosed porch and bathroom section.

INTERIOR: The interior is distinguished by mantels having engaged columns in a classicism which ties through with the exterior. One mantel has cabinets above, glazed with the same beveled and leaded glass as the front windows. The front rooms have marquetry floors with border patterns, and these rooms are connected by pairs of sliding pocket doors.

SURROUNDINGS: Located on what was once a residential street in downtown Florence, the Gregg House is surrounded by other residences of the early 20th Century period which have since been converted to commercial-professional businesses. The yard, however, has remained intact and features a two-story garage apartment, many large trees and shrubs, and a lattice fence.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	Circa 1907	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in a downtown section of Florence, South Carolina, the Dr. Benjamin Gregg House is a notable example of the Beaux Arts style of residential architecture. Constructed circa 1907, the Gregg House was built by Dr. Benjamin Gregg, a prominent physician and pharmacist in Florence.

LOCAL HISTORY: The Gregg House was constructed as a private residence between 1905 and 1908 by Dr. Benjamin Gregg, a leading citizen of the town of Florence. Born in May 1860, Benjamin Gregg was educated at Mercer University, New York University, and the Bellevue Hospital. Upon completion of his education, Gregg set up a medical practice and pharmacy in Florence. Gregg's practice prospered and he eventually was appointed as surgeon for both Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and Seaboard Railroad. Gregg was also a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the local chapter of Masons.

Following the death of Dr. Gregg in 1933, his widow sold the property to Edith McEachern. Mrs. McEachern used the house as a residence until her death in 1973. Her husband continued to reside there until his death in 1975. Although only a portion of the Gregg House is currently being used as an apartment, several local individuals have preliminary plans to purchase the property with the intent of utilizing the entire building for an adaptive use.

ARCHITECTURE: The Gregg House is significant as an excellent example of the Beaux Arts style of residential architecture. The fine detailing in the style of the early 20th Century makes it worthy of preservation and a local landmark in Florence.

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The Gregg House as an example of the Beaux-Arts style in residential design exhibits additional design elements that make it significant to America's turn-of-the-century architectural development.

Combined with the effect of coupled columns, monumental five-part massing, and play of receding planes is a definite classical vocabulary particular to residential design.

The thrust of the World Columbian Exposition's (1893) "Great White" classicism redirected focus of the Arts and the Crafts movement toward design goals that may be vividly termed American Classicism.

The regularity and naive interpretation of Georgian motifs produced in our colonial era proved as fertile a field for eclectic borrowing as the contemporary design principles of the Beaux-Arts. The hipped roof, widow's walk, and overall symmetry combine with paneled pedestals and federal detail to create an allusion of our eighteenth century legacy.

What is synthesized in the Gregg House is a turn-of-the-century domestic approach to classicism. It is the refreshing naive borrowing that is so typically American. The Gregg House combines Beaux-Arts grandeur, with colonial detailing that effectively exemplifies a significant development in our residential architectural heritage.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Florence West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is designated as 315 South Coit Street in the City of Florence, measuring 160 feet on Coit Street and extending back in depth for 200 feet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Julie Burr and Steve Smith
Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

James A. Nelson, Esquire
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Post Office Box 2051
Florence, South Carolina

DATE

South Carolina Department of Archives and History August 2, 1978

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803-758-5816

STATE

Columbia

South Carolina

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

TITLE Charles E. Lee
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 9/15/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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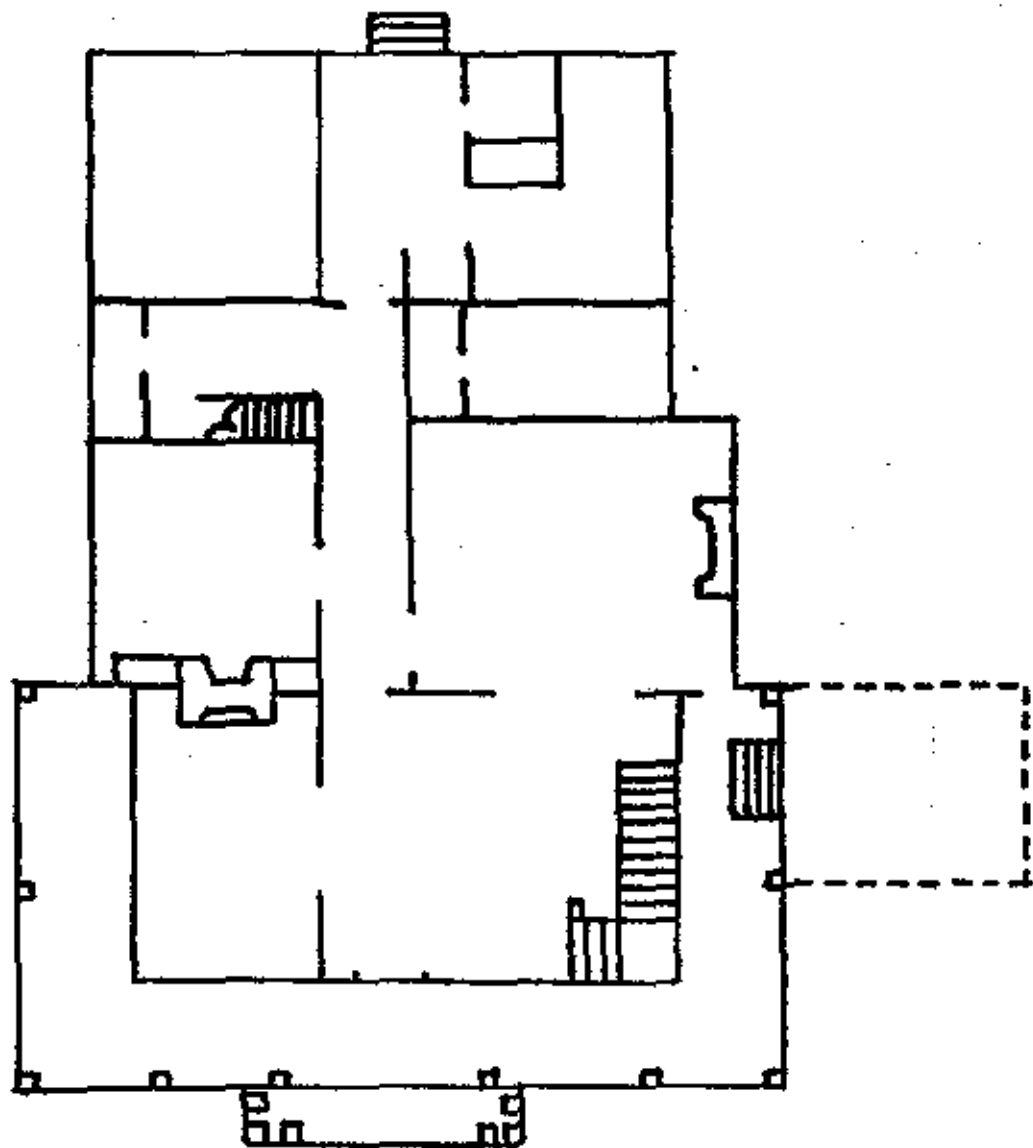
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Gregg House

1st Floor Plan
drawn by
Steve Smith
1978

not to scale

SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE WEST QUADRANGLE
16-MINUTE SERIES

DARLINGTON 4.7 MI
PALMETTO 0.1 MI

3058 IV SE

(Darlington East 1:24,000)

904 906 907 50 909 912 913 79 47 34 20



Dr. Benjamin Gregg House
Florence County, South Carolina

UTM Reference
N/613300 / 3784000

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WINDORA 8.8 MI.

MARS BLUFF BRIDGE 10.8 MI.
JUNC. U.S. NOS. 78-101 13.8 MI.

CLAUSEN 8.5 MI.

LIVERGREEN 7.5 MI.
KINGSTOWN JUNC. STATE NO. 178 28.8 MI.

(Florence Zone)
5000'