

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

received **APR 17 1984**  
date entered

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

**1. Name**

historic Stokes-Mayfield House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 353 Oakland Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Rock Hill N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county York code 091

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" 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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Addie Stokes Mayfield

street & number 353 Oakland Avenue

city, town Rock Hill N/A vicinity of state South Carolina 29730

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. York County Courthouse

street & number South Congress Street

city, town York state South Carolina 29745

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

South Carolina Inventory of  
title Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  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 Stokes-Mayfield House is located in a residential and commercial section which borders Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina. It was designed by architect Julian Starr and constructed in 1907 with A. E. Holler as contractor. The frame house reflects elements of neoclassical design--the most prominent of which is the two-story tetrastyle Corinthian portico on the facade. The interior has seen minor alterations which do not affect the character of the design. The exterior has been sheathed in vinyl siding which simulates the width and contour of the original weatherboard. Two of the original columns were replaced with replicas in 1983.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Stokes-Mayfield House is a two-story, rectangular frame residence with a gabled roof. The original weatherboard is sheathed in vinyl siding. The facade (northeast elevation) is three bays wide with a tetrastyle Corinthian pedimented portico. A central entrance on each story features a transom and sidelights. The house has porches on the northwest and southeast elevations and a small balcony with decorative iron brackets above the front door. The porches and the balcony feature turned balustrades. The southwest elevation contains a small enclosed porch and stairs leading to the second level. Windows are mainly one-over-one. There are two interior chimneys with corbelled caps on each side of the center gable. The cross-gabled roof is covered in slate. Each gable has a fanlight and a raking denticulated cornice.

The interior contains two floors, a half-basement, and a full attic. The building has a central-hall, double pile floor plan. The hall contains two screens, one supported by Ionic columns and the other by pilasters. The main staircase has two landings with the upper landing containing two windows. The attic is fully floored, but unfinished. A 1958 remodeling of the house consisted of converting a large kitchen into a den and the butler's pantry into a kitchen. The house has been sheathed in vinyl siding. Two of the columns were replaced with replicas in 1983.

An unusual feature of the Stokes-Mayfield House is a bell system powered by dry cell batteries, which was used to call servants to different parts of the house. A small clock-like box in the kitchen contains twelve Roman numerals, each indicating a separate room. When a servant was needed in a particular room, a bell would ring and a small hand would point to the number for that particular room.

### Surroundings

The house is situated on Oakland Avenue in a residential and commercial area of Rock Hill, a short distance from the Winthrop College campus.

# 8. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907 Builder/Architect A.E. Holler/Julian Starr

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stokes-Mayfield House is a two-story, frame residence designed by architect Julian Starr and constructed by contractor A. E. Holler in 1907. The house is locally significant for its neoclassical design elements and because it is one of the few houses remaining in Rock Hill which closely represents this design and the era in which it was built. It was constructed for Dr. James Richmond Stokes, a Rock Hill dentist, and his wife, Addie.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Stokes-Mayfield House was built on land sold to Addie Stokes in 1906 by the Rock Hill Land and Town Site Company, which also sold land to the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College (now known as Winthrop College) in Rock Hill.<sup>1</sup> The area on Oakland Avenue around the college contained many prominent houses similar to the Stokes-Mayfield House which reflected the prosperity of its residents and the growth of the town of Rock Hill during the early years of the twentieth century.<sup>2</sup> As the area developed in subsequent years, however, most of these houses were replaced with smaller, more modern houses and business offices.<sup>3</sup> The Stokes-Mayfield House has remained in the same family since its construction.

## Architecture

The Stokes-Mayfield House is representative of the social role of architecture in the early twentieth century, when prominent citizens would define their residences with classical porticos. Fashionable and wealthy men would have such porticos grafted to modest houses as a social statement. Julian S. Starr, the architect of the Stokes-Mayfield House, designed numerous other residences in the Rock Hill area in the early twentieth century, and was known to have a fondness for such porticos.<sup>4</sup> A reconnaissance survey of the city has determined that the Stokes-Mayfield House is the most outstanding such residence remaining in the city.

<sup>1</sup> Book 26, pp. 499-500, Book 40, p. 302, York County Deeds, York County Courthouse, York, South Carolina; Douglas Summers Brown, A City Without Cobwebs: Rock Hill, South Carolina (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1953), p. 221.

<sup>2</sup> The Triad Architectural Associates, "Existing Facilities Study: Winthrop College," Columbia, SC, p. 107.

<sup>3</sup> Case 431, File 13303, York County Wills, York County Courthouse; Book 286, pp. 121-22, York County Deeds, York County Courthouse.

<sup>4</sup> Rosa B. Guess to Addie Stokes Mayfield, 21 February 1980, and William B. White, Jr. to Charles E. Lee, 24 May 1981, National Register Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC.



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stokes-Mayfield House  
York County  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Working No. APR 17 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 5/17/84 - 6/1/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 5-17-84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

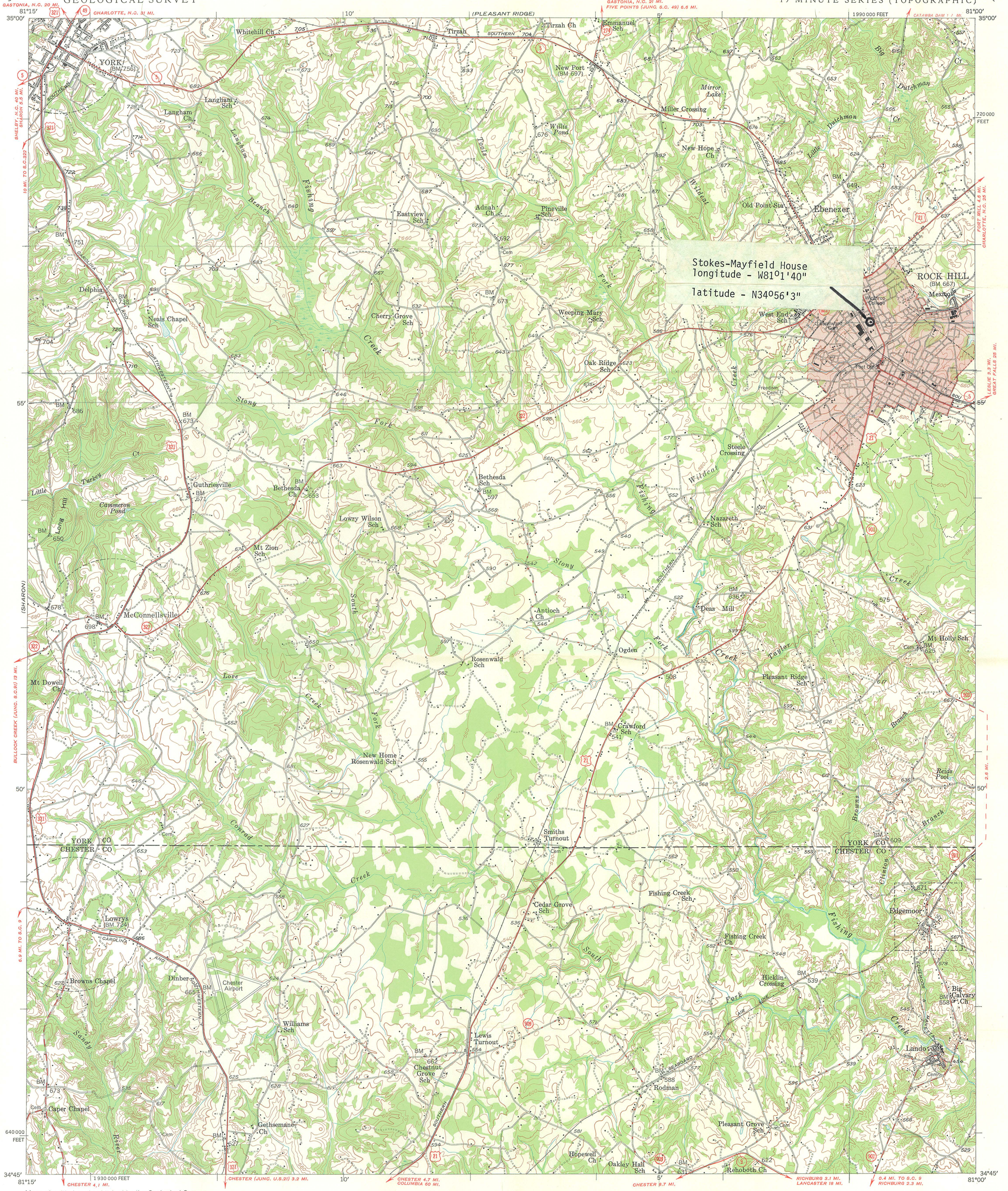
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_











Stokes-Mayfield House  
longitude - W81°01'40"  
latitude - N34°05'13"

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USCGS, and CWA  
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial  
photographs taken 1941  
Topography by plane-table methods, 1945-1947  
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on South Carolina coordinate system,  
north zone.  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS  
Heavy-duty 4 LANE LANE Improved dirt  
Medium-duty 4 LANE LANE Unimproved dirt  
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface  
U. S. Route State Route

ROCK HILL, S. C.  
N3445-W8100/15  
PRINTED 1949

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.



Stokes-Mayfield House  
 York County Tax Map #627-22  
 Scale: 1"=60'

---	COUNTY LINE	---	PROPERTY LINES
---	SCHOOL DISTRICT LINE	⊡	TAX BLOCK NUMBER
---	CORPORATE LIMITS	21	TAX PARCEL NUMBER
(55)	SUBDIVISION NUMBER	"G"	LEGAL BLOCK LETTER OR NUMBER

**YORK  
 COUNTY**

THIS MAP WAS COMPILED FROM AERIAL SURVEY, DEED DESCRIPTIONS  
 AND GROUND CHECK TO BE USED FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY.

DATE	REVISION	BY

SCALE: 1"=60'  
 DATE: 8-21-72  
 MAP 627-22  
 PLAT 401

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MAR 23 1981

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Route #1  
McConnells, S. C.  
March 18, 1981

Mr. Charles Lee  
Historical Preservation Division  
S. C. Department Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669, Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Lee:

I wish to support the nomination of the Mayfield home at 353 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina, for the National Register of Historic Places because I believe it is the type home whose preservation should be assured.

Based on inquiries and research I have done, I find it to be the only example of the Greek Revival Architecture remaining in this vicinity, certainly it is the purest form we are able to find.

The house has been owned and lived in by the same family (three generations) since it was built in 1907. Each generation has taken pride in the beautiful structure and has done much work to preserve its original beauty.

Although a few minor changes had to be made in the interior to adapt to changes in life styles, the intention of the owners has never wavered in any case from "keeping the house as it was originally built". Nothing on the exterior has been changed and it remains an authentic example of Greek Revival Architecture.

The home is a landmark in Rock Hill's history because of the continuous part it has played in the social and civic life of the city. Dr. Stokes, the original builder, was a prominent dentist and civic leader. It was then and is today the scene of many gracious social activities.

Mrs. L. H. Mayfield, Dr. Stokes' daughter, who presently lives in the house is well known for her interest and study in local history and geneology. This fact together with the civic and social prominence of both Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield will make the house continue to be a landmark in the community.

I hope it can be listed on the National Register.

Sincerely yours,

*Rebecca Williamson*

Rebecca Williamson

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MRS. ALICE ANDERSON GILL

227 OAKLAND AVENUE

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY  
ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA 29730

March 19, '81

Mr Charles Lee  
Historical Preservation Div  
S.C. Dept. Archives & History  
Columbia S.C.

My dear Mr Lee! -

I am writing you concerning the 1907 Colonial Stokes House in Rock Hill which has been mentioned for historical preservation. When most of the old houses have gone, it is a joy to see one so beautifully preserved as the Stokes house. Addie Stokes Mayfield and her husband Learner are the present owners - and keep it in excellent repair and as a beauty spot in Rock Hill.

I know that every one  
in Rock Hill will hope that  
this home will be preserved,  
and I want to add my own  
wish to the many others who  
feel the same way.

With best wishes for  
your restoration program,  
I am,

Sincerely,

Alice L. Hill

Mrs H. S. Mayfield  
353 Oakland Ave  
Rock Hill S.C.  
29730

MRS. RODERICK MACDONALD  
325 COLLEGE AVENUE  
ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA 29730

March 19, 1980

Mr. Charles Lee  
Columbia  
South Carolina

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Dear Mr. Lee,

My husband, Dr. Donald Israel  
I would like to request that the  
home of Mr. & Mrs. Earne Mayfield on  
Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill be  
placed on the National Registry. We  
have been living in Rock Hill for  
many years and feel very strongly  
about this.

Mr. Mayfield's father, Dr. Stokes,  
a dentist and his wife Addie Rawlinson  
Stokes built this beautiful spacious  
home in 1911. It is Greek Revival & neo-classic  
architecture. There have been three gen-  
erations of the Stokes family living  
there. Several teachers are growing  
there. This house is, indeed, a  
great place, and we feel that

it as well as the family, ~~becomes~~  
this distinction. <sup>becomes</sup>

Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

Sara B. Mockford

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Dr. Charles Lee

Columbia, S.C.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

My dear Dr. Lee:

I am writing to you about the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mayfield, 353 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, S.C. May I assume that you are in possession of data concerning this lovely house; date, builder, architect etcetc. It is one of the loveliest homes in S.C. bar none and worthy to be among those chosen for its inclusion. Mrs. Mayfield thru her mother, Mrs. Dr. Stokes is a direct descendant of the Rawlingson family which has held over the years property under a colonial grant. The house itself is undoubtedly one of the best examples of Greek-Revival period and deserves the excellent treatment it has had over the years and to-day! It is quite a focal point for the thousands of visitors who flock here annually in the "Come See Me" week-end.

As a child born and growing up in Abbeville, it was my privilege to visit many times the home of John C. Calhoun. This home was a lovely one and its loss

by fire was truly great. I hope that a photograph at least is on record. It was more on the type of an Italian Villa set in grounds which reflected its architectural heritage.

As a retired language teacher it has been my good fortune to study in London, Paris and Heidelberg but never have I seen a finer example of a private dwelling than in this case. I do hope that it will thus come under your protection for its own sake. There would be no doubt as to the care it would receive with its present owners.

Thank you for your patience and I do wish for the house this preservation not only for its beauty but for the lovely family who have inherited it and live there!

Very sincerely,

Frank E. Harrison  
F.E. Harrison

Rock Hill, and  
202 Church Street,  
Abbeville, S.C.

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Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730  
Box 2474 Cherry Road Station  
March 20, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historical Preservation Division  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Lee:

One of the most attractive old homes in Rock Hill is that owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mayfield on Oakland Avenue. Built by Mrs. Mayfield's father Dr. Stokes, it has been maintained beautifully and lovingly through the years and our city is very proud of it. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to recommend its nomination for the Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

*Lucile K. Delano*

Lucile K. Delano  
Secretary, York County Historical  
Society

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

1177 Mary Dale Lane  
Rock Hill, S.C. 29730

March 25, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S.C. Dept of Archives and History  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

We would like to recommend the  
Stoker - Mayfield House, York County (353 Oakland  
Avenue in Rock Hill, S.C.) to be placed on the  
National Register of Historic Houses.

The house is a beautiful example  
of Greek Revival architecture which has been in  
an excellent state of repair having been occupied  
by the builder's family and his daughter, Mrs.  
H. L. Mayfield, and her family since its construction  
in 1907.

Mrs. Mayfield has been a teacher in  
the Rock Hill School District number three for  
many years, prior to her retirement two years ago.  
Mr. Mayfield has always been recognized as a suc-  
cessful business man and both of them have been  
leaders in the church and community life.

Rock <sup>Hill</sup> would be honored to have this  
beautiful home placed on the National Register of  
Historical Houses. Your Consideration will be  
appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Elder H. Edwards

(D) Allen S. Edwards

**Rock Hill Area  
CHAMBER of  
COMMERCE**

March 26, 1981



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MAR 30 1981  
S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
PO Box 11  
669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I was delighted to learn that the Stokes Mayfield house, located at 353 Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill, has been nominated for the National Register.

The Mayfield house, which is most attractive, is of Greek Revival architectural design. At one time there were a number of homes in Rock Hill with this type architecture. All of the others have been demolished.

As far as I know, the Mayfield house is in good condition and should not require major repairs. Hopefully, the home will be placed on record in the Department of Archives and History as being unique and worthy of preservation.

The home was first built in 1907 by Dr. and Mrs. James R. Stokes. Dr. Stokes practiced dentistry in Rock Hill for more than 46 years.

Dr. Stokes' daughter, Addie Mayfield, and her husband, Learue, and their children were the next occupants of the home. Addie taught in the local school system for many years. She retired at Rock Hill High two years ago. Her husband, Learue, is a very successful business man. After working in the furniture business for several years, he started a new enterprise which continues to flourish. It's a payroll service working 12 employees.

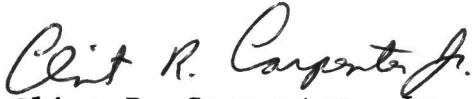
Dr. Charles Lee  
March 26, 1981  
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The Stokes and Mayfield families have been, over the years, active in most civic, cultural, religious and other aspects of Rock Hill life. They have meant much to the community.

We hope that you will give favorable consideration to the Stokes and Mayfield house to be included on the National Register.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Clint R. Carpenter, Jr., CCE  
Executive Vice President

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
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Dr. Charles Lee

Historic Preservation Division

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Columbia, S.C.

1111 Evergreen Circle  
Rock Hill, S.C.

March 27, 1981

Dear Dr. Lee:

We would like to  
endorse the nomination of  
the Stokes - Mayfield home  
at 353 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, S.C.  
for the placement on the the  
National Register.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. W. R. M. Cleave  
W. R. M. Cleave

619 Greenbriar Avenue  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
March 27, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11,669, Capitol Station  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I am writing this to endorse the Mayfield home on Oakland Avenue for the Historic Register. It is a lovely home and is worthy of preservation in the interest of history.

Sincerely,

*Irene Kneece*

Irene Kneece

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**S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY**

# FEWELL REALTORS

Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

Phone:  
Office 328-0832  
Home 327-3684

A. F. FEWELL



BEN FEWELL

130 White Street  
P. O. Box 873

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669  
Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

My husband and I would like to endorse the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House for a place on the National Register.

This beautiful house is the only remaining example of Greek Revival Architecture in Rock Hill. The house, built in 1907 by Dr. and Mrs. James R. Stokes and now the home of their daughter Mrs. Learue Mayfield and Mr. Mayfield, is a show place of beauty, both inside and out. It gives enjoyment to everyone who passes by.

Dr. Stokes, a dentist in Rock Hill for 46 years, was known not only for his professional ability but as a beloved gentleman. His son-in-law, Learue Mayfield, is owner of Payroll Service, a service for small and medium businesses. Mrs. Mayfield was a public school teacher in Rock Hill for thirty years.

We endorse the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House. It is a symbol of gentle, gracious people who have and are contributing much to the social, professional, and business life of Rock Hill.

Sincerely,

*Louise Peace Fewell*

Louise Peace Fewell

*A. F. Fewell*

Alexander Faulkner Fewell

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

DR. AND MRS. CLOUD H. HICKLIN  
2175 EAKLE DRIVE  
ROCK HILL, S. C. 29730

March 27, 1981

Mr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S.C. Department of Archives and History  
P.O. Box 11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Dear Sir :

It is with much pleasure that we endorse the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield home for the National Register.

The lovely white two-story residence is of Greek Revival architecture and was built in 1907. The late Dr. James R. Stokes and Addie Rawlinson Stokes, his wife (also deceased) built this impressive structure. Dr. Stokes was a native of Hampton County and came to Rock Hill in 1903 to practice dentistry which he did for forty-six years.

Dr. Stokes and his wife had a daughter Addie (now Mrs. H.L. Mayfield). She and her husband live in this home located at 353 Oakland Avenue. Mr. Mayfield owns Allied Payroll Service on Caldwell Street. He has owned this business for

twenty years. Mrs. Mayfield taught History at Rock Hill High School for many years. They have a son and daughter, both of whom are married. They are members of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The Mayfields are most generous and unselfish with their beautiful home. Each year they open it for our Couples Class Sunday School party at Christmas. Many times the young Rock Hill debutantes have had their group picture made on the front steps of this home. Their willingness to share their home with others attests to their interest in and their love for their church and the community and its people.

It is a privilege for ~~us~~ to write this letter of endorsement of the Stokes-Mayfield home.

Sincerely yours,  
Dr. and Mrs. Cloud H. Hicklin

Cloud H. Hicklin, Jr.  
Carolyn S. Hicklin

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

911 Hillcroft Place  
Rock Hill SC 29730  
March 28, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
SC Dept of Archives and History  
PO Box 11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia SC 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I heartily endorse nomination to the National Register of the Stokes-Mayfield House at 353 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, S.C. This imposing residence, situated on a large lot near Winthrop College, has been well cared for and kept in good repair ever since it was built early in this century. Both the house and yard are maintained in an admirable way.

In my opinion, this is the most beautiful of the older homes in our city. I hope that it will be placed on the National Register.

Yours truly,  
(Miss) Kate Hardin

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1115 Woodland Dr.  
Rock Hill, S. C.  
March 30, 1981

Dear Mr Lee:

We would like to have the Greek Revival home of Mr and Mrs H. L. Mayfield, 353 Oakland Avenue, to be designated as an historic house. It would be a shame for it not to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Mr and Mrs James S. Beatty, Jr.


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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
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Dear Sir



I am writing to urge you to place Mrs. H. L. Mayfield's (Addie Stokes) home on the list for historic preservation. The address of the home is 353 Oakland Avenue. It is a beautiful, stately home that is in excellent condition. Several years ago she made all necessary repairs, therefore, she plans no renovation in the near future. The preservation of the home will add much to the historic beauty of Rock Hill.

Sincerely  
Francis H. Heitman



# YORK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dr. Charles Lee  
Historical Preservation Director  
S.C. Dept. of Archives  
11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I am writing to you in support of the listing of the Stokes Mayfield home at 353 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, S.C.

This home is of the Greek Revival architectural type, built around the turn of the century by Dr. James R. Stokes. His daughter, Addie Stokes Mayfield, and her husband, Larue Mayfield, make this their home. The home and yard are in a perfect state of preservation having been kept so by Addie and Larue. They are very anxious that this home be listed so as to insure its preservation for future generations. It is the last home of its type in the Rock Hill area.

I strongly urge and endorse the listing of this beautiful home on the appropriate registry for preservation. Your help in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Yours truly,

Caldwell A. Barron

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March 31, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee,  
P.O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

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Dear Dr. Lee,

We would like to endorse  
the nomination to the National

Residence of the Stokes-Bradfield  
house in Rock Hill. It is a  
beautiful, well-kept house of  
Gothic architecture - the only  
one of its kind in Rock Hill!  
Anything that could be done to  
preserve it certainly, should  
be done.

The Stokes family was a  
respected family in Rock Hill.  
Dr. Stokes was our dentist and  
was active in civic and  
religious affairs in our town.  
His children and grandchildren  
have lived up to their heritage,  
and are continuing to be active  
participants in the business,  
educational, religious and  
social life of Rock Hill.

Sincerely yours  
Mr. and Mrs. John Addey



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155 JOHNSTON STREET, P. O. BOX 11706  
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March 31, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
SC Department of Archives and History  
Post Office Box 11  
669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

The South Carolina Board of Review is now considering the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House, 353 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill to the National Register. The City of Rock Hill and I, personally, support this nomination.

The house is in the Greek Revival style and is, to my knowledge, the only house of this style architecture in Rock Hill. The house was built in 1907 and has been kept in excellent repair.

Your approval of this nomination will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*J. Emmett Jerome*  
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1043 Woodland Drive  
Rock Hill, South Carolina  
April 1, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
South Carolina Department of Archives  
Box 11669  
Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Lee:

We feel that the Stokes-Mayfield House in Rock Hill, South Carolina should be in the National Register. This beautiful old home was built in 1907 by Dr. and Mrs. James R. Stokes. Dr. Stokes practiced dentistry in York County for forty-six years.

Dr. Stokes' daughter, Addie Stokes Mayfield, lives in this home that has been the family home for three generations of the Stokes' family. The style of architecture is the classic form of Greek Revival. This lovely home has two stories and beautiful columns across the front of the colonnaded porch.

The Stokes-Mayfield home has been used for many social, cultural and educational events. The A.A.U.W., "Come-See-Me" Committees and visitors, and church groups have enjoyed meetings and visits in this home.

We hope that you will place this home in the National Register of Archives and History because it is an asset to Rock Hill and York County.

Sincerely,  
Lucy S. Good  
Mary S. Garvin

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331 Marion Street  
Rock Hill, S.C. 29730  
April 9, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee, Director  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669, Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I understand the Stokes-Mayfield House, 353 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, S.C. has been nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Having known the house and its owners for many years, I should like very much to see it designated a National Historic Site.

Although of early twentieth century vintage, this lovely house is a fine example of Southern Colonial (or Antebellum) architecture -- very large, of white frame construction with a two storied porch supported by Corinthian columns. And both house and grounds are kept in near perfect condition.

In addition to its beauty, I think the location (or setting) is one of the main reasons for placing it on the Register. The Stokes-Mayfield House is the lone survivor of numerous columned mansions which once graced Oakland Avenue. This tree-bordered street running from the town center to Winthrop College was at one time one of the most beautiful in the South. Since the Stokes-Mayfield House is the only house of its type left there, I feel that designating it as worthy of preservation would call attention to it and encourage people to appreciate our architectural heritage instead of neglecting or demolishing anything "old".

The house has been owned and occupied by only one family -- a family that has contributed much to the Rock Hill Community. Dr. J. R. Stokes and his wife Mrs. Addie Rawlinson Stokes built it. Dr. Stokes was for 46 years a prominent dentist in Rock Hill. Even with a large practice, he found time to take an active part in community affairs. Mrs. Stokes was a gracious lady from a family who were leaders in the development of the area from the time of earliest settlement. It was she who was responsible for the beautiful antique furnishings, most of which are family heirlooms.

The Stokes's daughter Addie Stokes Mayfield and her husband, Larue Mayfield now occupy the house. Mrs. Mayfield has a special interest in local history and genealogy, having taught history in the public schools for 30 years. Mr. Mayfield is the owner-operator of a payroll service, his firm having been the first in the Southeast to serve the needs of the small businessman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield are outgoing people, active in civic, educational, cultural and religious life of Rock Hill. In addition, they continue the family tradition of gracious hospitality and often open their home to others who can thus enjoy and benefit from its atmosphere of living history in the best Southern tradition.

So I hope you find the Stokes-Mayfield House meets the criteria and can be recommended for a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

*Florence Earle Roach*

Florence Earle Roach  
(Retired Reference Librarian  
York County Library)

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Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Div.  
S. C. Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Dear Lee:

I would like to endorse the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House of Rock Hill to the National Register, following its entry for consideration by the Catawba Regional Council.

I have spent most of my adult life in Rock Hill, as staff member of The Evening Herald, our daily here, as owner of Radio Station WRHI, and as a contributor to The Rock Hill Times, our weekly. In this span of some fifty years I feel that I have acquired considerable knowledge of our community and its citizenry.

The handsome old Stokes-Mayfield House on Oakland Avenue near Winthrop College is, I regret to say, one of the few remaining beautiful old homes of which our people have been so proud. It is of Greek Revival architecture, the last or one of the very last of this style of structure in our community.

This grand old residence has had only two families as occupants and it has been my privilege to count both as friends. I knew the builder, Dr. James R. Stokes, and Mrs. Stokes as staunch and esteemed early residents of our city. Dr. Stokes was a leading professional man. He was the dentist of our family for many years as for hundreds of other families during his forty-odd years of practice. He gave freely of his time and talents. He served on our City Board of Health for a number of years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, he was a Rotarian, and otherwise a participant in our civic life.

The present owners and occupants are Mrs. Addie Stokes Mayfield, daughter of the builder, and her husband, H. Learue Mayfield, both well known and prominent in affairs of our community. Mr. Mayfield was a pioneer in a rather unique business, a payroll service. His Allied Payroll Service was the first business of its kind in the Southeast to deal exclusively in making payrolls for business and industry. He is active in various affairs, a Kiwanian and former club president, former president of our Merchants Association, and is on the Advisory Council of the U. S. Mail. He is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Mayfield was an able and respected teacher in our public schools for some thirty years. She, too, is a participant in various affairs of a religious, patriotic and civic nature.

Both families who have resided in this fine old home have maintained the structure in excellent shape, sparing no effort or expense to assure its stability and its beauty.

As one who has admired this home for its architecture and beauty for many years, I hope it will be considered worthy of a place on the National Register.

Sincerely,



Harper S. Gault

CC: Catawba Regional Council

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Mrs. H. M. Henry  
3819 Trenholm Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29206  
April 13, 1981

Dear Dr. Lee,

I would like to interest you in the  
Kearue Mayfield home in Rock Hill, S.C.  
It is a beautiful place, inside and also  
from the Oakland Avenue Street. Mr. and  
Mrs. Mayfield are a most hospitable  
couple and love their home. It has  
antiques, cut glass, china and silver  
that surpasses many houses I have  
paid to see on tours. It is a place  
that South Carolina should be proud  
to claim. Mrs. Mayfield taught history  
for many years and is a very interesting  
conversationalist.

I am sure they would welcome you as  
a visitor to see their home.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. Maddy Henry

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2029 Welborn Street  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730  
April 17, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee  
Historic Preservation Division  
S. C. Dept. of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Dr. Lee,

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield house in Rock Hill (York County, South Carolina) for placement on the National Register of Historical Homes.

To see this lovely, well-kept house of Greek revival architecture style is to be reminded of the gracious manner of living and the traditions of the South of yesteryear. As the South continues to develop and change, we need such visual reminders of our past.

Other endorsees may comment on the contributions to our community of Dr. and Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Mayfield. I wish to mention some of Mrs. Addie Stokes Mayfield's contributions since I had the pleasure of teaching with her for fifteen years.

Mrs. Mayfield taught history at Rock Hill High School for twenty years. Not only did she instill in her students pride in our nation but also pride in themselves. When our school became integrated, she was very influential through her teaching and her graciousness in bringing about good race relations among her students. In addition to teaching in our high school, Mrs. Mayfield has taught Sunday School and served in a number of capacities in her church. She also has been active in civic organizations such as the Woman's Club of Rock Hill. As a result of her church and civic activities, her home often has been open for entertaining.

The Stokes-Mayfield house is the only one of its style left in Rock Hill. It is a beautiful reminder of Rock Hill's past, and it is a reminder of the owners' contributions to the community. For these reasons I most enthusiastically endorse it for placement on the National Register of Historical Homes.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy H. Amick*

(Mrs.) Dorothy H. Amick

MRS. RALPH E. BLAKELY  
761 EDEN TERRACE  
ROCK HILL, S. C. 29730

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Dr. Charles Lee  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Lee:

Please add our endorsement of The H. Learue Mayfield house on Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill as one to be historically preserved. As the last of the elegant period houses of Rock Hill, it has been a source of pride and pleasure to

many in this area. Through  
its preservation, we hope  
it can continue to give  
pride in our heritage  
for many more years.

Yours truly,  
Allie Mae Blakely  
Ralph E. Blakely

MRS. GEORGE V. BURNS  
1156 ALEXANDER ROAD  
ROCK HILL, S. C. 29730

May 4, 1981

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF  
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Dr. Charles Lee, Director  
Historic Preservation Division  
S. C. Department of Archives  
P. O. Box 11669, Capital Station  
Columbia, S. C. 29211

Dear Dr. Lee:

I would like to recommend the Stokes-Mayfield House, 353 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, S. C. for placing on the register of historic homes. The house was built in 1907 and is Greek Revival in style. It has been kept in excellent condition and is surrounded by a beautiful yard. Certainly, it should be preserved. I hope you will give it favorable consideration.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs. George V. Burns*  
Mrs. George V. Burns

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S. C. DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY

May 24, 1981

Dr. Charles Lee, Director  
South Carolina Archives Department  
P. O. Box 11669  
Capitol Station  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Doctor Lee:

I am writing to support the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House in Rock Hill to the National Register of Historic Places.

It is the last house of its kind (Classical Revival) on Oakland Avenue, the street once called the "most beautiful avenue" in South Carolina. It was lined from one end to the other with handsome residences of the Classical Revival style of architecture. Today the Stokes-Mayfield House is the only residence of its kind still remaining.

Dr. J. R. Stokes was one of Rock Hill's early dentists. He married into one of the county's oldest families -- the Hutchison family -- which came originally from their farm near the old Nation Ford on the Catawba River. David Hutchison, Mrs. Stokes's great-grandfather, was one of the premier citizens of old York District and served as agent for the Catawba Indians.

Further, David Hutchison's son Hiram Hutchison became one of America's greatest bankers, serving as Vice President of the Bank of the Republic of New York City in the 1850's. He was one of the leading stockholders of the Graniteville Mill. When he died in the 1850's, he left his enormous estate to his widow and to his brother and sisters in South Carolina. One part of the estate came intact to Addie Rawlinson, wife of Dr. J. R. Stokes....the portion she inherited coming to her as stock in the Graniteville Mill. She sold this stock for \$10,000 about 1907. As I remember, the two lots on which the house now stands cost in the neighborhood of \$3000 and the house itself cost \$7,000 in 1907. So, you see that the house was actually paid for with ante-bellum money which came from the Graniteville Mill stock. This is a little bit of Caroliniana that I thought you might appreciate. The man who designed and built the house for Doctor Stokes was Julian Stewart Starr, contractor and builder from Lancaster and York Counties, South Carolina. (I remember him in his old age; he spent his last years in Lancaster County.)

The Mayfields have kept the house up through the years. It is really the showplace of our city, as you must know if you have driven down Oakland Avenue. This splendid house should be recorded in the Register and should be preserved for posterity.

Faithfully yours,

*Wm. B. White, Jr.*  
William B. White, Jr.

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First Presbyterian Church \* P. O. BOX 1011 \* ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA 29730



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*Stokes-Mayfield House*  
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Mr. Charles Lee  
S.C. Dept. of Archives and History  
P.O. Box 11, 669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1669

Dear Mr. Lee:

The York County Historical Society Board would like to endorse wholeheartedly the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield house to the National Register. The family that built and has lived in the home continuously since 1907 has contributed a great deal to the professional, cultural, and educational life of our community.

The house itself is an excellent example of authentic Greek Revival architecture. It is the last home of this type remaining in the area. The home has maintained its original appearance over the years and has undergone no structural changes.

It is located one block from Winthrop College, and its preservation has helped this Oakland Avenue area to maintain something of the dignity it had in the college's earlier years. The grounds of Winthrop and of the Stokes-Mayfield house were both secured from the Rock Hill Land and Town Site Company, Rock Hill's first corporation.

We feel that the continued preservation of this lovely house will be an asset to Winthrop, to Oakland Avenue, and the entire community.

Sincerely,

The Board of York County Historical Society

*Ruth D. Byers*  
*Bruce A. Miller*

*Paul W. Keane*  
*Sara Craig*  
Rock Hill, S.C.

*Elizabeth Stowe*  
Rock Hill, S.C.  
*K. G. Long*  
Fort Mill, S.C.

cc: Mrs. Mary Watson Edmonds, Division Head  
Survey and Registration Division  
S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

Mr. Paul Gettys  
Catawba Regional Planning Council

# Winthrop College

Rock Hill, South Carolina 29733

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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November 30, 1983

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Mr. Charles Lee  
South Carolina Department of  
Archives and History  
P.O. Box 11669 Capitol Station  
Columbia, SC 29211-1669

Dear Charles:

Mrs. Adie Mayfield, a Winthrop graduate and distinguished Rock Hill citizen, has requested that I support the nomination of the Stokes-Mayfield House to the National Register.

You have, undoubtedly, been provided all of the supporting material in this regard, and I simply add that the structure's physical location one block from Winthrop College makes it an important part of the streetscape of this area. It is with some regret that some of the vicinity of the College has become a bit tawdry, and it is the College's hope that significant buildings in the vicinity may be preserved.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely,



Philip Lader

cc: Mrs. Mary Watson Edmonds  
Mr. Paul Gettys  
Mrs. Adie Mayfield

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