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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

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Chancellor Carroll House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

112 Gregg Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Aiken

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#3

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Aiken

CODE

003

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

H. W. Thurlow

STREET & NUMBER

112 Gregg Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aiken

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina 29801

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Aiken County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aiken

STATE

South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in Aiken, South Carolina, this one and one-half story clapboard structure was built ca. 1855 by James Parsons Carroll.

The front facade features a one-story piazza with six square columns and simple balustrades. The double entrance door features sidelights and transom and is flanked by a shuttered 6/6 window on each side. Above the piazza are three dormer windows with pediments, while to the immediate right is a sun-porch which was probably added during the 1930s. This central section (comprised of the piazza) is flanked by recessed side wings. These wings are additions made during the 1930s; at that time the original kitchen was adjoined to the left side, and a balancing wing was added to the right side. The right addition has a Georgian Period double door with sidelights and fanlight.

The rear facade has a double entrance door with fanlight and sidelights. (Because this entrance is more elaborate than that of the front, it is possible that this may have originally been the main entrance.) Two pairs of flanking pilasters appear to support a pediment with semicircular window which is located above the entrance foyer. On each side of the door, located between the pilasters, is a non-original 4/4 window. Also flanking the entrance are 6/6 shuttered windows whose size has also been altered. This entrance section is recessed while balancing wings project on each side. Adjacent to these wings are the additions which were made during the 1930s.

Windows are primarily 6/6 and some have louvered shutters. Two interior chimneys with corbeled caps pierce the gable roof.

Interior: The floor plan of the structure originally consisted of five rooms on the first floor. The entrance opens into one large room serviced by two fireplaces of notable design. (These mantels are said to have come from an earlier house near Winnsboro, South Carolina.) Behind this room is a central hall which contains the stairway. To the right of the hall is a pine-paneled sitting room and to the left is a dining room. The projecting wings located towards the rear of these rooms each contain a small room (the left side has been made into a kitchen).

Adjacent to these projecting wings are the additions which were made during the 1930s. The original kitchen was adjoined to the left side and is now used as a bedroom. A balancing wing containing a large bedroom was added to the right side.

The second story contains two bedrooms.

Throughout the original portion of the structure the plaster walls and ceilings and heart pine floors are in excellent condition. The structure contains notable interior details including carved mantels, stair brackets, and moldings. In the 1930s addition, elements from older structures that were compatible with the original design were used.

# 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            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                          | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Constructed ca. 1855, the Chancellor Carroll House was built by James Parsons Carroll, Chancellor of South Carolina and a noted attorney. The property on which Carroll built this structure (probably as a summer residence) was purchased from William Gregg, the important textile manufacturer. During the 20th Century, the house was owned by architect Willis Irvin, who designed several noted structures in Aiken.

James Parsons Carroll (1809-1883) was a native of Charleston and moved to Edgefield as a child. Admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1830, Carroll was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1838. Between 1853 and 1854, he served in the South Carolina Senate and was re-elected to that body in 1858. The following year, Carroll was elected Chancellor of the Court of Equity and remained in that position until 1868, when the office of chancellor was abolished by the new state constitution. In 1860, Carroll served as a delegate to the Secession Convention and signed the Ordinance of Secession.

After the office of chancellor was abolished, Carroll practiced law in Columbia, South Carolina, where he served as chairman of the committee to collect testimony in relation to the destruction of the city during the War Between the States. Upon his death in 1883, the Columbia Bar adopted several Resolutions of Respect:

James Parsons Carroll, the most distinguished member of the Columbia bar, has been removed by death from his place in our midst. ...The Honorable James P. Carroll was the last surviving chancellor of South Carolina elected under the constitution of 1790.... ...a worthy representative he was of the bar and bench of "old South Carolina." ...his decrees as chancellor and opinions in the Equity Court of Appeals and in the highest court of South Carolina, the Court of Errors, rank him high among the judges of a State which was always justly proud of her judiciary.<sup>1</sup>

Architect Willis Irvin (1809-1950) owned the Chancellor Carroll House from the late 1920s until his death. Irvin designed several noted structures in Aiken and also planned the renovation of the Aiken County Courthouse. In the early 1930s, Irvin won a gold medal award for a design entered in the Southern Architectural and Industrial Art

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 | 429660 | 3714140  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|       |      |        |      |
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Leslie Garnett, Lower Savannah Planning Council;  
 Mrs. Jane Vaughters, Mrs. Charlotte Muckenfuss)

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

September 16, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

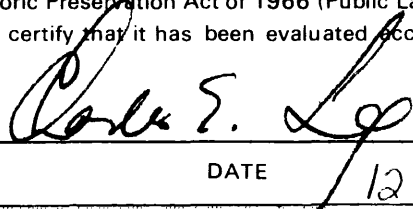
NATIONAL   

STATE X

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 12-6-76

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

*Robert B. Rettig*

DATE 11/23/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Charles McNulty*

DATE 11-18-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Exhibition in Memphis, Tennessee. Irvin made several additions to the Carroll House during his ownership.

Architecture: Although the Chancellor Carroll House has been altered through the years to meet the contemporary needs of its owners, the original fabric of the house has remained primarily intact. The many later additions have incorporated architectural elements from earlier periods into the overall design.

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Enclosed is a sketched floor plan of the Chancellor Carroll House in Aiken, South Carolina. As evident from the drawing, the original portion of the structure remains intact. (The interior features--including floors, walls, and moldings--have also been preserved.)

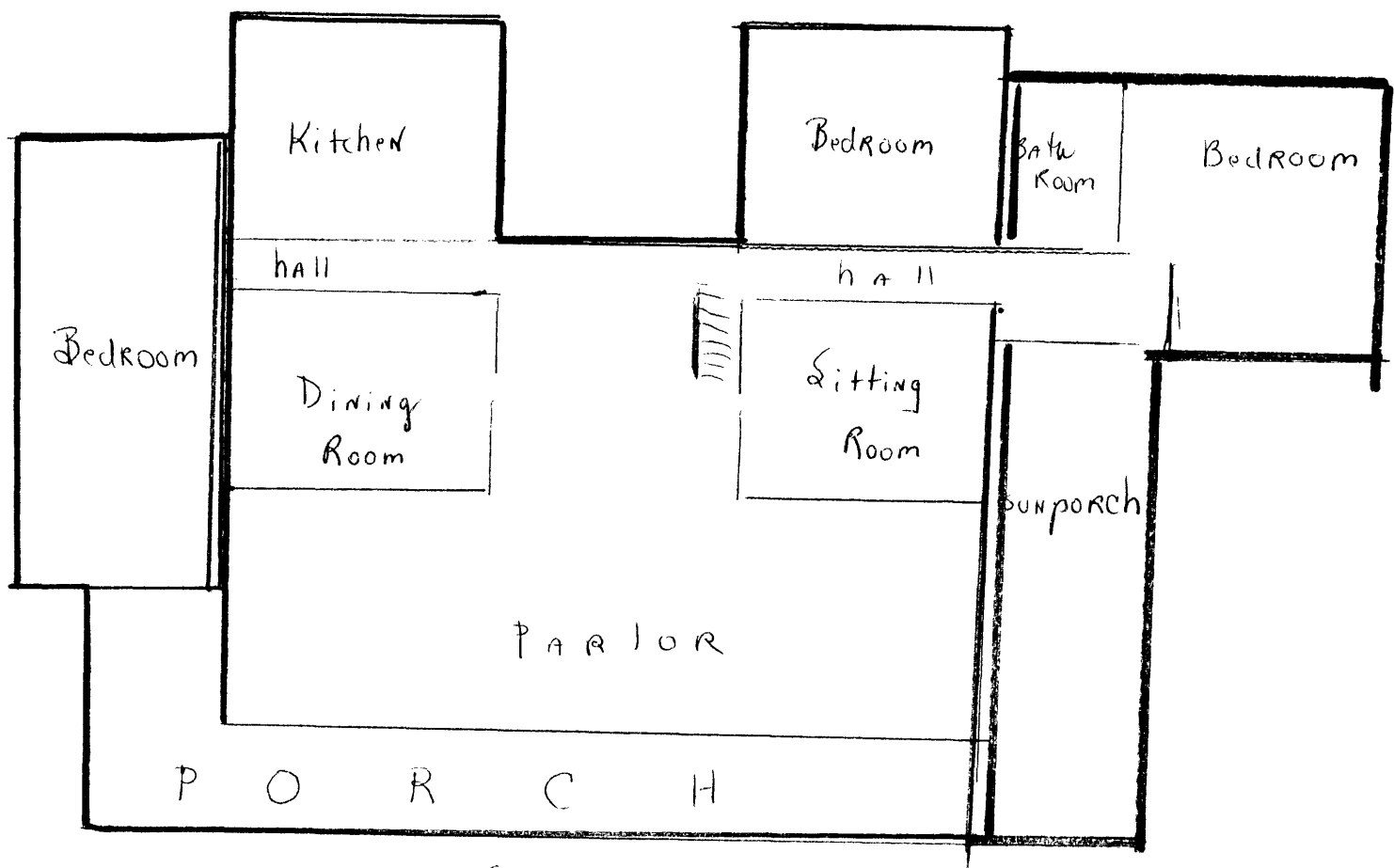
During the 1930s additions which do not destroy the integrity of the original design were made to the structure. The addition on the left was the original kitchen building which was attached and converted into a bedroom. The additions on the right include a sunporch and wing with bedroom and bath. Both the interior and exterior designs of this wing are harmonious with the oldest portion of the structure. Furthermore, architectural elements from other 19th Century structures were used in its construction.

*Handwritten signature and date:*  
10/31/77



CHANCELLOR CARROLL HOUSE  
AIKEN COUNTY

(Rear)



(Front Facade)

- ORIGINAL structure
- wing added ca. 1930s
- original kitchen building, attached to main house during the 1930s

*OSL*  
10/3/77