

Segregation in Columbia MPS

Columbia, Richland County

National Register of Historic Places



Columbia's Township Auditorium was built in 1930 with separate entrances & seating for whites and blacks. It represents a partitioned public space from institutional segregation.



Harden Street Substation, built in 1953, employed the city Fire Department's first African American firemen. It represents a duplicative space from institutional segregation.



Ladson Presbyterian Church, built in 1896, houses the oldest black congregation in Columbia. During Jim Crow blacks that were excluded from white Presbyterian services worshipped here.



From 1940-1960, the Harriet M. Cornwell Tourist Home provided a room and one meal a day for black travelers. It represents an alternative space from institutional segregation.

The Segregation in Columbia, SC 1880-1960 Multiple Property Submission was prepared by students in the University of South Carolina's Public History Program in order to define property types and create a historic context for properties associated with institutional segregation in Columbia from the end of Reconstruction through the Civil Rights Era. Properties may be listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of this multiple property submission if they are associated with the legal and cultural system of segregation in Columbia and constitute one of four property types: exclusive, partitioned, duplicative, or alternative spaces. Twenty-one properties that had previously been listed in the National Register met the criteria and were included as part of the submission, which was approved by the Keeper of the National Register on September 28, 2005. Since it was accepted, five additional properties that physically convey the history of institutional segregation in Columbia have been listed in the National Register.

Original Use: Various Civic, Commercial, Religious, and Residential Buildings
Current Use: Various
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