

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

State Historic Preservation Office

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Status

Revisit:

8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905 (803) 896-6100

Quadrangle Name: Loris
Tax Map No.: 17614020050

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Site No.

Survey Form

Identification

Historic Name: Atlantic Coast Line RR, Seaboard Coast Line RR

Common Name: Carolina Lines Railroad

Address/Location: N/A

City: Loris Vicinity of County: Horry

Ownership: Corporate Category: Structure

Historical Use: Transportation Historical Use (if Other):

Current Use: Transportation Current Use (if Other):

SHPO National Register Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: ca. 1890

Construction: Steel Construction (if Other):

Historic Core Shape: Historic Core Shape (if Other):

Exterior Walls: Exterior Walls (if Other):

Foundation: Foundation (if Other):

Commercial Form: Commercial Form (if Other):

Roof Shape: Roof Shape (if Other): Roof Materials: Roof Materials (if Other):

Stories: Stories (if Other):

Porch Width: Porch Width (if Other): Porch Shape: Porch Shape (if Other):

Description/Significant Features: Single track with steel rails and wood ties, on gravel-ballasted berm. Where it crosses Prospect Rd, rails are each bracketed by riveted wood rails, which are partially covered with asphalt pavement.

Alterations (include date(s), if known) Repair and rehabilitation to the tracks has likely occurred multiple times since 1890, but dates are unknown. Most recently, the tracks were upgraded by Carolina Lines in 2016.

Architect(s)/Builder(s): Chadbourn Lumber Company

Historical Information

The railroad track alignment was originally laid by the Chadbourn Lumber Company of Chadbourn, North Carolina in 1886, and was originally built to serve the lumber industry that spanned both sides of the North Carolina-South Carolina border. Known as the Wilmington, Chadbourn & Conway Railroad, the line extended south from the Wilmington, Columbia, & Augusta line (WC&A), carrying lumber freight between Tabor City in North Carolina south through Loris, Allsbrook, and Conway to the Waccamaw River. The line was acquired by the WC&A in the 1890s, which in 1897 merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of South Carolina (later this became just the "Atlantic Coast Line Railroad," or the ACL) (Lewis 2017).

The ACL continued to acquire lines in other southeastern states, and during this expansion, constructed new depots along its South Carolina line, including ones at Conway, Red Hill, and Myrtle Beach in the 1920s and 1930s. These depots facilitated passenger travel, which increased with the rise of Myrtle Beach as a beach destination. In 1967, the ACL merged with its competitor the Seaboard Air Line Railway, becoming the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad (SCL) (Kennedy 2006).

During the 1970s and 1980s, CSX Transportation Corporation was formed, and railroad traffic was rerouted and generally abbreviated to improve efficiency and address decreasing passenger numbers. Many tracks were abandoned or removed, though the alignment associated with Site 3872 remained in use servicing the lumber industry. In the late 1980s Carolina Southern Railroad took over the CSX railroad spur that ran through Loris and Conway, and operated the line until deficiencies along the line forced its closure in 2011. In 2015, RJ Corman, a railway company out of Kentucky, purchased the defunct line and commenced repairs. Corman re-named the line Carolina Lines, and currently operates the railroad as a freight line, transferring lumber from the lumber mill in Conway (Dickerson and Helline 2016).

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Digital Photo ID(s):

Digital Photo ID 01: 03872001

View 01 Facing South at Hwy 747 and US 701

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View 02 Facing North at Hwy 747 and US 701

Digital Photo ID 03: 03872003

View 03 Facing North at Ralph Ellis Blvd and US 701

Digital Photo ID 04: 03872004

View 04 Facing East from west of 4115 Holly St.

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