

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7904 Status U Revisit
Quadrangle Name: Charleston
Tax Map No. 46015004055

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: MUSC Rutledge Tower Building
Common Name:
Address/Location: 135 Rutledge Avenue
City: Charleston Vicinity of County: Charleston
Ownership: Private Category: Building Other:
Historical Use: Health care
Current Use: Health care
SHPO National Register Not Eligible
Determination of Eligibility:

Property Description

Construction Date: 1926; 1975; 1980 Construction: Masonry Other: Reinforced concrete
Historic Core Shape: Irregular Exterior Walls: Stucco
Other: Foundation: Basement
Commercial Form: Roof Shape: Flat
Other: Roof Material: Other Membrane; BUR
Stories: Other Porch Shape: Entrance bay only
Other: 13 stories Porch Width: Engaged

Description/Significant Features:

Highrise building consisting of two joined structures; major remodeling and renovation effort in 1975 and 1980 has resulted in no historic fabric visible from the exterior; main tower is clad in stucco with regularly spaced aluminum frame sliding windows and unfenestrated rectangular tower supports running vertically through the building along the center of the north and south elevations and on the east elevation where the building fronts onto Calhoun Street; three-story component is attached to south of main tower and is clad in brick veneer; this section is irregular in plan and has fixed windows with heavy aluminum frames and stucco panels above and below them

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Building has been altered so significantly that no historic components remain visible from the exterior; main building was constructed in 1975 and 1980

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Historical Information

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Source(s) of Information:

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), 1998. Rutledge Tower Grand Opening Events. Electronic document, <https://depthtml.musc.edu/catalyst/1998/co7-17tower.htm>

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Facing Northeast

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