

W.T. Askins House

Lake City, Florence County

South Carolina Historic Rehabilitation Tax Incentives



The exterior woodwork details are an important character-defining feature and were restored where missing.

Plaster repair is the one of the few interior 'rehabilitation expenses'.

The W.T. Askins House was built ca. 1895 and is an excellent example of Folk Victorian residential architecture. In the 1890s, Askins built and operated five stores in downtown Lake City, including W.T. Askins and Sons, a general mercantile business, maintained a loading dock at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad depot, and operated several farms on the outskirts of the town. The house and two outbuildings were listed in the National Register May 26, 1995. In 2006, the current owners submitted an application to the State Historic Preservation Office for a major rehabilitation program that included restoring the wood shingle roof, repair of exterior woodwork, repair of windows and doors, repointing of brick piers, structural stabilization, restoration of historic plaster, upgrades to heating and cooling systems, and repairing electrical and plumbing systems. Both proposed and completed work was approved for this project qualifying the owners for a South Carolina Homeowner's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Original Use: Residential
Current Use: Owner-Occupied Residential
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