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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic : American Cigar Factory Location : East Court Street

Common: Stone Manufacturing Company Building Classification: Building

Owner : Eugene Stone

Park Place

Post Office Box 3725

Greenville, South Carolina 29608

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: The four-story, rectangular brick building was built ca.1902 by the American Improvement Company. The doors and windows have segmental arch openings. Each of the segmental arched window openings contains two double-hung sash windows that are divided by mullions and have six-over-nine lights. The low pitched gable roof has a projecting eave supported by large tie beams and sleepers. The interior consists of large open areas on each floor with few partitions. The floors are supported by wooden posts.

Significance: The American Cigar Factory was one of the largest brick buildings in Greenville when it was constructed ca. 1902 by the American Improvement Company. This building was one of five factories the American Cigar Company located in the South. Situated in the heart of the central business district, it employed 150 girls and young women when it began production. On 23 November 1903 The State newspaper reported that the American Cigar Company was "gradually and surely developing its usefulness as an industrial feature of this city. Two hundred and fifty girls and young women have been given employment and every day there are some added to this number...." The American Cigar Factory represents the type of business and factory diversity that Greenville attracted at the turn of the century. It is one of the largest brick masonry buildings remaining in the downtown area and reflects

Acreage: 0.3

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Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the American Cigar Factory nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Greenville County tax map, no. 59, which is drawn at a scale of 50 feet to the inch.

UTM Reference Point: 17/372100/3856920

Other Information

Significance: the industrial growth of Greenville at the turn of the century. The Stone Manufacturing Company, a clothing firm which presently uses the building for storage, plans to adapt it for office space.