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Name Historic: Chamber of Commerce Building Location: 130 S. Main Street

Common: North Greenville College Building Classification: Building

Owner: Charles Wathen and Ken Pickens
15134 E. Wesley Ave.
Aurora, Colorado 80014

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

Description: The ten-story rectangular Chamber of Commerce Building was constructed in 1925. The firm of Beacham and LeGrand designed the building; J.E. Sirrine and Company served as engineers. The Minter Homes Company built the building. The skyscraper has brick sheathing laid in Flemish bond and a first story with smooth ashlar stone quoins. The two-story base has classical detailing: stone sills and architraves, a stone door surround featuring two eagle motifs, and stone keystones over the first floor windows. A stone cornice separates the first story from the seven-story intermediate shaft of the building. This shaft is unornamented with three bays on the facade and seven bays on each side. The composition is crowned by a tall capital, or roof, story, which features tall arched windows above a stone belt course. A brick and stone frieze with transoms and stone panels is below the broad cornice that terminates the building. This cornice, of metal, has large modillions, floral-pattern paterae in its soffit between the modillions, and corner

Significance

The Chamber of Commerce Building was one of the first skyscrapers to be built in Greenville. The building was constructed in a period when Greenville was enjoying a high level of prosperity. The Chamber of Commerce Building was part of the building wave that flourished in Greenville in the 1920's. Architecturally, the Chamber of Commerce Building is a fine example of skyscraper design of the early twentieth century. The building shows the influence of the Chicago School of skyscraper design and also of the Neoclassical style. The composition--a tripartite design with base, shaft, and capital--is based on the classical column.

Acreage 0.1

Verbal Boundary Description The Chamber of Commerce Building is shown as the red line on the accompanying Greenville Tax Map #59, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 50 feet. This boundary includes the entire building, while excluding the adjacent paved streets and the sidewalks.

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Other Information

Description Continued:

acroterions, with antefixae along the edge of the cornice.

Significance Continued:

The building housed the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and various other offices until the early 1970s. It is presently vacant, although plans are underway for conversion of the building into condominium units.