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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Name: Historic: Farmer's Bank Location: Main Street

Common: McCormick Messenger Classification: Building

Owner: Steve Jackson
c/o McCormick Messenger
McCormick, S.C. 29835

Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description: The Farmer's Bank building is a two-story frame and masonry building constructed ca. 1911. The building has not been significantly altered and displays its original appearance. The storefront is composed of large frame and glass double doors, plate glass display windows and three-light transom. This storefront is encompassed by a large rounded arch with radiating voussoirs and quoins. Dividing the first and second floors is a stone belt course. On the second story are two windows with jack arching and keystones. The windows are one-over-one sash with decorative "English Jack" design sidelights and transoms. Above the windows is a sheet metal cornice with dentils. The interior of the building has retained its original staircase and bank vault.

Significance: The Farmer's Bank was organized in McCormick in 1907 and was one of two banks which operated in McCormick in the early 1900s. The original bank building was constructed in 1908 and stood until the fire of February, 1910, which destroyed most of the commercial area (31). This building was completed ca. 1911 and reflected the classical influences of the period through its detailing (32). By 1916 the bank had assets of $25,000 and was a leading financial institution of the newly formed county. Its officers included: J.B. Harmon, president; F.C. Robinson, cashier; and J.C. Brown vice-president (33). All of these men were prominent in McCormick's early 19th century business establishments. The building is the best remaining commercial building in the downtown business section, and its classical detailing remains in excellent condition. The Farmer's Bank ceased operation several decades ago, and today the building is occupied by McCormick's newspaper, the McCormick Messenger.

Acreage: Approx. .025 acre

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Farmer's Bank nomination is shown as the broken line on the accompanying McCormick County Tax Map #277 drawn at a scale of 1"=200'. The boundary contains only the building.

UTM Reference Point: 17/380400/3753000

Other Information: