Name: Historic: Hotel Keturah Location: Main Street

Common: Hotel Keturah Classification: Building

Owner: McCormick County
Box 426
McCormick, S.C. 29835

Town of McCormick
Box 306
McCormick, S.C. 29835

Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description: The Hotel Keturah is a two-and-one-half-story brick building constructed ca. 1910. The building is situated on a lot on Main Street facing the commercial row and railroad tracks. On the main (east) facade is a one-story frame porch with Doric Tuscan columns. The main entrance features the original frame and glass double doors with sidelights and transom. Adjacent to the entrance is a projecting bay with three two-over-two sash windows. Other windows throughout the building are two-over-two sash. A second bay window is located on the north facade of the first floor. On the second story is a door with sidelights which leads to the roof of the porch. The roof porch originally displayed a balustrade, but this has been removed. The building features a hipped roof with three prominent exterior chimneys and hipped dormers with two-over-two sash windows. The interior of the hotel has been restored in recent years and retains many of its original features.

Significance: The first Hotel Keturah was built by 1900 on this site. It was a two-story frame structure and stood until 1909, when it burned. The present building was constructed ca. 1910 to accommodate travelers and train passengers. Both hotels were constructed by W.J. Conner, who gave them his wife's name (29). A 1916 article in the McCormick Messenger describes the Keturah as a "new, modern commercial hotel." During its heyday the Keturah was managed by the Conners and was a favorite stopping point for salesmen and other travelers. The hotel remained in operation for many years until it closed in the 1960s. The building stood vacant until 1982 when it was purchased and restored by Mr. O.S. Sexton (30). The Keturah is one of the commercial landmarks of downtown McCormick and has not been greatly altered.

Acreage: 0.275

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Hotel Keturah 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 the hotel and its immediate surroundings.

UTM Reference Point: 17/380340/3752940

Other Information: The Hotel Keturah is presently being considered for use as an arts center by citizens of McCormick.