Name: Historic: McCormick County Courthouse Location: Hwy 28

Common: McCormick Co.Courthouse Classification: Building

Owner: McCormick County
McCormick County Courthouse
McCormick, S.C. 29835

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

Description: The McCormick County Courthouse is a two-story brick building built in the Neo-Classical style in 1923. On the main (east) facade is a large two story portico with Doric columns and pilasters. Above the columns is a sheet metal cornice with dentils and modillion blocks. The portico has a flat roof which intersects the main gable roof. The main entrance has double doors with an eight-light transom. Over the entrance is an enriched lintel with console brackets, dentils and decorative frieze. Windows on the central bays of the first and second floors are tri-part six-over-six sash with two-over-two sidelights. Other windows in the building are six-over-six sash. Over the first floor windows is brick relief arching and keystones. A sheet metal cornice wraps around the building. The interior has not been significantly altered and displays pressed metal ceilings and original doors and transoms.

Significance: McCormick County was formed in 1916 from territory taken from Edgefield, Abbeville and Greenwood Counties. Plans were soon made to build a courthouse but the building was not completed until 1923. The architect was C. Lloyd Preacher of Augusta, who designed the building in the Neo-Classical style (38). The building is a good example of its period, with a large Doric portico on the main facade. The courthouse also has extensive decorative brickwork and an interior pressed metal ceiling. Since its completion the building has been continuously used as government offices for the county. Few alterations have occurred to the building and it retains its original character.

Acreage: Approx. .5 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Courthouse is shown as the dotted line on lot #478 of McCormick County Tax Map #277 which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'. This boundary is a 160' x 160' lot which encompasses the Courthouse but does not include any of the adjacent post-1940 structures on the lot. The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Courthouse.

UTM References: 17/380280/3752795

Other Information: