

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

Item Number

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Name Historic Summer Brothers Stores

Location 900 Main Street

Common

Classification Building

Owner Lillie W. Timmerman  
c/o Herman Langford  
603 Boundary Street  
Newberry, South Carolina 29108

Elsie D. Dickert  
2307 Nance Street  
Newberry, S.C.  
29108

David W.A. Neville, Jr.  
Amherst Drive, Cherokee Hills  
Greenwood, South Carolina

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina  
(1979 update)

Description: Built in 1898, this row of four one-story brick commercial buildings has party walls and a repetitive arcaded facade consisting of three bays apiece for the three stores to the right of the left end store. The latter element of this continuous row exhibits two arcaded bays enframing angled display windows, which lead to a central doorway. The other three stores each have central double doors flanked by display windows of large four-pane sash, with all three bays having identical proportions under the connecting arches. Above the arches are small circular ventilator grilles, which are surmounted by a full width decorative corbel course. The buildings are unoccupied and in need of repair. The row was built by Charles, George, and J.H. Summer.

Significance: The Summer Brothers Stores represent a significant survival of a late Victorian commercial range, distinguished by the quality of the brick construction. The unity of the range is established not only by the brick arcade, but also by the corbeled brick cornice, which extends across the length of the range. This area of Newberry was once the city's principal commercial district, with some five brick and eighteen frame stores engaged in general merchandise, carriage making, furniture, bakery, and grocery sales.

Acreage 0.19 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Summer Brothers Store nomination is shown as the heavy black line on the accompanying map entitled "Summer Brothers Store" and drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information