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Name Historic Arcade Building

Common

Location 1332 Main Street

Classification Building

Owner The Arcade Mall Partnership
Box 11428
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description Two stories high on a basement, the Arcade Building has identical terra cotta facades on Main and Washington Streets. First floor has five bays: the central bay is an open passageway. Two free-standing marble columns on each side flank this entrance. On the first floor the storefront windows have been altered, however terra cotta pilasters ornamented with urns and foliage are original. A modified entablature separates first and second floor.

Light fixtures and marquee are later additions.

Second floor also has five bays separated by slightly projecting pilasters. Pedestals of pilasters project from a rectangular strip ornamented with cherub figures. Central bay is a Palladian window with marble Ionic colonettes under impost molding. Pairs of pilasters flank Palladian window and one pilaster is located between the two rectangular windows on either side. Windows have terra cotta architraves and are surmounted continued ...

Significance

Constructed in 1912, the Arcade Building has a terra cotta and marble facade with an iron and reinforced concrete structural system. Columbia's only arcade, it is an L-shaped building with facades on Washington Street (north) and Main Street (west).

Built by the Equitable Real Estate Company, a group of Columbia businessmen that included Edwin Wales Robertson, the building was reputed to have cost $200,000 to build and to equip. It now houses a variety of small businesses.

Acreage .07 acre

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Arcade Building nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying tax map of Richland County entitled "No. 19" and drawn at an approximate scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes all significant buildings and structures.

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Other Information

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Description continued

by a decorative frieze. Projecting pilasters at ends of building repeat urn and garland motif of first floor pilasters.

Terra cotta parapet is unadorned.

Interior is lit by clerestory and skylight. Exterior terra cotta ornamental details of urns, foliage, and cherub figures are repeated on interior. Second story has an open balcony with terra cotta faced pillars.