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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC McCorkle-Fewell-Long House

AND/OR COMMON  
McCorkle-Fewell-Long House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
639 College Avenue

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

South Carolina

— VICINITY OF

CODE  
045COUNTY  
YorkCODE  
091**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Jeanie W. Presto

STREET & NUMBER  
639 College Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina 29730

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. York County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
Corner of West Liberty and South Congress Streets

CITY, TOWN

York

STATE

South Carolina 29745

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1975 (update)

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina 29211

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House, built ca. 1820 by Stephen McCorkle, is one of the oldest residences within the city limits of Rock Hill, South Carolina. The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House was built as a local interpretation of the Piedmont farmhouse type. A major rebuilding ca. 1880 incorporated influences of the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles. These evolutionary alterations contribute to the architectural significance of the McCorkle-Fewell-Long House.

Exterior: The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House was originally a two-story house with a symmetrical rectangular plan; numerous irregular additions have been made to three elevations. Construction is heavy timber frame sheathed with weatherboard and flushboard siding under the front porch. The granite pier foundation has been infilled with brick. The medium gable roof is covered with modern composition shingles; under this the original wood shingles remain.

The facade (northeast elevation) is five bays wide, with a full length one-story porch. The two original exterior brick chimneys are centrally placed on the southeast and northwest elevations and are laid in American common bond. A shed roof originally covered the two first floor rooms of the southwest elevation; later this was enlarged to two stories. The original heavy timber framing is largely intact.

The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House was extensively rebuilt ca. 1880, incorporating elements of the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles. The original porch roof was lowered and hipped at both ends. A belt of imbricated and saw-toothed shingles was added to the facade, and to the northwest and southeast elevations, to cover the gap caused by the lowering of the porch roof. Six new porch posts, square, with channelled and chamfered Eastlake ornament and sawn brackets, were installed, as was a new front door. The original windows were replaced with 2 over 2 sashes. A gable was added to the center of the roof.

A one-story frame wing was added to the northwest elevation at this time; this addition has a brick end chimney, a cross-gable roof, shingled pediments matching the front gable, and porch posts comparable to the new main porch posts.

Minor exterior alterations and additions include a nineteenth-century bedroom ell on the second floor with a new chimney stack; a kitchen wing, originally detached, then connected to the main house, ca. 1915; a one-story apartment attached to the southeast elevation of the house ca. 1925; and a second ell on the second floor around 1933.

Interior: The original portion of the McCorkle-Fewell-Long House consists of a symmetrical plan, with a central hall flanked by four rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the second floor. Fabric original to the house includes random width pine flooring in the second floor southeast bedroom, and a six-panel door of pinned mortise and tenon construction in the same room. The interior was largely redone in the 1880's. A new stairway was built, with a massive Eastlake newel post and turned balusters. New mantels, wainscoting, and doors were installed. Most of the original flooring was covered with modern hardwood flooring.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1820; ca 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House, believed to have been built by Stephen McCorkle prior to 1821, is considered to be one of the oldest remaining residences within the city limits of Rock Hill, South Carolina. The house is significant for its vernacular interpretation of two architectural styles and for its association with locally prominent individuals.

Stylistic analysis and historical evidence indicate that Stephen McCorkle, a locally prominent farmer, constructed the house prior to 1821. A 1904 obituary of William McCorkle, the son of Stephen McCorkle, indicates that he was born in the "old 'Fewell house' in Oakland, opposite Winthrop College, in 1821." The property was eventually sold to William P. Broach in 1852, who was the first depot agent of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad at Rock Hill, in addition to being one of the three original trustees of the Rock Hill Academy, the first school within the city limits. Between 1853 and 1859 it passed to Captain Hugh White Campbell, who evidently succeeded William P. Broach as depot agent. In 1859 the house was sold to Alexander Fewell who had extensive farming interests in the area. In 1867 the house then passed to Alexander's son, Samuel McDuffie Fewell, a Civil War veteran. In 1890 it became the property of the Rock Hill Land and Town Site Company, which controlled some of the most important real estate in Rock Hill and donated land for the site of South Carolina Industrial and Winthrop Normal College in 1893. W. Blackburn Wilson, Jr., the president of the company at this time, lived in the house. In 1906 the house was sold to Alexander Long, prominent industrialist, educator, and civic leader in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas. In 1932 the house became the property of Alexander Long's daughter, Minnie DeFoix Long Wilson. Since 1947 it has passed to people connected with Winthrop College including Dr. Ruth McClung Jones, Biology Department, 1947-1965; Dr. Robert P. Lane, Chairman, English Department, 1965-1977; and John A. Presto, Vice-President for Administrative Services, 1977-present.

Industry/Education/Humanitarianism: While Alexander Long owned the McCorkle-Fewell-Long House, he played a significant role in the educational advancement of mill workers and their families in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas; in addition, he is associated with the development of the textile industry in Rock Hill. In 1906, Long successfully established Aragon Mills, which eventually led to his presidency of Arcade Mills in 1910; Baldwin Mills in 1916; Blue Mills in 1920; and Aragon - Baldwin Mills, a chain of factories, in 1924. In addition to being one of the most successful industrialists in Rock Hill history, Long also initiated the first night-school classes for adult mill workers in the Piedmont section. During the 1920's he served as the state chairman for a literacy commission appointed by the governor. Long also donated property to Rock Hill for the site of the city's hospital.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1  
UTM REFERENCES

Latitude: 34° 56' 30"  
Longitude: 81° 1' 36"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the McCorkle-Fewell-Long House nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying tax map of Rock Hill, S.C. entitled "Plat No. 408" and drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Department of Archives and History

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Catawba Regional Planning Council

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 862

CITY OR TOWN

Rock Hill

DATE

April 14, 1980

TELEPHONE

(803) 327-9041

STATE

South Carolina 29730

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Charles E. Sep*

TITLE

S.C. SHPO

DATE

6/2/80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Lane <sup>Acting</sup> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST: Court Dubois  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/21/80

DATE

8/19/80

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The northwest wing has a mantel in the Federal style, with Doric pilasters and a central tablet. This mantel may have been removed from the original house.

Alterations to the original fabric include the partitioning of the original southeast bedroom on the second floor to create a bathroom and closets; the addition of two one-room ells to the rear of the second floor: the partition of the southwest room on the first floor to provide a kitchen and bathroom for the attached apartment; and the connection of the kitchen outbuilding to the main house.

Surroundings: The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House is located in a mixed residential and educational setting. Located to the rear of the house and within the nominated acreage is the former carriage house which was constructed ca. 1900; it is a one-story frame building sheathed with weatherboard; it has a medium gable roof. The present owners have considerably stabilized and restored the McCorkle-Fewell-Long House. In addition, they recently repainted the exterior of the house.

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Architecture: The McCorkle-Fewell-Long House is a significant example of a local interpretation of the Piedmont farmhouse type which also features vernacular influences of the Victorian era. In addition, the house is believed to be one of the oldest residences in Rock Hill. Notable architectural features include the belt of saw-tooth and imbricated siding; the pegged mortise and tenon heavy timber framing; the brackets on the porch posts; and the interior woodwork, including mantels, wainscoting; flooring, and the ornamental pine newel post.

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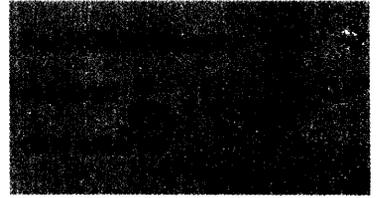
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