

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fort Mill Downtown Historic District
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Main St. from Confederate Park east to 233 Main not for publication
city, town Fort Mill vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county York code 091 zip code 29715

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal
Category of Property: building(s), district, site, structure, object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (16, 1, 1, 4, 22), Noncontributing (4, sites, structures, objects, 4 Total)
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Properties of Fort Mill
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
Date: 4/21/92

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register.
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Patrick Andrews
Date of Action: 6/11/92

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store
department store
financial institution
restaurant

Commerce/Trade: specialty store
Landscape: plaza

Landscape: plaza

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick; Wood

roof _____

other Metal, glass

Late 19th and Early 20th Century
Revivals

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Fort Mill Downtown Historic District includes much of Main Street. Twenty-two contributing and four non-contributing resources comprise the district. The district consists predominantly of masonry one and two-story commercial buildings facing Main Street and constructed between 1860 and 1940. It also includes Confederate Park and its Bandstand, an important open and public space at the western end of the district. The buildings conform to the three subtypes discussed in the Associated Property Types section of the multiple property submission Historic Properties of Fort Mill. The property type is Commercial Buildings and the subtypes are One-part Commercial Block, Two-part Commercial Block, and Vault.

The buildings in the district were constructed over a period of time as the commercial center of Fort Mill grew and developed. The buildings represent development of the downtown area in relation to three major periods of growth identified in the historic context: the early development of a commercial area as a result of the location of the railroad (1852-1885); the rapid growth in commerce following the development of the textile industry (1887-1894); and rebuilding following a series of fires which destroyed many of the early frame buildings (1894-1940). Most of the buildings date from this final period. While most properties in the district maintain their integrity, a number have undergone facade alterations as uses and businesses have changed over the years. As far as is known, there are no archaeological resources in the district which would provide important information concerning history or pre-history. Contributing resources in the Fort Mill Downtown Historic District are:

1. Confederate Park, begun about 1890 with a gift of land from Captain Samuel Elliot White, provides open space in the downtown area. In the park are two cannons, monuments to Confederate soldiers (1891), the Women of the Confederacy (1895), Faithful Slaves (1895), and the Catawba Indians who served in the Confederate Army (1900), and a Bandstand (1904), which has provided a gathering spot over the years. A pyramidal roof is supported by eight turned posts with arched brackets.
2. 201 Main Street (c. 1920), built as a cafe, this one-story brick building has a stepped roof line and arched windows on the side.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Commerce

Period of Significance

c.1860 - c.1940

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Fort Mill Downtown Historic District represents an important collection of commercial buildings which have formed the nucleus of business activity in the town. The buildings comprising the district provide evidence of the various periods of growth and development in Fort Mill. Confederate Park and its Bandstand and monuments have been the chief gathering spot for citizens since about 1890. The Park is an integral part of the downtown area. The period of significance for the district begins shortly after the development of the railroad stop at Fort Mill in 1852. It continues through several periods of growth until the most recent contributing building was built about 1940. The properties listed in the district, taken as a whole, possess historic integrity and provide an important record of the development of the downtown area. The district meets National Register Criterion A because the properties illustrate a broad pattern of development over a large part of the history of Fort Mill. It meets Criterion C because the architectural characteristics of the buildings have significance as a collection of late 19th century and early 20th century commercial design typical of the small towns of the South Carolina piedmont.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See full list of bibliographical references in the Multiple Property submission, Historic Properties of Fort Mill. The following references pertain to this district nomination:

Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 12 November 1914; 27 September 1923; 1 July 1976.

The Herald (Rock Hill, S.C.), 7 January 1899; 8 April 1900; 13 February 1952; 5 July 1988; 16 November 1988.

The Yorkville Enquirer (York, S. C.), 26 August 1975; 19 December 1889; 17 January 1936.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository:

S. C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 5 acres

UTM References

A 17 505180 3873700
Zone Easting Northing

C 17 505000 3873700

B 17 505080 3873620
Zone Easting Northing

D 17 505100 3873780

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Verbal Boundary Description

See attached Map # 1 (sketch), drawn at an approximate scale of 1" = 75'.

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Boundary Justification

Boundary follows rear property lines of properties facing Main Street; line crosses Main Street at 124 Main Street at the west property line and at the east property line of 233 and 230 Main Street.

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The front has a recessed panel with brickwork. Alterations include aluminum windows and door.

3. Spratt Building, 215 Main Street (1911). Originally a bank, this building features brick construction with cast stone trim, brick pilasters, arched doorway and decorative cornice, which includes dentils, false balusters, and stone pediment. Alterations include modern doors and windows.
4. 217 Main Street (c. 1900). A two-story brick commercial building with segmental arches over the second story windows and a corbelled cornice. Alterations include modern windows and vertical siding on the first floor facade.
5. 219 Main Street (c. 1900). A two-story brick building with decorative brickwork, including corbelled cornice and recessed panels. Alterations are modern windows on the first floor and aluminum jalousie windows on the second floor.
6. 221 Main Street (c. 1900). This two-story brick building is very similar to 219 Main Street. Features include decorative brickwork, such as corbelling and recessed panels. Alterations include modern aluminum doors at the entrance and plate-glass windows on the first floor and brick-infilled windows on the second floor.
7. 223 Main Street (c. 1900). A one-story brick building with recessed panels and a corbelled cornice. The facade has been altered using black carrara glass, plate glass, and awning.
8. 225 Main Street (c. 1900). A one-story building very similar to 223 Main Street. Alterations include black carrara glass on the first-floor facade.
9. 227 Main Street (c. 1900). A two-story brick commercial building with decorative brick window hoods, recessed panels, and cast-iron cornice. Black carrara glass has been placed on the first-floor facade.
10. 229 Main Street (c. 1900). This is a two-story brick building with decorative brickwork, including recessed panels and corbelling. Alterations include modern plate glass windows and doors. The center second-story window has been completely removed and infilled with brick, and there is an awning over the first-floor facade.
11. 231-233 Main Street (c. 1900). Formerly a bank building, this two-story brick building has recessed panels and corbelling. Alterations

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include a secondary entrance which has been infilled with a plywood panel, modern materials in the storefront, and four second-story windows with the upper sash removed and infilled with plywood panels.

12. Jones Drug Store, 124 Main Street (c. 1860). The oldest building on Main Street, it features a cast-iron facade, a cast-iron cornice with pediment, and recessed brickwork panel. There is a rear addition.
13. 202-204 Main Street (c. 1920). This building is a one-story brick building with two storefronts. It originally housed the U. S. Post Office (202) and the Majestic Theater (204). The old Post Office facade has a pediment with dentils over the entrance. The other facade has a recessed door and plate-glass windows.
14. Rogers Drug Store, 206 Main Street (c. 1940). A one-story brick building. The original facade has been covered with vertical siding. Remnants of a carrara glass facade are visible.
15. 208 Main Street (c. 1900). A one-story brick building with recessed panels, corbelling, and ribbon windows above the first-floor storefront. The facade is intact.
16. First National Bank Building/Old City Hall, 218 Main Street (c. 1920). A two-story brick building featuring cast-stone trim and recessed brick panels. The cast-stone trim forms arches above the door and grouped windows in the central bay of the second floor. A curvilinear cast-stone pediment has been placed over the entrance.
17. 226-228-230 Main Street (c. 1900). Two-story painted brick building with a corbelled cornice and segmental arches above second-story windows. There are three entrances on the first floor with modern replacement doors.

Noncontributing resources include the following:

203 Main Street - True Value Hardware
212 Main Street - Vacant
213 Main Street - Martin Drugs
216 Main Street - Plantation Realty/Southern Auction

203 Main Street, 212 Main Street, and 213 Main Street are modern buildings, dating from the 1960s. The building at 216 Main Street is an older building dating from the 1930s, but the facade has been totally obscured by modern metal siding.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Fort Mill Downtown Historic District
Historic Properties of Fort Mill Multiple
Property Submission
Location of Property: York County, South Carolina
Photographer: Paul M. Gettys
Location of negatives: Paul M. Gettys Associates, 4180 Cureton Ferry
Road, Catawba, S.C. 29704
Date: May 1990

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Confederate Park - Bandstand (NW)
2. Confederate Park - Monument to Confederate Soldiers (W)
3. Confederate Park - Monument to Catawba Indians (W)
4. Spratt Building, 215 Main Street (NW)
5. 217 Main Street (NW)
6. 219 Main Street (NW)
7. 223 Main Street (NW)
8. 225 Main Street (NW)
9. 227 Main Street (NW)
10. 227, 229, 231-33 Main Street (N)
11. 231-33 Main Street (NW)
12. Jones Drug Store, 124 Main Street (SW)
13. 208 Main Street (SW)
14. First National Bank/Old City Hall, 218 Main Street (SW)
15. Streetscape, North side of Main Street (NW)

HISTORIC PROPERTIES OF FORT MILL

FORT MILL DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Approx. scale: 1" = 75'

