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Name Historic Eau Claire Town Hall and Survey Location 3904 Monticello Road
Publishing Company Building
Common Classification Buildings

Owner City Housing Company
1229 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description : Eau Claire Town Hall is a many-sided two-story brick building with a four-story tower on the southeastern corner. The first floor features segmentally arched bays: five each on the east and west sides and two on the south side. A large vertical sign on the west facade is a later addition. Corners on the south side of the building are canted. Southwestern corner which originally contained a bay window, is now an entrance to a first-floor store. Southeastern tower contains stairwell and main entrance to second floor. Tower has canted corners, a stone arch on the first floor, and two round-headed windows enclosed in an arch on the second floor. On three sides the third story features a narrow arched window. Fourth floor of tower has corbelling and decorative concrete and tile ornamentation. Original tile roof of tower has been replaced with tin.

Second floor has rectangular windows with three-part upper panes. Between windows are
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Significance Under construction from 1912 to 1914, the Eau Claire Town Hall served until 1928 as offices for the American Lutheran Survey, a weekly publication with national circulation. Walton H. Greever, a Lutheran minister who edited the Survey, was responsible for having the building constructed. Greever, who also taught at the nearby Lutheran Seminary, developed much of the Eau Claire section.

After the American Lutheran Survey folded in 1928, the building served as the seat of government for the Town of Eau Claire until 1955 when Eau Claire merged with the City of Columbia.

Designed by J. B. Urquhart of Columbia, the structure is a distinctive early 20th Century commercial building with a four-story tower, asymmetrical plan to fit the shape of the lot, and use of decorative concrete and tile.
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Acreage .36 acre

Verbal Boundary Description TMS 224-01-19; running 173' along Ensor Avenue, 183' along Monticello Road, a northern property line of 112', and a southern line of 54'

UTM Reference Point Columbia North 17/496180/3766320

Other Information

Description -- continued

panels of decorative concrete and tile work. Building has wide overhanging eaves, wooden brackets, and a tile roof. Chimneys are a later addition.

The second floor has four apartments which are currently being renovated. These apartments have varied shaped rooms and doors surmounted by transoms. Access to apartments is from a hall which surrounds an interior courtyard. A second stairwell located on the rear of the building opens onto both courtyard and the exterior.

Directly north of the Eau Claire Town Hall is the Survey Publishing Company Building, a one-story brick building. Originally constructed to house the American Lutheran Survey Printing Plant, the building is now used as a Black Muslim church. The building features wide segmentally arched bays, brick corbelling, and ornamental concrete and tile. A stepped parapet contains a rectangular plaque with the words "Survey Publishing Company." Close to its original appearance, the building has had several windows painted or boarded up, and awning and sign added. Both buildings are located at the fork of North Main Street and Monticello Road in the Eau Claire section of Columbia. The V-shaped lot directly south of the Town Hall will be converted into a city park.

Significance -- continued

Constructed shortly after completion of the Town Hall building, the Survey Publishing Company Building housed the printing plant. A one-story building, it has many of the decorative features of the larger building.