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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Canal Dime Savings Bank (preferred) Location 1530 Main Street
Common Eckerd's Drug Store Classification Building

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Hyo E. Park
1530 Main St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description: A three-story brick building with a granite facade and red barrel tile roof, the Eckerd's building is an example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Second and third floor facade remains essentially as built although the first floor was totally altered after 1936.

The structure's first floor originally featured a slightly projecting large arched doorway with a high entablature on its right-hand side. A pair of windows was originally in the center of the building and on the left was a smaller entrance surmounted by a window. The first floor retains original stonework on the corners. New features (added circa 1936) are a wide recessed entrance flanked by store windows flush with facade. Black tile is located below store windows and above entrance and windows.

The second floor has four bays with three identical rounded arch windows on (continued on back)

Significance

Columbia's only surviving example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture, the Eckerd's building was constructed sometime between 1892 and 1895. The unaltered second and third floor facade is typical of the 19th Century style with rough cut granite, rounded arches, and an asymmetrical design with a heavy sculptural quality. The architectural firm of W. B. Smith Whaley and Company designed the building at 1530 Main Street for the Canal Dime Savings Bank. The design could be the work of either Whaley, a prominent Columbia architect, builder, and cotton industrialist, or of his partner, Gadsden E. Shand.

Subsequently owned by the Loan and Exchange Bank of South Carolina, the State Bank and Trust Company, and the People's Bank of Columbia, the building was acquired by Eckerd's in 1936. It has been occupied by Eckerd's since that time.

Acreage .12 acre

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Canal Dime Savings Bank nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying tax map of Richland County entitled "No. 20" 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)

the left and double rounded arch windows with a central colonette on the right.

A third floor balcony has four rounded arch openings with short stone colonettes on high plinths. Colonette capitals are Romanesque in form. A stone balustrade the height of plinths extends under arches.

The right arch is slightly wider than the other three and is surmounted by a gable. Blocks with carved lions' heads flank the gable.

A projecting vertical sign is a later addition.