

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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| <u>Name</u> | Historic Bank of Western Carolina Common Lexington State Bank | Location | 126 Main Street Lexington, South Carolina | Classification | Building |
| <u>Owner</u> | Citizens and Southern Trust Dept. Mrs. W. W. Lorick, Sr., Properties 1801 Main Street Columbia, SC 29201 | James P. Dreher, Est. c/o C&S National Bank Trust Dept. P.O. Box 22213 Columbia, SC 29222 | | Raymond Caughman Lexington State Bank P.O. Box 8 Lexington, SC 29072 | |
| <u>Representation in Existing Surveys</u> | Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina | | | | |

Description The Bank of Western Carolina is a one-story, rectangular, brick building with a tiled hip roof, which was constructed ca. 1912. Paired eaves brackets and an arched entry with molded surround are the building's only decorative elements. The right elevation has three one-over-one windows. A low masonry extension was added to the rear of the building in the late 1960s and the interior has been recently completely remodeled.

Significance Stylistically unique among the town's architecture, the Bank of Western Carolina is an important landmark as one of the five surviving commercial buildings of the 1916 fire. As such it is a significant element of the town's visual heritage and a graphic reminder of the history of banking and history in the town and county. The Lexington branch of the Bank of Western Carolina, which was based in Aiken, operated in this building from ca. 1912 until the bank failure of 1931. It was thereafter operated as an insurance agency by E. G. Dreher until 1966 when the Lexington State Bank was organized by local businessmen to provide a home town bank.⁸⁸

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is shown as the appropriate red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map #04320, drawn at a scale, 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes only the historical building, while excluding adjacent insignificant buildings.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 Local
 State
 National