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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Darlington
Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Manne Building

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: M. Manne Building

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Manne Building

LOCATION: 129 Pearl Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY: 1 Contributing Building

OWNER: Harold W. Timmons
Country Club Boulevard
Darlington, South Carolina 29532

DESCRIPTION

The Manne Building is a two-story commercial building with a flat roof. The elaborate pressed metal facade on the second floor of the masonry building is characterized by sixteen windows separated by paired Corinthian pilasters. Above the second floor windows of the facade, a profusion of pressed metal Eastlake ornamentation occurs. A modillioned cornice, which is supported by brackets, is situated below the front parapet. The design of the metal parapet is dominated by a central pediment containing the name "M. Manne," which is flanked by sections displaying the date "1892." A modern aluminum and glass storefront on the first floor is divided into two equal sections; early photographs of Darlington indicate a steel framework for supporting canvas awnings on the front of this building.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce
Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Manne Building is significant commercially as one of the most successful mercantile establishments in Darlington during the last decade of the nineteenth century and architecturally as the city's most substantial and relatively intact pressed metal facade.

The Manne Building was constructed on Pearl Street after the disastrous fire of February 27, 1892, destroyed most of the business portion of the city.¹ The citizens set to work immediately to replace the wooden buildings with brick structures.²

The Darlington News edition of September 1, 1892, reported "Mr. S. Manne pushing work on a row of brick buildings on Pearl Street. There will be five in number and two stories high."³ By January 5, 1893, the building was nearing completion and was to be occupied by the following merchants: E. E. Nigels, grocery; A. Hyman, merchandise; Behrman & Myers, general merchandise; Fred Berberick, baker.⁴

Mr. Abraham Hyman is listed in the city directory of 1913-14 as residing at 229 West Broad Street.⁵ His merchandise business was located in the Manne Building for many years.⁶

By August of 1893, J. D. Joye had moved to Darlington from Sumter to establish his merchandise business in the Manne Building.⁷ A month later, J. H. Mason⁸ moved his jewelry business into Mr. Joye's general merchandise store.

The Manne building was sold in 1901 to N. L. Harrell who converted the second floor into a hotel.⁹ Various commercial enterprises have been housed in the Manne building through the years, including the Farmer's Supply Company during the 1920's.¹⁰

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary for the Manne Building nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "M. Manne Building." The map was copied from a map of the town of Darlington, S.C., which is dated June, 1980, and is drawn at a scale of one inch to 500 feet. The nominated property includes the historic building and the lot on which it is situated.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East, S.C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/603840/3796040

FOOTNOTES

¹Darlington, S.C., 1893, (n.p., 1893), p. 18.

²Ibid.

³Darlington News (Darlington, S.C.), 1 September 1892.

⁴Ibid., 5 January 1893.

⁵Darlington City Directory 1913-1914 (Asheville, N.C.: Piedmont Directory Co., 1914), p. 168.

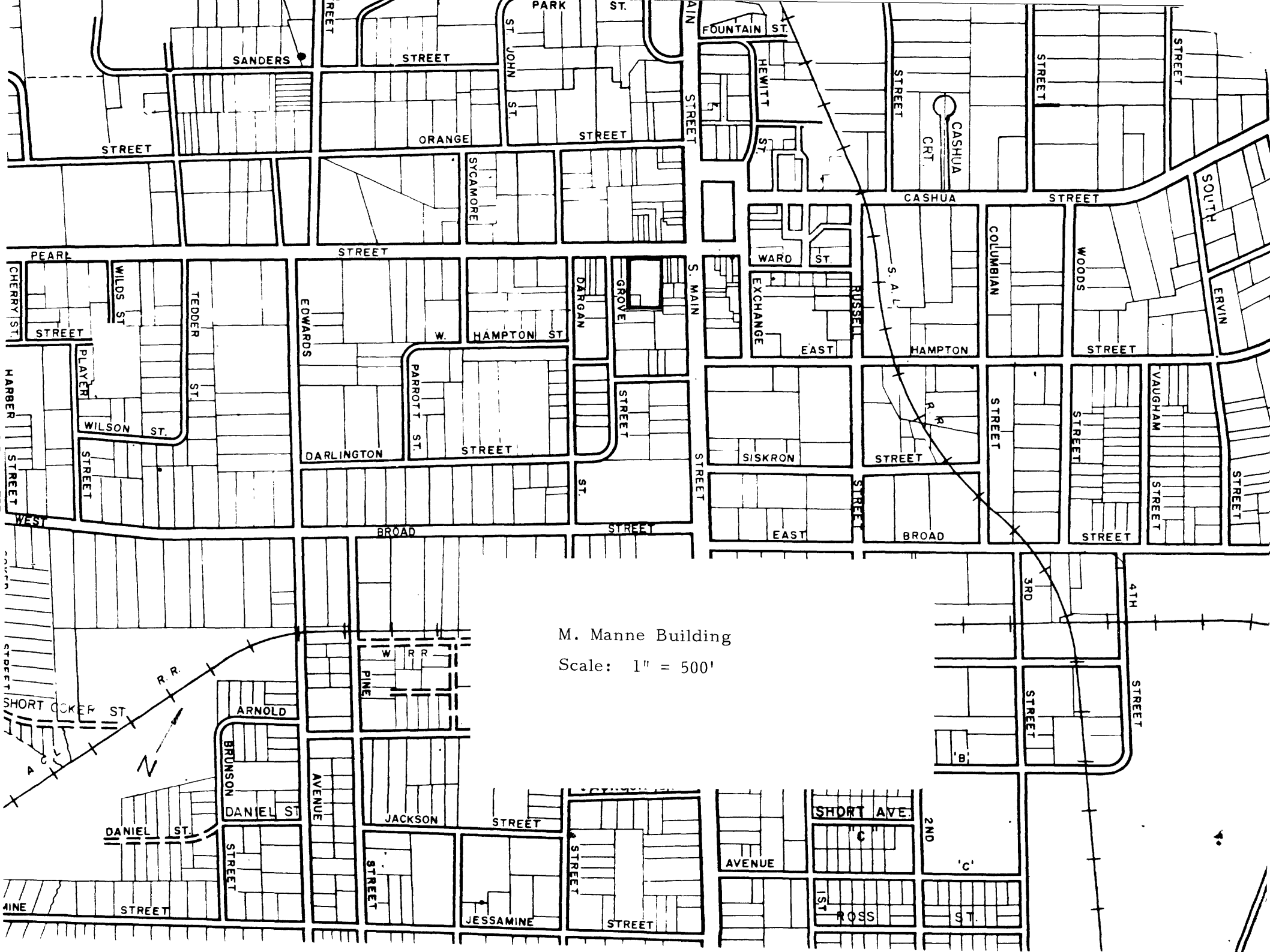
⁶Morning News (Florence, S.C.), 22 September 1942.

⁷Darlington News (Darlington, S.C.), 10 August 1893.

⁸Ibid., 7 September 1893.

⁹Ibid., 20 June 1901.

¹⁰Horace Fraser Rudisill, Darlington County, A Pictorial History (Norfolk Virginia: Donning Co., 1986), p. 56.



M. Manne Building

Scale: 1" = 500'