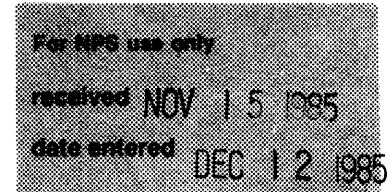


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Name: Historic: M.L.B. Sturkey House Location: Corner Main and Washington Streets

Common: Bowick House Classification: Building

Owner: Andrew M. and Polly W. Bowick
Box 111
McCormick, S.C. 29835

Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description: The M.L.B. Sturkey House is a frame cottage with Queen Anne detailing built ca. 1895. The house is a gable front and wing form or ell plan with a rear addition. The house is one-story in height with weatherboard siding. On the main (west) and north facades is a porch with chamfered porch posts and a spindled railing. Beneath the gables of the house is diagonal bracing and drop pendants. The house retains its original frame and glass door and it contains six-over-six sash windows. The house has a composition shingle gable roof with two corbelled brick interior chimneys. Few alterations have occurred to both the exterior and interior of the building.

Significance: This house was built ca. 1895 by M.L.B. Sturkey, one of McCormick's most prominent early residents. (27) Sturkey moved to McCormick in the 1880s and opened a hardware and dry goods store on Main Street. This store was first housed in a two-story brick building which was destroyed in the February 1910 fire. Sturkey then built the two-story brick building on Main Street which still stands although partly covered with metal siding. Sturkey was one of the main proponents in the formation of McCormick County. In 1895 he served on the committee which petitioned the Constitutional Convention to create McCormick County and continued to lead the fight for the formation of the county until 1916. In addition to his hardware store Sturkey was president of the McCormick Telephone Company and was a director in the McCormick Cotton Oil Mill, now known as Dorn's Flour and Grist Mill. (28) Because of his role in the formation of the county and prominence in local business, Sturkey is significant to the history of the county and town.

Acreage: Approx .3 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the M.L.B. Sturkey House nomination is shown as the broken line on the accompanying McCormick County Tax Map #277 drawn at a scale of 1"=200'. The boundary contains the house and associated yard.

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Other Information: