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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name McNair, A.M., House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 153 West Home Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Hartsville vicinity _____
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031
zip code 29550

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 8/4/94
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Edson H. Beall 9/5/94
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

Entered in the
National Register

Beall Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Historic Resources of Hartsville, ca. 1817-ca. 1941

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Asbestos

walls Wood/Weatherboard

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Significant Dates

ca. 1900

1902

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

McNair, A.M.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Period of Significance

ca. 1900-1908

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Hartsville Museum

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>17</u>	<u>584920</u>	<u>3803960</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	<u>See continuation sheet.</u>					

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization S.C. Department of Archives and History date 28 June 1994

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city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29211

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Cameron McNeill

street & number 153 West Home Avenue telephone _____

city or town Hartsville state SC zip code 29550

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McNair, A.M. House
name of property
Darlington County, South Carolina
county and State

The A.M. McNair House is located at 153 West Home Avenue in Hartsville. Constructed ca. 1900, it is an excellent example of a Queen Anne-influenced residence. This house is also representative of residences in Hartsville associated with the community's industrial, commercial, and civic leaders.

This two-story residence on a brick foundation has an asymmetrical plan, with a three-bay facade, a pyramidal roof with cross gables on all elevations and interior corbel-capped chimneys, and a one-story hip roof porch which wraps around the east and west elevations and is supported by turned posts with a simple balustrade. A pent roof or wood awning with scalloped edge corresponds extends the shelter of this porch. The three-bay facade features two-over-two double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters, a central entry featuring a single-leaf door with a shelf architrave, and a two-story gabled extension featuring on the first floor a two-over-two double-hung sash window with louvered shutters, and a louvered vent in the gable. The central feature of the facade is a pedimented gable extension of the porch roof which contains an applied sunburst design. The second story features two-over-two double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters. The west elevation includes a two-story gabled bay extension where the wraparound porch terminates and the first story of which is canted and adorned with brackets and dropped pendant.

A one-story gabled extension with shed addition is at the rear (south) elevation.

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McNair, A.M., House
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The A.M. McNair House is significant as an excellent example of Queen Anne-influenced residential architecture and for its association with A.M. McNair (1857-1929), prominent Hartsville businessman who served as co-owner of McKinnon and McNair Department Store, founder and president of the Pee Dee Furniture Company, and vice-president and president of the Bank of Hartsville.

The house was built ca. 1900 for Alexander Mortimer McNair, a native North Carolinian who had first moved to South Carolina in 1877, when he settled at Clyde, a Darlington County community west of Hartsville. After working at a general store and in the turpentine industry for a few years, including a brief return to North Carolina, McNair purchased this lot in 1899 and moved into this house in 1902. He soon went into business with his brother-in-law M.S. McKinnon (1872-1938) to found McKinnon and McNair, a Hartsville department store which operated for many years as competition for J.L. Coker and Company. McNair and McKinnon also founded the Pee Dee Furniture Company in 1905, with McNair serving as the company's president for many years. Banking was another of McNair's other business interests; after the Bank of Hartsville was founded in 1904, McNair served briefly as its president and for many years as a vice-president, and also served as a director of the Peoples' Bank of Hartsville. "In the passing of A.M. McNair," an editorial in the Hartsville Messenger observed after McNair's death in 1929, "Hartsville loses a pioneer builder. . . he labored steadfastly in the upbuilding of the community and in the welfare of its people. . . Few men have commanded such confidence and respect of his fellowmen."¹

In 1908 McNair sold the house to Craven C. Best (1861-1926), Hartsville farmer and businessman; the property passed to Best's children at his death and was later sold out of the family.²

¹Hartsville Messenger, 28 November 1929; The State (Columbia, S.C.), 29 November 1929; "A.M. McNair," in Yates Snowden, ed., History of South Carolina (Chicago and New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1920), IV:152-53; Lucile Boswell Neely, Hartsville: Our Community, rev. ed. (Columbia: R.L. Bryan Company, 1965), pp. 147-48, 199, 231; and Darlington County Deed Books, Deed Book 22, p. 741, and Deed Book 50, p. 586, Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, S.C.

²Darlington County Deed Books, Deed Book 228, p. 247, and Deed Book 781, p. 182.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black dotted line labeled "A.M. McNair House" on the accompanying map "City of Hartsville," drawn at a scale of 1" = 700'.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the house and its immediate setting.

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Section PHOTOGRAPHS Page 9 McNair, A.M., House
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county and State

The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: A.M. McNair House
Location of Property: 153 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, Darlington County, South Carolina
Photographer: J. Tracy Power, S.C. Department of Archives & History
Location of Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.
Date of Photographs: 15 June 1994

1. Facade
2. Facade, left oblique
3. Facade detail
4. Front porch, right oblique detail