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Name Historic 1210-14 Main Street Location 1210-14 Main Street
Common Capitol Cafe Classification Building

Owner Ms. Caroline Grimball
c/o John Grimball
4000 Bloomwood
Columbia, S.C. 29205

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description Believed to have been built shortly after the War Between the States, the building at 1210-14 Main Street was completed by 1871 although the existing double facade may have been joined after this date. Storefronts of the two story stuccoed facade have been remodelled. The second floor features three windows on either side of a central door. Segmentally arched 6/6 light windows have cast iron sills and cornices. Door has an identical cast iron surround. A balcony with cast iron railing extends across central three bays.

Significance The Capitol Cafe building is the best surviving example of the Victorian commercial structures that once lined Columbia's Main Street. The symmetrical second floor facade with cast iron balcony and window and door surround is characteristic of the late 19th century. Located one block away from the State House, the Capitol Cafe, a restaurant, has been in the building since 1913 and is well known locally as a meeting place for legislators.

Acreage .20 acre

Verbal Boundary Description TMS 19-12-15; extending 54' along Main and 166' of side property line

UTM Reference Point Columbia North 17/496740/3762080

Other Information