

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 an 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 Main Street Historic District (Additional Documentation)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number roughly bounded by U.S. Hwy. 70; Garden St.; State St.; and Logan St. N/A not for publication

city or town Marion N/A vicinity

state North Carolina code NC county McDowell code 111 zip code 28752

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

William S. Price, Jr. SHPO 11-3-94
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of 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 certifying official/Title Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - 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) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

Main Street Historic District

McDowell, NC

Name of Property

County and State

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

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
36	21	buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
37	21	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Historic and Architectural Resources in Downtown Marion, North Carolina

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store

Commerce/Trade: financial institution

Commerce/Trade: professional

Government: courthouse

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: hotel

Religion: religious structure

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: speciality store

Commerce/Trade: financial institution

Commerce/Trade: professional

Government: courthouse

Domestic: single dwelling

Religion: religious structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial style

Classical Revival

Bungalow/Craftsman

Late Gothic Revival

Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls brick

roof asphalt

other wood

iron

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 in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or 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

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1894-1937

Significant Dates

1894

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Stillwell, Erle, Architect

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:

Main Street Historic District

McDowell, NC

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 21 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 17 408420 3949430
Zone Easting Northing
2 17 408590 3949570

3 17 408910 3949010
Zone Easting Northing
4 17 408740 3934920

X: See continuation sheet

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

name/title Sybil Argintar Bowers / Amendment by: Historic Preservation Office, Survey & Planning Branch, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601 Sept. 1994
organization Bowers Southeastern Preservation date August 31, 1990
street & number P.O. Box 15722 telephone 704-253-1392
city or town Asheville state NC zip code 28813

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 SHPO or FPO.)

name
street & number telephone
city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Main Street Historic District (Nomination Amendment)
Marion, McDowell County, NC

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Narrative Description

This document is intended to amend the National Register Nomination for the Main Street Historic District, Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places March 28, 1991. The amendment is written to revise the Main Street Historic District nomination by including 24 South Main Street as a contributing building.

When the property was evaluated for the original nomination it was found to be a non-contributing structure. The reason for this decision was that the front facade of the structure was covered by a large, metal, false front. The false front concealed the architectural integrity of the building. With the removal of the metal false front the building was returned to its original 1910 brick facade and was eligible for re-evaluation of its status within the district.

The removal of the false front revealed a handsome two-story, Italianate, commercial building. The brick structure is seven bays wide with a flat roof. The top portion of the building features decorative stepped bricks and inset brick panels. The cornice of 20 South Main Street continues three bays into 24 South Main Street and abruptly changes in the center bay. This indicates a separation in the building at the time of its construction, or that what is now 24 South Main Street was originally two buildings. There are seven brick filled, segmentally arched window openings that are centered in each bay. Decorative brick drip moldings remain above four of the seven windows. The original storefront portion of the building has been removed and replaced with a twentieth-century glass display window.

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Statement of Significance

The Main Street Historic District is an intact grouping of brick commercial buildings that are representative of the development of the Marion's downtown area. The District has remained significant as the county's center of retail, banking, and seat of government for McDowell County. The removal of the false front allows 24 South Main Street to contribute to the intact group of twentieth-century commercial buildings that remain in the Main Street Historic District. The building was built in 1910 and is within the 1894 to 1937 period of significance for the district. Architecture is an area of significance for the Main Street Historic District and the removal of the false front allows the building to contribute to the District's architectural resources. The Italianate structure contributes to the range of architectural styles that represent the significance of the Main Street Historic District.

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Continuation of UTM References:

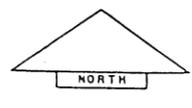
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Photographs:

- #1. 24 S. Main Street
Main Street Historic District
McDowell County, North Carolina
Sandra Epperson
September 1994
Camera angle SW
- #2. 22-24 S. Main Street
Main Street Historic District
McDowell County, North Carolina
Photographer unknown
May 1919
Camera angle SW



MARION, NORTH CAROLINA



SKETCH MAP

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF DOWNTOWN MARION, NC

MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

□ CONTRIBUTING

▨ NON-CONTRIBUTING

1, 2, ... INVENTORY NUMBERS

Ⓐ PHOTO AND DIRECTION OF VIEW

Additional Documentation

#15 - 24 South Main St -

Contributing resource

