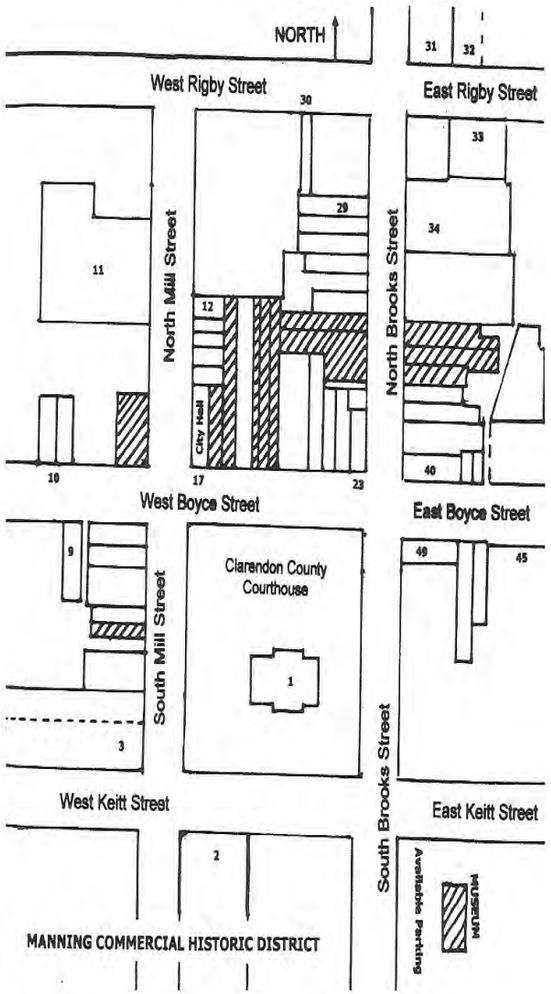
Commercial Historic District Walking Tour

A Map to help guide your way.



PARKING AVAILABLE at 102 S. Brooks Street, Clarendon County Museum and History Center on the corner of Brooks and Keitt Street.

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Walking Tour Manning, South Carolina

Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality

Gateway to the Lake.

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MANNING

Manning History - On December 19, 1855, the South Carolina Legislature created Clarendon as an independent political subdivision. The legislature appointed commissioners, "to select and purchase…a tract of land of not less than six acres, nor more than sixty acres; upon which they shall lay out a village to be called the 'Village of Manning,' and determine the site of the public buildings…" The Village was named in honor of Governor John Laurence Manning (1816 – 1889). The village site was in the midst of pine forests, chinquapin thickets, and scrub oak. Manning grew quickly. Dr. George Allen Huggins, the first intendant (mayor) of Manning and a city planner, envisioned the town as the garden spot for which it has become known. He laid out streets wide enough for automobile traffic long before automobiles were invented. He supervised the planting of trees down the middle of the wide streets, separating the traffic lanes. A large portion of Manning was destroyed in 1865 during Potter's Raid. Three further tragedies were a downtown fire in 1895, a tornado in 1915 and Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Manning's Post Office was established in 1856. The first Library was completed in 1910. 1933 Highway 4 was changed to U.S. Hwy 301 which became a preferred north/south route of motorist and I-95 opened in 1972. Manning remains a popular attraction today and a favorite location for retirees looking for recreational activities and a mild climate.

Walking Tour

◊1 *Clarendon County Court House* Built 1909 dedicated in January 1910. The grounds include a number of monuments, notably the Confederate Monument, dedicated July 14, 1914.

◊2 *6 W. Keitt St.* In 1958 the Federal Building was built under the auspices of the General Services Administration. The two story concrete slab tower was added in 1968 to house an elevator.

◊3 *29 & 27 S. Mill St.* Built in 1912 Coffey –Rigby Livery Stables replaces a wooden structure built in 1908. The Roman arch marks the original entry to the stable yard. The adjoining B. F. Hill building to the north was formerly the carriage house for the stables.

◊4 *23 S Mill St.* Built before 1895 this Folk Victorian house with dual entrance served early as a Doctor's Office.

◊5 *9 S. Mill St.* Built 1912 Peoples Bank and Trust is a vault style brick bank building which still has its original lead lined walk in safe. It has housed an insurance office and other retail businesses.

◊6 *7 S. Mill St.* Built 1916 the building was formerly a farmers supply store, Chevrolet dealership, then a furniture store.

◊7 *5 South Mill St. Built 1916 The heavily molded ornamental wooden doors were recovered from the Manning Hotel and installed* during a 2005 renovation. Formerly Clark's Dry Cleaning, carriage/auto repair shop, plumbing supply store and an annex for Clarendon Furniture store.

◊8 *3 South Mill Street* ca 1912-1915 This building first served as Manning Hardware store with law offices on the second floor.

◊9 *36 West Boyce St.* Built before1923 One story brick building originally served as a storage building for Clarendon Furniture Store.

◊10 *39 and 41 West Boyce St.* 1895-1900 A Doctor's office on the right was joined to a Dentist Office on the left sometime after 1945 but before 1953.

◊11 *17 N. Mill St.* 1923-1937 This building was part of a much larger complex that included Harvin Motor Co., farm equipment sales and service and a service station.

12 –16 *14, 16, 18, 20 & 22 N. Mill Street* 1900-1922. Built in stages as part of the Manning Hotel Co. Lafaye and Lafaye did design work for S A Nettles in 1922 for the hotel.

17 *Manning City Hall* -Nettles Building. One part of this building may date to 1891. During renovations in 2010 the original iron work and pillars were uncovered on the front of the building.

18 *21 W. Boyce St. Possible built in 1895 and expanded in 1912 it was for many years Richman's Department Store. This was the site of one of Manning's two saloons in the 1870's and 1880's.*

19 *13 W. Boyce St.* Abrams Building rebuilt after the 1915 tornado, replaced two buildings and became a clothing store in 1920. The Abrams name is still in the entrance mosaic tile.

20 *7 W. Boyce St.* Schwartz Building. This was the site of Brailsford's Grocery, 1933 until 1951. The Schwartz family has operated a clothing store here for two generations. This store has a mosaic tile entrance

21 *5 West Boyce St*. ca. 1915 Dickson's Drug Store included a soda fountain and the first radio in Manning. Brailsford's Grocery was here from 1951 until 2002.

22 *3 W. Boyce St.* G. Dewey Clark opened a dry goods store here around 1934 that operated for forty years.

23 *1 W. Boyce St.* This building was a bank and housed lawyers offices on the second floor. The Cut Rate Drug Store operated here from the 1940's to the 1970's. The vaulted entrance opens on the corner rather than one of the two streets. During WW II a temporary wooden lookout tower was constructed on the roof.

24 *9 N. Brooks St. ca. 1915* Metropol's Package store became a "full bottle" liquor store after prohibition. It had been a jewelry store, beauty salon and photo studio.

25 *19 N. Brooks St*. 1911 built to house Home Bank & Trust. The town clock was mounted on the left center pilaster. In 1932 the Bank of Clarendon took over the building.

26 *21 & 23 N. Brooks St.* Built 1911 as the W.P. Legg Carriage Co. the floor still slopes as it did then to accommodate carriages. In the 1920's the telephone exchange was installed on the second floor.

27 *27 N. Brooks St.* In 1912 maps show a furniture dealer here, later an Insurance office and then Brown's 5 & 10.

28 *31 N. Brooks St.* ca. 1911 Once a dry goods store, a hardware store and possibly a 1930's bowling alley.

29 *35 N. Brooks St*. ca. 1911 The roof line continues from 31 & 27 North Brooks St. on this building that had been Mrs. Green's Movie Theater and a Western Auto.

30 *6 W. Rigby St.* Built between 1945 and 1953 this building was originally the Weinberg Building which housed a Law Office.

31 *NE Corner Rigby & Brooks* ca 1945 Gamble's Esso Service Station.

32 *3 E. Rigby St.* Built between 1923 and 1933 and used as a doctor's office until the late 1990's.

33 *6 E. Rigby St.* ca. 1940 The Market Bureau was designed to hold US Dept. of Agriculture offices and a grain buying station. The building was rehabilitated into six apartments in the early 1980's.

34 *34 N. Brooks St*. 1919 built by D. W. Alderman as the Alderman's 20 Stores in One. In 1945 Belk Simpson bought the building which had the only elevator in the county. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

35 *22 N. Brooks St.* 1924 Leon Weinberg building designed by Lafaye and Lafaye. Originally divided into three shops on the same location. In 1941 there was a department store, a barber shop and a grocery. B.C. Moore occupied two thirds of the building until 1956 when it incorporated the southern third of the building into the store.

36 *12 N. Brooks St.* 1912-1923 Zeigler's then Plowden's Drug Store were here beginning in the mid 1920's. By 1950's it became Brunson's Drug Store as it remains.

37 *10 N. Brooks St*. 1912-1923 J. Smith Boswell opened a grocery store here beginning in the mid 1920's when Zeigler's Drug Store moved next door.

38 *8 N. Brooks St*. 1900-1905, the façade was updated ca 1925. Originally a grocery store and stationary store then a 5 & 10 in 1912. In 1923 Dixie Café moved here and became a locally renowned coffee shop and restaurant, Central Coffee Shop, owned by the Metropol family.

39 *6 N. Brooks St.* First a hardware store/ photography studio, later a soda fountain/poll hall and Metropol's Package Store.

40 *2 N. Brooks St*. A Levi Building has been on this site since 1856. The brick structure was probably built in 1870's and significantly renovated in 1895. It is believed to be the oldest commercial building in Manning and housed general merchandise and furniture. The Levi complex was renovated in 2006 as law offices.

41 *7 E. Boyce St*. The Levi Annex is part of the Levi building where separate commercial businesses operated until renovated in 2011.

42 *9 E. Boyce St*. 1905—1912 In 1912 this served as the express office. By 1920's it was Iseman's Grocery.

43 *11 E. Boyce St.* 1905—1912 Served as Gardner's Grocery from 1912 until the 1970's. In the 1950's a shoe repair shop accessed from this store was located behind Iseman's Store.

44 *15 E. Boyce St*. 1912—1923 Levi's Warehouse earliest use was as a tobacco warehouse and later used to store fertilizer.

45 *10 E. Boyce St*. 1905—1912 Chandler Building has been a retail establishment since it was built.

46 *8 E. Boyce St*. *ca. 1923* Cary Smith's Piggly Wiggly Grocery store moved in 1965 after a fire. It has been vacant for some time.

47 *6 & 4 E. Boyce St*. Western Union Office Building and an office space by 1923.

48 2 East Boyce St. Pure Oil Station Annex Originally a coal bin for the Pure Oil Station, later an auto service bay and then an office and retail space.

49 2 S. Brooks St. 1912 A rectangular two-story brick bank stood on this site. An adjacent exterior stairway is in evidence by 1923. By the 1930's an oblique corner and a diagonal drive under pass through filling station was here. By 1941 it was Hinson's café. Later this building housed a drug store, music store, flower shop, deli, and a clothing store. The second floor has been used for lawyers offices and is currently not occupied.

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DOWNTOWN PHOTO GUIDE

1 Clarendon County Courthouse

2 6 W Keitt Street, Federal Building

MILL STREET

3 29 South Mill Street Old Livery Stable—Law Office of Land Parker & Welch

5 9 South Mill Street - Peoples Bank And Trust ca 1912

6 7 S. Mill St. - Built in 1916 Former Clarendon Furniture Store

7 5 South Mill Street ca 1916— Annex for Former Clarendon Furniture Store

17 29 W Boyce Street Manning City Hall—Former Nettles Building

WEST BOYCE STREET

20-22 West Boyce Street

24 1 West Boyce Street –Former Cut Rate Drug Store

BROOKS STREET walking North

24 9 N. Brooks Street—Former Metropol's Package Store ca 1915

25 19 N. Brooks Street - Former Bank ca 1911

26 21 & 23 N. Brooks St. Built 1911 as the W.P. Legg Carriage Co

RIGBY STREET

32 3 East Rigby Street - 1923-1933 Dr. W. S. Harvin's Office

33 6 East Rigby Street- ca 1940 Market Bureau Currently Apartments

BROOKS STREET walking South

34 34 N Brooks Street Former Belk's Building

35-37 North Brooks Street

38 8 North Brooks Street— Former Central Coffee Shop

39 6 North Brooks Street— Former Dixie Cafe

40 2 North Brooks Street prior to 1895 Levi Building former Department Store and Former Furniture Store

EAST BOYCE STREET

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