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Historic Imperial Tobacco Company Location 416 N. Mullins Street (Mullins)

Building

Common

Building

Marvel Lighting Company Classification

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Marvel Lighting Corp.

416 N. Mullins Street

Mullins, SC 29574

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Representation in Existing Surveys

South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1982

Description

The Imperial Tobacco Company Building is a large, brick, industrial building. The original part is a three-story, brick (common bond) building. Facade and rear elevations of this part have stepped parapets with tile coping on parapets. Roof is flat with overhanging eaves with brackets. Arched double windows contain four-over-four sash. Windows and loading bays are crowned by radiating voussoirs. A tower with battlements is attached to right elevation.

The building has ten additions of varying age. Some are one-story and some are two-story; some have metal siding and others are brick (common bond and Flemish bond).

Significance

The Imperial Tobacco Company Building was constructed between 1908 and 1913. At that time it was the largest redrying plant in Mullins. The Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland, Inc. used its plant in Mullins to buy, dry, and export tobacco. As the oldest redrying plant in Mullins, the Imperial Tobacco Company is important for the role it played in the processing of tobacco in the area in the first half of the twentieth century.

Acreage ± 4.62 acres

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Dillon County Tax Map #7, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. This boundary includes the redrying plant and the lot on which it is situated.

UTM Reference Point

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Other Information