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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM



SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC The General Francis Marion Bamberg House

AND/OR COMMON
The Bamberg House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER NW corner of North Railroad Avenue and North Carlisle Street

CITY, TOWN Bamberg
VICINITY OF _____
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT # 2

STATE South Carolina CODE 045 COUNTY Bamberg CODE 009

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Henry F. Bamberg, III

STREET & NUMBER
Hwy. 50

CITY, TOWN Bamberg VICINITY OF _____ STATE South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circa 1897, Barnwell County Courthouse

After 1897,
Bamberg County
Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Barnwell Bamberg STATE South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE 1973
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Columbia STATE South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bamberg House is a two-story, red brick Victorian (Queen Anne) structure located on a corner lot of approximately 3/4 acre. It was built by General Francis Marion Bamberg for whom the county of Bamberg, South Carolina was named. Sources have given varying construction dates for the structure. Although the exact date is not known, the house was probably built between 1869-1880. An 1892 newspaper article lists Francis Marion Bamberg's house "...among the handsome places which have long stood in the town..."¹

Exterior: A five-bayed portico extends the length of the lower level of the front facade, and a three-bayed portico spans a portion of the upper level. The lower level portico features slender wooden square columns (some missing) which are supported by brick bases. The upper level portico has four smaller wooden columns and is enclosed by wooden balustrades. Victorian trim ornaments the tops of the columns on the upper level. A pedimented roof covers the upper portico.

A wooden conservatory which originally had approximately five windows is located to the right of the lower level portico. The left portion of the front facade is recessed approximately eight feet and creates a larger porch area on the lower level.

The four windows opening onto the lower level portico and the three windows opening onto the upper portico are floor-length 6/9. Two windows on the second story are 6/6. One louvered round window is located in the center of the pediment. The paneled front door features transom and sidelights of frosted etched glass. A second entrance door is located to the right of the recessed porch area.

A five-sided wing projects from the right side of the structure, and a bay window projects from the left side facade. Extending from the rear facade is a one-story wing with a porch along its left side. A pediment (identical to that on the front) ornaments the second level of the rear facade. All the rear windows are 6/6 with the exception of the bay windows which are 2/2 and a small window which is 6/1.

The tin roof features a total of six chimneys, four of which have corbeled caps. The cornice is supported by wooden brackets.

Ca. 1912 a small shingled wing was added to the rear of the second story; the front porch, which was originally two porches, was joined; and the porch roofline was altered.

Interior: The first floor features a four room plan with a central hallway, off of which a kitchen and butler's pantry extend to the rear. The second floor is comprised of six rooms surrounding a central hallway. At one end of the hall is a bath which was added ca. 1912. A wine cellar is located beneath the structure.

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1. News and Courier, December 27, 1892, p. 1.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The builder of the Bamberg House, General Francis Marion Bamberg (1838-1905), played a vital role in the growth of the town and county of Bamberg, South Carolina, and was involved in the development of the state, especially after the War Between the States. In 1897 the newly-formed county of Bamberg was named in his honor.

Born in 1838 in what is now Bamberg County, Francis Marion Bamberg was the son of Frederick Bamberg. He was left an orphan at an early age. With the commencement of the War Between the States, Bamberg enlisted in Hart's Battery of the Hampton Legion of the Confederate Army. Hart's Battery was one of the most celebrated in the Confederacy and participated in approximately 143 battles and skirmishes. By 1864 Bamberg had reached the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upon returning to Bamberg, Francis Marion Bamberg began a farm and livestock business. In 1877 General Wade Hampton, then Governor of South Carolina, appointed Bamberg to his staff as brigadier general.

Bamberg promoted the educational, religious, economic, and cultural growth of the town of Bamberg. He served as director and president of the Bamberg Banking Company. He helped establish the Bamberg Textile Mill and served as its director. General Bamberg gave a library and gymnasium to the Carlisle Fitting School (now Carlisle Military School) and large donations for the construction of a new Methodist church.

In 1897 a new county was formed from a portion of Old Barnwell County. This county was named in honor of General Bamberg.

Architecture: The Bamberg House exemplifies a simplified Queen Anne structure. The five-sided wing, bay window, gables, brackets, and irregularity of plan are all characteristic of this architectural style as are the asymmetrical facade, full-length sash windows, and patterned brick chimneys. The central plaster medallions, deep moldings, original floors and mantels remain in good condition.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3/4 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

Latitude: 33° 17' 50"

Longitude: 81° 02' 57"

A

ZONE	EASTING								

B

ZONE	EASTING								

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Mrs. Margaret S. Lawrence)

NAME / TITLE

Katharine N. McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station, 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

DATE

October 21, 1975

TELEPHONE

803-758-5816

STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Charles E. Lee

TITLE

Charles E. Lee
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

12/29/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

Wm. M. Sturgis

DATE

6/29/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEN: *Acting*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-23-76

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Central plaster medallions ornament the ceilings in the entrance hall and drawing room. Deep molding surrounds the windows and doors throughout the structure. The original wide-board flooring remains. The ceilings are approximately fourteen feet high. All the main rooms downstairs and four bedrooms upstairs have fireplaces, the mantels of which are mostly double, some with mirrors. The stairway with landing is located at the rear of central hallway.

Surroundings: The Bamberg House and two remaining out-buildings (a smokehouse and chicken house) are situated on a corner lot of approximately 3/4 acre. A palmetto tree stands in the front yard.

The structure is located in one of Bamberg's oldest residential areas amidst structures of compatible architectural style. The railroad runs down the center of the street and is bordered on each side by a city-maintained park.

The Bamberg House is unoccupied and in need of repair. The present owner (General Bamberg's great grandson) hopes to restore the structure as a family residence.

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