

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Beaufort	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.45.0047	DATE 5/14/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Tabby Manse

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
The Thomas Fuller House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1211 Bay Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Beaufort

STATE: South Carolina 29902      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Beaufort      CODE: 013

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
George G. and Constance Bowen Trask

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1211 Bay Street

CITY OR TOWN: Beaufort      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of Clerk of Court for Beaufort County

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Beaufort County Courthouse, Bay Street

CITY OR TOWN: Beaufort      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey (SC-287)

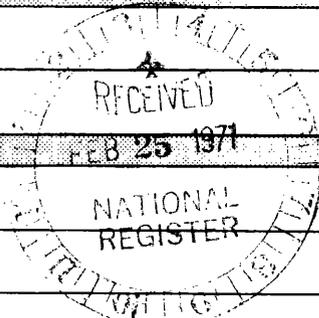
DATE OF SURVEY: 1963       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 09

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House retains original exterior appearance, except for addition of frame kitchen at rear c.1895.

Its two-foot-thick exterior walls of tabby are covered with sand-colored, scored stucco.

The <sup>portico</sup> south center front has a double tiered portico over a high arcaded basement. Basement, wider than two upper stories, supports an unroofed terrace to each side. First story holds four stuccoed Tuscan columns; behind these are four engaged wooden columns. At the second story are four Doric columns with pilasters at wall behind. Has simple wooden entablatures and railings. Hip roof has small front pediment.

Two large windows per story to each side of portico in front portion; one window per story in shallower, rectangular rear portion-- giving each room a southern exposure.

Interior has extensive woodwork, Adamesque mantels, graceful stairway. Panelling and wainscotting are of cypress and yellow heart pine. Each room has fireplace and <sup>set</sup> ~~colset~~.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1786-1788**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the few remaining early buildings on South Carolina coast whose exterior walls are made entirely of tabby (building material composed of oyster shells and limestone.)

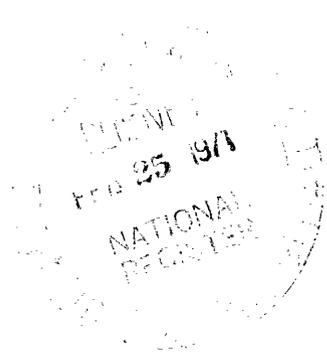
One of the earliest surviving houses in Beaufort, South Carolina. Considered important influence in establishment of distinctive architecture of the city.

Inhabited by its builder, Thomas Fuller, prominent Low-country planter and his son, Richard Fuller, mid-nineteenth century Baptist preacher.

Bought by the Rev. Mansfield French, an abolitionist Methodist minister, during Civil War.

For many years in 20th century known as a guest house for artists, writers and architects.

Used as a residence during its entire existence.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Julien, Carl. Sea Islands to Sand Hills. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1954.

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Wilson, Everett B. Early Southern Towns. New York: A.S. Barnes & Co., 1967.

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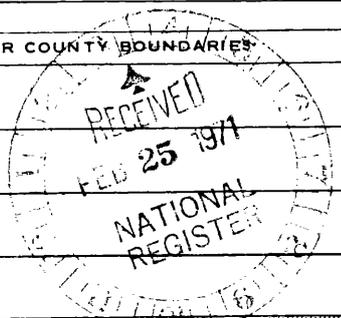
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0     '     "	0     '     "		32°   25'   59"	80°   40'   35"	
NE	0     '     "	0     '     "				
SE	0     '     "	0     '     "				
SW	0     '     "	0     '     "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2/3 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Dollie McGrath, Historic Resources Coordinator I**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **10/7/70**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1430 Senate Street, Box 11,188 Capitol Station**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia**      STATE: **South Carolina**      CODE: **45**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name: *Charles S. Lep*

Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History

Date: 2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Arnot A. Connelly*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAY 14 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*William J. Smutko*  
Keeper of the National Register

Date: **APR 22 1971**