

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

*Special Attention*

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:	South Carolina
COUNTY:	Beaufort
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
NOV 15 1972	

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
"Old Barnwell House"  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Barnwell-Gough House



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
705 Washington Street  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Beaufort  
STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
45	Beaufort	013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	In acquisition for use as a library for U.S.C.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Regional Campus	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: \* U.S.C. Regional Campus  
In Acquisition by Beaufort County Higher Education Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Beaufort Branch University of South Carolina  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Beaufort  
STATE:  
South Carolina  
CODE:  
45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Beaufort County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Bay Street  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Beaufort  
STATE:  
South Carolina  
CODE:  
45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Feiss-Wright Survey for Historic Beaufort Foundation  
DATE OF SURVEY: 1968-69  
 Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Historic Beaufort Foundation  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
801 Bay Street, Box 11  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Beaufort  
STATE:  
South Carolina  
CODE:  
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\* Called state 4/25/73 for update.

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built 1789, the Barnwell-Gough House is a noteworthy example of Adam style architecture adapted to local building materials, in this case, tabby, a cement mixture using oyster shells.

Exterior: This large two story house with hipped roof rests on a raised basement. Exterior walls are made of tabby covered with stucco. Facade features a double tiered, pedimented portico mounted on arcaded base. A flight of seven stone steps flanked with curved stone abutments leads to first level of portico. Four slender Doric columns support portico which is enclosed with balustrade. Portico shelters central entrance which is surmounted with transom and features decorative Adam work surround with fluted pilasters. There are two windows on either side of the main door, one is within the portico while the other is not. The second level portico and facade are identical to the first level except that Doric columns are slightly smaller. Pediment is unadorned. Wings extend from east and west sides of building.

Interior: First floor has four perfectly proportioned rooms with high ceilings and random width pine floors. A central hall, extending from front to rear entrance, is lighted by a handsome Palladian window at north end. Two of the four original first floor mantels remain intact. Early newel posts and balustrades of stairway were replaced by more ornate ones in the late 19th Century. Much of the first floor decoration including mantels and cornices has been replaced. On the second floor, most of the original wood-work is intact, especially in the ballroom.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

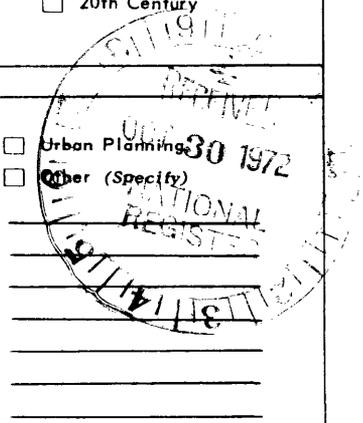
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1789**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barnwell-Gough House, located in the heart of Beaufort's historic district, is an outstanding example of 18th-Century tabby construction. Its owners were prominent Beaufort citizens who took an active interest in political and military affairs.

Architectural Significance: The Barnwell-Gough House received an "outstanding" architectural rating from Historic Preservation Planners Carl Feiss and Russell Wright in the 1968-69 inventory of Beaufort's historic buildings. The structure represents the ingenuity of local builders in adapting the Adam style to available building materials such as tabby. A valuable component of the Beaufort Historic District, there are plans for rehabilitating the house for use as a library for the Beaufort Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina. At present, HUD funds are being applied for to use in adapting the building for library use.

Political and Military Significance: This house was built in 1789 for Elizabeth Barnwell Gough whose grandfather, Colonel John Barnwell, built Fort King George on the Altamaha River (now in Southeast Georgia) in 1721 to protect the colony of South Carolina from Spanish encroachment to the south.

Richard Gough, Elizabeth's husband, served as a representative in the South Carolina General Assembly.

Their only daughter, Mariana, married James Smith. Of their ten children, six of the boys changed their name from Smith to Rhett, sir name of their pirate-fighting great-great-grandfather, Colonel William Rhett. One of these sons, Robert Barnwell Rhett, was one of South Carolina's strongest advocates of Calhoun's Nullification doctrine in the 1830s and the secessionist movement in the years just prior to the Civil War.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Beaufort Historic Foundation. A Guide to Historic Beaufort. 1970.  
 Wallace, David D. A Short History of South Carolina. Columbia,  
 South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1951.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	32°	26'	13.2"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	80°	40'	21"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy R. Ruhf, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: 9/5/72

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 E. Lee  
 Charles E. Lee

Title Director, South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Date September 5, 1972

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

Robert J. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/15/72

ATTEST:

A. Woodford  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date Nov. 9, 1972

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