

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Berkeley	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lewisfield Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
From Moncks Corner SW on U.S. Highway 52 for 2 mi.;
turn E. continue 1 mi. down private road. *About 3 miles S of on J.*

CITY OR TOWN:
Moncks Corner *vic.*

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Berkeley CODE: 015

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 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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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:
Senator Rembert C. Dennis

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lewisfield Plantation

CITY OR TOWN:
Moncks Corner

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Mesne Conveyance

STREET AND NUMBER:
Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Moncks Corner

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
S.C. Preliminary Statewide Survey of Historical Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

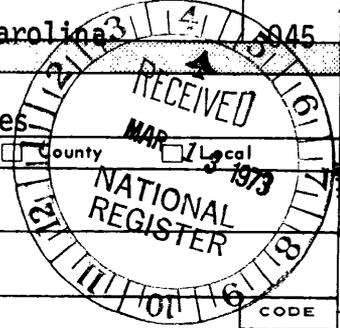
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
S.C.

CODE:
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

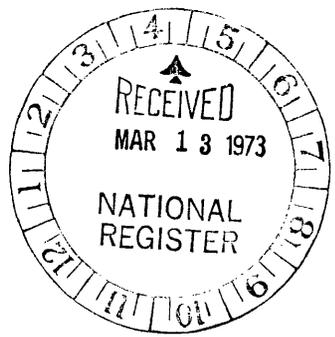
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-and-a-half story clapboard dwelling is supported by a high brick foundation that encloses a raised basement. The facade consists of a veranda which is five bays wide. The veranda is enclosed by a balustrade and supported by six slender Doric columns. Front entrance has a three-paneled double door with rectangular transom. This door is flanked on either side by two evenly-spaced 9/9 light double sash windows with paneled shutters. Except for those in the dormers and lighting the rear staircase, all windows are 9/9 double sash. Set upon the front of the hipped roof, two hipped dormers add to the symmetry of the facade.

The side walls of this dwelling consist of two sets of paired windows on both the first and second floors, while the basement level has only one window under each of these pairs.

The rear facade of the house consists of a stair tower flanked by two one-story additions. A flight of wooden steps leads to a screened porch which is supported by brick pillars. In the stair tower, above the porch roof, is a Gothic double-sash window. The house has two large chimneys with corbeled caps -- one on either side of the roof.

The basement consists of three rooms with a hall. The main floor has six rooms with a central hall opening into the north front room, while the second floor consists of a central hall flanked by two rooms on either side.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) **c. 1774**

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 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

Lewisfield Plantation, once called Little Landing, was purchased in 1767 by Sedgewick Lewis. Through marriage Keating Simons became the owner of this land and built the plantation house near a landing on the Cooper River. With its wide veranda, raised basement, and central hall, the Lewisfield Plantation house is typical of many plantation residences in this region of South Carolina.

Architecture: Lewisfield Plantation house is typical of many houses constructed in lowcountry South Carolina and is a fine example of the influence of West Indian Architecture in this area of the state. Lifting the house from the ground and shading it from the sun, the raised basement and wide veranda provide a comfortable residence, well suited for the low-lying land of the Coastal Plain. Other features such as high ceilings and many windows all combine to alleviate the discomfort caused by the hot summer climate of this area.

Military: A Revolutionary War skirmish occurred directly in front of the house when Colonel Wade Hampton surprised a British force that had stopped at Lewisfield Plantation to await a paroled prisoner of war, Keating Simons (then owner of the plantation). Hampton captured 78 men and burned several boats during the skirmish. Simons, realizing that the British would suspect him of being an accessory, decided to break his parole and join General Francis Marion for the duration of the war.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Leiding, Harriette Kershaw. Historic Houses of South Carolina. London: J.B. Lippincott Company, 1921.
 Stoney, Samuel Gaillard. Plantations of the Carolina Low Country. Ed. Albert Simons. Charleston: Carolina Art Association, 1964.

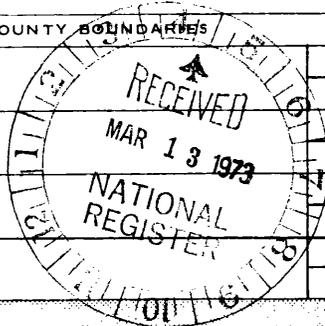
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Elias B. Bull (Bernard Kearse - Archives)**

ORGANIZATION: **Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Reg. Plan. Commission** DATE: **Dec. 5, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2 Court House Square**

CITY OR TOWN: **Charleston** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **045**

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, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date _____

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

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

Date 5/9/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 7 73