District #1 Cong. Mendel Davis Theme: Society and Social Conscience

Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(State 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.

CITY OR TOWN: Moncks Corner

STATE: South Carolina

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE: Agricultural

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER’S NAME: Senator Rembert C. Dennis

STREET AND NUMBER: Lewisfield Plantation

CITY OR TOWN: Moncks Corner

STATE: South Carolina

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: S.C.
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.
**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [X] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(s)** (If Applicable and Known)  C. 1774

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Prehistoric
- [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [X] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
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- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other (Specify)

**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


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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: Elias B. Bull (Bernard Kearse - Archives)
STREET AND NUMBER: 2 Court House Square
CITY OR TOWN: Charleston
STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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 E. Lee
Title: Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Date: 12/19/73

ATTEST: Keeper of The National Register
Date: 5/7/73