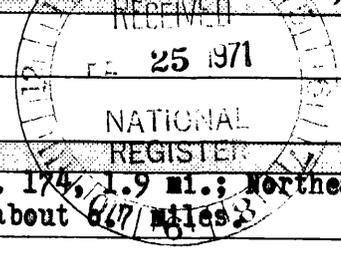


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:           | South Carolina |
| COUNTY:          | Charleston     |
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| ENTRY NUMBER     | DATE           |
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1. NAME

COMMON: William Seabrook House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: William Seabrook House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North, northwest from town on S.C. 174, 1.9 mi.; Northeast on County Road 968, 1 mi.; East on County Road 768 about 6/7 miles  
 CITY OR TOWN: Edisto Island  
 STATE: South Carolina 29438 CODE: 45 COUNTY: Charleston CODE: X019

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Donald D. Dodge  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Edisto Island STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Mesne Conveyance  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 2 Court House Square  
 CITY OR TOWN: Charleston STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Plantations of Carolina Low Country  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1964  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: South Carolina State Library  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 Senate Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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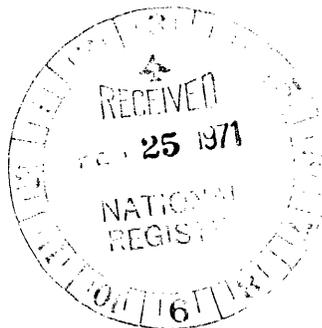
7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |   |                               |                                       |   |                                    |
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| 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

Unaltered since it was built, the William Seabrook House is a two-and-one-half story wooden building with dormers over a raised brick basement. Double porticos feature pediment, slender columns, arched entablature. Double flights of steps leading to first floor portico gracefully disguise the high foundations. Iron stair railing decorated with initials of original owner, Over first floor entrance and in gable of portico are beautiful semielliptical fanlights, also sidelights at both front doorways and ornate transom over second floor entrance. Fascia and frieze boards outside porch area are in dentil pattern.

House plan consists of four rooms divided into pairs by a central hall which goes through house from front entrance to back garden door. Unusual double stairways to second floor form wide arch which frames the garden door.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1810**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1810, this house established a distinct style of architecture which was reproduced, with minor variations, in plantation houses subsequently built on Edisto Island. It is the most ornate of the early Republican houses which remain on the island. Significant architectural features are: double tiered portico, arched entablature on upper level, decorative ironwork stair railing, ornamental fascia and frieze boards in dentil design, double arched stairways in center hall. Tradition attributes design of the house to James Hoban, architect of the White House, who practiced in Charleston during 1790s.

William Seabrook, as part owner of the Edisto Island Ferry, bought the steamboat "W. Seabrook" which performed ferry duty among the islands south of the city of Charleston during the early nineteenth century. One of the landings for this ferry was the Seabrook plantation which consequently became a significant transportation center.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Chamberlain, Samuel. Southern Interiors of Charleston, South Carolina. New York. 1956.  
 Pratt, Richard. The Golden Treasury of Early American Homes. New York. 1967. **Crown Publishers.**  
 Ravenel, Beatrice St. Julien. Architects of Charleston. Charleston, South Carolina. 1945. **The R.L. Bryan Co.**  
 Stoney, Samuel Gaillard. Plantations of the Carolina Low Country. Charleston, South Carolina. 1964. **Carolina Art Association.**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |           |         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-----------|---------|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE |         |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees   | Minutes   | Seconds |
| NW   | 32° 36' 51"             | 80° 17' 05"             |        | °   | '         | "       |
| NE   | 32° 36' 51"             | 80° 16' 41"             |        | °   | '         | "       |
| SE   | 32° 35' 41"             | 80° 16' 41"             |        | °   | '         | "       |
| SW   | 32° 35' 41"             | 80° 17' 05"             |        | °   | '         | "       |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **32 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:  
**Nancy R. Ruhf, Historical Resources Coordinator I**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **12/10/71**

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**

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: *[Signature]*

Title: Director of South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date: 2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAY 6 1971**

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

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

**APR 8 1971**

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

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