

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: Charleston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER FEB 23 1972	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
Fenwick Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
John's Island, 9.3 mi. south of Charleston US 17 south; at .8 mi. south

CITY OR TOWN:
of Ashley River Bridge south 2.5 mi. on State 615, then south on 171 4.1 mi. to house.

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Charleston CODE: 019

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) _____ _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Blanchard

STREET AND NUMBER:
John's Island

CITY OR TOWN:
Charleston

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Charleston County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Charleston

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina

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

Two-story structure over high basement. Hipped roof has deck surrounded by balustrade; pair of chimneys at either end. About 40 feet wide and 36 feet deep. Brick walls are laid in Flemish bond, corners are marked by brick quoins. Narrow cornice is delicately modillioned. Windows of south (front) facade have nine over nine light sash (reconstructed), flat brick arches, exterior paneled shutters (also reconstructions). Fanlighted entrance door in center of five-bay-wide south elevation. In 1787 original simpler entrance was replaced by present door and one-story pedimented portico with four columns. Portico was removed during 1931 restoration and present reconstructed pediment with pair of engaged Doric columns was built. North or rear facade has three bays in first story and five in second. Center door in north elevation is flanked by pair of triple windows with round brick arches. Second floor windows have flat brick arches similar to those on front facade. Two-story brick wing (about 18'x50') with octagonal ends added to west end about 1787 projects beyond north and south faces of house.

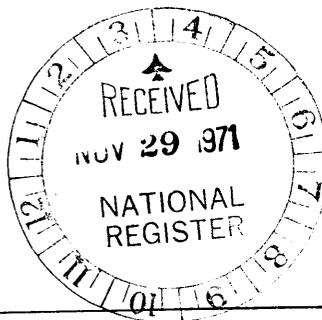
Added in 1931: one-story veranda at east end, 18th century style with balustrade and four columns; also small two-story brick wing at west end with modern kitchen on first floor and bedroom and bath above.

Floor plan is same as Mulberry Plantation (c. 1714), Berkeley County, and Brick House (c. 1725), Edisto Island. South (main) entrance opens into large three-bay-wide drawing room. East of door is parlor and smaller square room two bays wide. In center rear is stair hall and rear door. Stair hall is flanked by pair of small rooms, library to east and cloak room to west. Door in northwest corner of large drawing room leads into center hall of 1787 wing. Hall contains a stairway and is flanked by dining room on south and butler's pantry on north. Second floor has seven bedrooms; four, in main house, are fully paneled.

First-floor rooms have high ceilings. Walls of drawing room are plastered and hung with reproduced scenic wallpaper. Cornice and original mantel are elaborately carved. Other first-floor rooms and four rooms above have paneled walls, moldings and wainscoting of cypress, carved mantels. Rooms in 1787 wing decorated with more delicate work in Adam style.

Western detached two-story brick flanker, built about 1750 as coach house and stables, has been converted to garage. Matching eastern flanker once used as stables, has disappeared. Its site is occupied by formal 18th century garden, laid out in 1931.

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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) 1730 and 1787

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

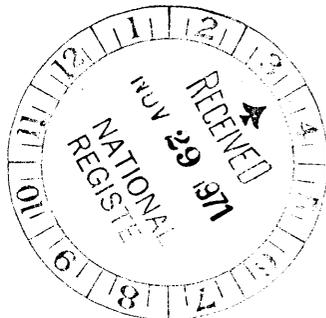
Significance

Erected in 1730, with an octagonal wing added about 1787, Fenwick Hall is the finest surviving example of an early Georgian two-story brick plantation house built on the Huguenot floor plan that was widely used in South Carolina plantation houses during the 18th century. The magnificent paneled interiors of this house are equal to those of Maryland and Virginia plantation houses constructed during the same period. Although some exterior features, such as window sash, shutters, and entrance door are reconstructions, the fabric of the structure and nearly all of the interior paneling are original. The house was recommended as a site of national significance in the 1970 National Historic Landmarks Program.

History

The house was built for John Fenwick, a wealthy South Carolina planter, in 1730. In 1787 it was purchased by his cousin, John Gibbes, who altered it somewhat. The house was used as headquarters by the commanding officers of invading armies during both the Revolution and the Civil War, and thus survived both conflicts without serious damage. In 1931 the house was restored by Victor Moraweta of New York City.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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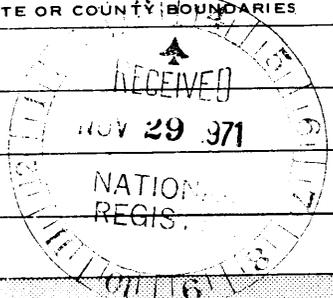
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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:
 Mary Schuette, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: August 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

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 E. Lee
 Charles E. Lee

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date 11/23/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 23 1972

ATTEST:
William M. Stapp
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 11 1972