

Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Charleston	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	SEP 17 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Paul Pritchard Shipyard

AND/OR HISTORIC:

State Shipyard, Rose's Shipyard, Begbie and Mason's Shipyard

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN:

Mt. Pleasant Vicinity

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY:

Charleston

CODE

019

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>not in use</u>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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

29401

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY:

1973

 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

S. C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:

1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbia

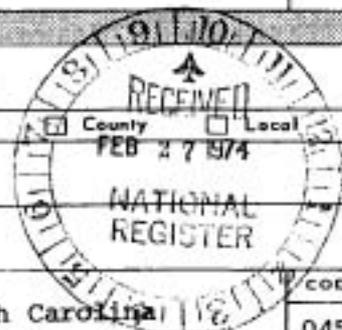
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input checked="" 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	

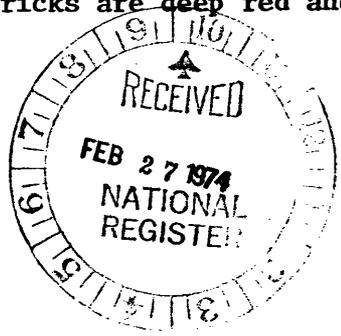
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

[REDACTED]

is fairly thinly covered with a growth of oak, pine and palmetto trees. At ground level most of it is covered with grass.

[REDACTED]

are the brick remains, evidently washing out of the embankment, of a warehouse. (The bricks are deep red and plantation made.) The soil is sandy loam.



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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>archeological</u>
<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 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 checked="" 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

Commerce

This unspoiled site is one of the first shipyards in South Carolina. It was granted to George Dearsley¹, a Lords Proprietor's deputy², and was in operation as early as 1702, or earlier³. In regard to shipbuilding, Professor Clows states "... but by the late 1670's shipbuilding must have started. Maurice Mathews reported in 1680 that several vessels had been built in South Carolina and that, as he wrote, three or four more were on the stocks.... It is difficult to assess the extent and importance of shipbuilding at any time in the colony's history and impossible to guess how many vessels were built in the province before 1690. Nevertheless, by 1690 shipbuilding had started in a meaningful way"⁴. Dearsley mentions he has built the brigantine "Mayflower" and is in the process of building another ship⁵.

The shipyard passed through several owners before coming into the hands of the outstanding shipbuilders John Rose and James Steward⁶. One of their "sloops of War" bore on its prow the carved image of Col. Rhett, the naval hero of the 1706 invasion (see Military below). In 1767 these builders launched "The Liberty" which bore the figurehead of William Pitt on its prow⁷.

Captain Clement Lampriere built "The Betsy and Elfy" during his brief ownership⁸. Messrs. Begbie and Manson, the next owners briefly, built "Carolina Packet" for the London Trade⁹.

In 1778 Paul Pritchard acquired the shipyard just in time for it to be sold to the commissioners of the South Carolina Navy later that same year. According to the few brief extant records of the commissioners, it was used to convert merchant ships to warships¹⁰. After the Revolution, it was sold back to Paul Pritchard¹¹ who with his son operated it until 1831¹². Among the ships built by Paul Pritchard, Sr. and his son William were the privateer brig Gov. Middleton and the brig General Pinckney¹³. Katherine Drayton Simons says that twelve ships were built by William Pritchard¹⁴. The shipyard was sold for debt in 1831 and never operated again¹⁵.

Military

The shipyard, then in ownership and operation by George Dearsley, is the only pinpointed site of an attack made during the French and Spanish invasion of 1706, for in that year the invaders burned two of

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 South Carolina Tricentennial Commission, University of
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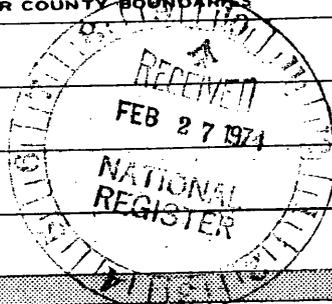
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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, Historic Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Reg. Planning Council DATE: Oct. 25, 1973

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: [Signature]

Title: Historic Preservation Officer
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History

Date: Feb. 6, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

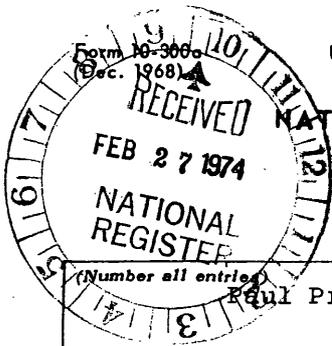
Date: 9/14/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9-16-74

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his ships and his warehouse¹⁶. It is also the site of South Carolina's only state shipyard, having been acquired from Paul Pritchard in 1778 to convert merchant ships into men of war during the Revolution¹⁷. A battery (not part of the nomination) was built [REDACTED] to protect the shipyard probably in the late 1770's.

South Carolina in the American Revolution

See Military

Transportation

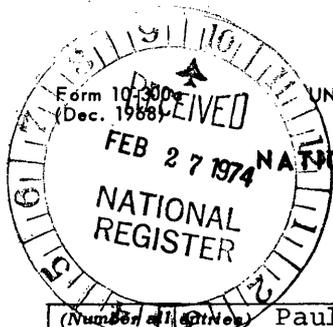
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Endangerment

Tract is being gradually sold off for housing. This site should be preserved and excavated.

Footnotes

1. Probate Court Records, Charleston County, S.C., Vol. 55 (1711-1718) p. 81 (Elsewhere PCR), and McIver, Petrona Royall, 1970, History of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Ashley Printing & Publishing Company, (Charleston, S. C.), Second Printing, pp. 8-9 (Elsewhere, McIver).
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3. PCR, Vol. 54 (1694-1704), p. 69.
4. Clowse, Converse D., 1971, Economic Beginnings in Colonial South Carolina, 1670-1730, South Carolina Tricentennial Commission, University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, S. C., p. 90.
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7. McIver, op. cit.



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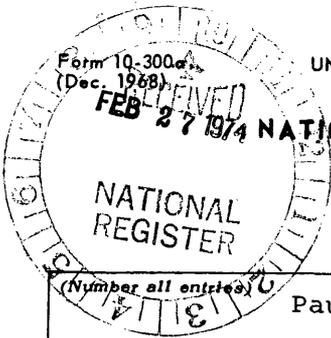
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11. Wills, Probate Court, Charleston County, S. C., Vol. 24, p. 963.
12. RMC, Vol. A-10, p. 543.
13. Orvin, Maxwell Clayton, 1970, In South Carolina Waters, 1861-1865, Nelson's Southern Printing & Publishing Co., Charleston, S.C., p. 84. The Paul Pritchard mentioned here in his own right and in partnership with Knox is a son or nephew and is not located on Hobcaw Creek.
14. Simons, Katherine Drayton, 1930, Stories of Charleston Harbor, The State Company, Columbia, S. C., p. 27. The Pritchard family does not acquire the shipyard until 1778. Presume her figure of twelve ships is correct but was unable to verify same.
15. RMC, Vol. A-10, p. 543.
16. Salley, A.S., Jr., (Ed.), Records in the British Public Record Office Relating to South Carolina, 1701-1710, The Historical Commission of South Carolina, Crowson-Stone Printing Company, Columbia, S.C., p. 166.
17. Salley, op. cit.
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