

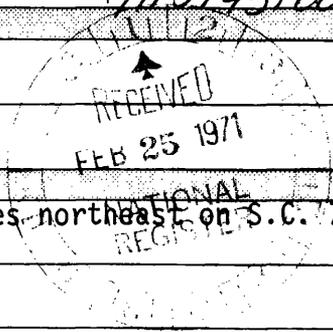
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

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: Chester	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 715,45,0027	DATE 5/6/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Lewis Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Chester vicinity, 6 1/2 miles northeast on S.C. 72, about 1/2 mile west on S.C. 909.

CITY OR TOWN: Chester

STATE: South Carolina 29706      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Chester      CODE: 023

**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)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. R.E. Jones

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 4,

CITY OR TOWN: Chester      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Chester      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: S.C. Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

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, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Matched two story house of dovetailed logs pinned together and chinked with clay, covered with clapboard, re-covered with brown shingles in 1923. Gable roof, outside end chimneys, one story right wing. Matching sections - back is one story, other is a front porch which extends across facade of wing.

Interior original features - tongue and groove paneling 12-14 inches wide throughout house. Large hand-carved mantels five and a half feet high surround massive fireplaces in downstairs area at opposite ends of the house. All doors are of wide boards with wrought iron hinges. Tomahawk hinges on one upstairs bedroom door. Latch and string lock on dining room door. Narrow stairway to second floor hallway on which two bedrooms open.



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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) about 1750

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

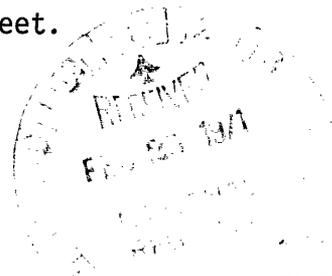
This fine example of log construction with many original features, built about 1750, is one of very few remaining in South Carolina. Located in Lewis Turnout Community (named for a railroad siding) the inn was a tavern during Colonial and Revolutionary days, and also a stagecoach stop.

Made famous in 1807 when Aaron Burr, the captured vice president of the United States, slayer of Alexander Hamilton, spent the night there on his way to Richmond for trial on charges of treason. Legend has it that Burr escaped briefly because a bribed maid left his bedroom door unlatched.

Since Burr frequently visited and had friends and relatives in South Carolina, extra guards were used while he was in this state. In 1801 his daughter Theodosia had married Joseph Alston, one of South Carolina's wealthiest planters and Governor 1812-14.

Aaron Burr upon arriving in the town of Chester, a prisoner, dismounted on a rock and appealed in vain to the citizens for help. Today the rock is located along town's main street.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Knox, Louise. Lewis Inn. No Date.

Marsh, Kenneth and Blanche. Plantation Heritage in Upcountry, South Carolina. Asheville, North Carolina: Biltmore Press, 1962.

McMaster, Lucille. "I Am Aaron Burr" from Sandlapper, October, 1970.

Wallace, David Duncan. The History of South Carolina, Volume II. New York: American Historical Society, 1934.

**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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34°	46'	36"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		81°	08'	16"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9 1/2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department Archives and History

DATE: November 19, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, 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: Charles E. Lopez

Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date: 2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

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

Date: MAY 6 1971

ATTEST:

William M. Huestegge  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: APR 19 1971

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