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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Zachariah Cantey House

and/or common Buckton

2. Location

street & number Kershaw County Road #92 NA not for publication

city, town Camden X vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state South Carolina code 045 county Kershaw code 055

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	NA in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	NA being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Alexandra Boykin

street & number Buckton

city, town Rembert NA vicinity of state South Carolina 29128

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kershaw County Courthouse

street & number Broad Street

city, town Camden state South Carolina 29020

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date 1980 ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Zachariah Cantey House (Buckton), a one-and-one-half-story frame residence, is located one-and-one-half miles east of South Carolina Highway 21 on Kershaw County Road 92. The house is believed to have been built ca. 1795 for Zachariah Cantey, a prominent citizen of Kershaw County. The house has had only minor alterations and remains in excellent condition.

Exterior: The Zachariah Cantey House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story residence with a hewn-timber braced frame and beaded weatherboard siding. The house has a tall,brick pier foundation and a gable roof. A one-story shed-roofed porch shelters the facade (south elevation). Six freestanding wooden pillars carry the porch roof. The porch itself is recessed behind these pillars and is approached by a wooden stair and circumscribed by a wooden balustrade. The five-bay facade has a single, central door and four, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters. Two gabled dormers, one original to the house and the other of twentieth-century fabrication, pierce the forward slope of the roof. Each dormer has a single, small, six-over-six window. The roofing is composition shingle.

The east and west elevations of the Cantey House each have two exterior stuccoed brick chimneys. The chimneys have freestanding shafts above their shoulderings. Large, six-over-six windows, which serve the southern rooms of the house, are on either side of the forward (southernmost) chimneys. Smaller, six-over-six windows are on either side of the northern-most chimneys on each of the side elevations. Two, small, six-over-six windows with louvered shutters are in the gable ends on the second floor of the house.

The north elevation of the Cantey House has a shed-roofed porch with freestanding wooden pillars, similar to the configuration of the facade. The right side of this porch has been enclosed to accommodate a modern kitchen which has a brick flue on its west side.

Interior: The Cantey House has a hall-and-parlor plan with the principal receiving room, the hall, on the west side. Two smaller rooms, separated by a stair-hall, are located to the north. The hall has wooden floors, paneled wainscoting with a chair rail and plaster walls and ceilings. The hall mantelpiece has distinctive Federal-style composition and detail; two fluted pilasters carry the architrave, while projecting fluted panels accent the center and the ends of the frieze. The elaborate mantel cornice has courses of gadrooning and banderole, and a crowning cavetto molding.

The parlor, on the east side of the house, has details similar to those of the hall but simpler. The mantelpiece in this room repeats the composition of the hall mantelpiece but lacks the detailed carving and molding. The north rooms of the first floor have less ornate details and mantels.

The stair is a steep two-run, open-stringer stair with a simple wooden balustrade and newels, wide-plank spandrels, and plank ceilings and walls. The two second-story rooms have plank walls and ceilings, except for the east and west end walls which are plastered.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
X 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	X other (specify) local history
		___ invention		

Specific dates ca. 1795 **Builder/Architect** NA

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Zachariah Cantey House, located in rural Kershaw County, is believed to have been built for Zachariah Cantey ca. 1795. The house is a fine example of a rural upcountry South Carolina planter's residence with notable Federal detail. The property is also significant for its association with Zachariah Cantey, a prominent local planter, businessman, and politician.

Additional Information: Family and local tradition suggests that this house was constructed for Zachariah Cantey probably before 1800, when he is listed as a head of household for the first time in the census records.[1] Although it cannot be documented exactly when Cantey acquired this piece of land, it is known that he owned great quantities of land in the immediate vicinity which likely included this site.[2] Cantey was born in 1759 in Camden District.[3] He married Sarah Boykin, probably about 1792. Sarah's father's will of 1791 lists Zachariah Cantey as executor of his estate but seems to indicate that Sarah was not married. In addition, Zachariah and Sarah's oldest child, Zachariah, Jr., was a student at the South Carolina College by 1806.[4]

Zachariah Cantey was very active in the affairs of his district and state. He served as quartermaster under General Greene during the Revolution. He was appointed brigadier general of the South Carolina Militia, 8th Brigade. Cantey served as commissioner to provide for exportation of beef at Camden, commissioner for inspection of bread and flour at Camden, commissioner to improve navigation of the Wateree River, commissioner of roads, and commissioner for opening the Wateree River. He was an incorporator of the Pine Tree Navigation Company, president of the Camden Jockey Club, incorporator of Camden Episcopal Church and a trustee of the South Carolina College. Cantey served in the State Senate from Lancaster and Kershaw from 1804-1808. He was also a successful planter and merchant.[5]

Zachariah Cantey died in 1822; his estate, however, was not settled until 1832.[6] The property remained in the Cantey family at least until 1877. It is not known exactly when the property became known as Buckton, but that name is recorded by 1874.[7]

9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.6 acres

Quadrangle name Camden South, SC **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	541580	3780840
B			
C			
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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property for the Zachariah Cantey House is shown bounded by the heavy red line on the accompanying Kershaw County Tax Map #355; drawn at a scale of 400 feet to the inch. This boundary includes only the historic building and its immediate environs.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA **code** **county** NA **code**

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Charles E. Lee

title State Historic Preservation Officer Charles E. Lee **date** 3/14/83

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

Entered in the National Register **date** 5/19/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: **date**

Chief of Registration

Architecture: The Zachariah Cantey House is a distinctive vernacular hall-and-parlor farmhouse of braced frame construction with exceptional Federal-style woodwork. The plan, composition, and construction of the house are typical of the state in the late eighteenth century; the minimal alterations to the house provide for a high degree of integrity and allow the full expression of the period construction technology. The details of the carpentry, especially the mantelpieces, help establish the local stylistic awareness and competence of the period. The high quality of the interior woodwork is matched by the craftsmanship in the structure and sheathing of the house.

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Footnotes

[1] Brent Holcomb, ed., Index to the 1800 Census of South Carolina (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), p. 22.

[2] Kershaw County Deeds, Book C, p. 182, Book D, pp. 116-17, 118, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina; State Grants, vol. 52, pp. 534, 535, 538, vol. 53, p. 446, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina; Charleston Deeds, Book 2-5, pp. 373-75, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

[3] Emily Bellinger Reynolds and Joan Reynolds Faunt, eds., Biographical Directory of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, 1776-1964 (Columbia, SC: R.L. Bryan Co., 1964), p. 194.

[4] "Buckton," (n.p.: n.p., n.d.) (typewritten), p. 1; Roll of Students of South Carolina College, 1805-1905 (Columbia, SC: The State Co., 1905), p. 4.

[5] Reynolds and Faunt, p. 194; "Minutes of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina College, 1805-06," University of South Carolina Archives, Columbia, South Carolina; Joseph Ames, South Carolina Historical Magazine, 11:246; Thomas J. Kirkland and Robert M. Kennedy, Historic Camden, 2 vols. (Columbia, SC: The State Co., 1905-1926), pp. 141, 223, 356, 388.

[6] "Buckton," p. 1; Deed Book O, p. 345, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, South Carolina; Brent Holcomb, ed., Marriage and Death Notices from Camden, South Carolina Newspapers, 1816-1865 (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1978), p. 20.

[7] "Buckton," pp. 1-4.