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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name English, Thomas, House  
other names/site number Murchison House

2. Location

street & number State Road 92 not for publication       
city or town Camden vicinity X  
state South Carolina code SC county Kershaw code 055  
zip code 29020

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination      request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally.  
(     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 6/3/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property      meets      does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register      See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register      See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Patrick Andrus 7/22/93

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Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)			buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

<p>Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p><u>Federal</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Materials (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>foundation <u>Brick</u></p> <p>roof <u>Weatherboard</u></p> <p>walls _____</p> <p>other <u>Shake</u></p> <p><u>Brick</u></p>
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Narrative Description  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

- Applicable National Register Criteria  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)
- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
  - C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
  - D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Significant Dates**

ca. 1800

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1800

**Architect/Builder**

English, Thomas

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Camden Archives, Camden, S.C.

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property** 6.3 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>17</u>	<u>542350</u>	<u>3781050</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	<u>See continuation sheet.</u>					

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Edward B. Tolson, SHPO Staff, w/assistance from Mr. Robert B. Lampton  
organization S.C. Department of Archives & History date 21 September 1992  
street & number P.O. Box 11669 telephone (803) 734-8610  
city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29211

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Robert B. and Kimberly H. Lampton  
street & number 473 Cantey Lane telephone (803) 432-7741  
city or town Rembert state SC zip code 29128

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English, Thomas, House  
name of property  
Kershaw County, South Carolina  
county and State

The Thomas English House, also known as the Murchison House, is a 6.3 acre site located approximately seven miles southeast of Camden, South Carolina, in southern Kershaw County. It is situated on Cantey Lane (SR 92), approximately .6 miles west of the intersection of State Road 93. This area is just north of Swift Creek, near the community of Boykin.

Built in ca. 1800, the Thomas English House is a two-story, five-bay, hip-roofed, frame and beaded weatherboard Federal farmhouse set on brick piers connected by a recessed, stucco-covered, concrete block curtain wall. The north facade features a one-story, full-length, hip-roofed porch with an enclosed room at the east end of this porch. The south elevation has a similar one-story, full-length, hip-roofed wing with enclosed rooms at the east and west ends of this wing. The east and west elevations of the house each feature a centrally-placed interior-end chimney, with a corbelled cap and plaster necking.

The Thomas English House, which had previously been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the Murchison House on 17 June 1982, was considered removed from the National Register when it was relocated prior to consideration of that move by the South Carolina State Board of Review and the Keeper of the National Register. The house, however, was moved intact, minus the chimneys. Also, the subsequent rehabilitation retained all the historic materials, and the floor plan and room functions remain unchanged. The house exists today in nearly the same setting as its previous location, and is still an exemplary testament of its house type and construction materials and methods.

There is one noncontributing building on the nominated site. A thirty-six foot by twelve foot, metal-covered horse shelter is located south of the house.

Additional Descriptive Information:

The Thomas English House is situated near the center of the gently sloping 6.3 nominated site, the north facade facing Cantey Lane. There is a small pond between the house and Cantey Lane. The new location of the house amid woods and fields closely resembles the rural setting of the previous location. The two-story, five-bay, single-pile, hip-roofed, heavy timber frame, rectangular core measures forty-nine feet by seventeen feet. The house was extended by nine foot wide, full-length, hip-roofed wings on the north and south elevations. Enclosed rooms at the east end of the north wing, and at each end of the south wing further extend the habitable floor space of the house. Although these wings may be original or early, the enclosed rooms are merely sections of what would otherwise be hip-roofed porches.

The house features two interior-end chimneys, with corbelled caps and plaster necking, centrally-placed in the east and west ends of the house. The mortise, tenon, and pegged timber-frame house has new cedar shakes on all roof areas. The original layer of wood shingles was uncovered and removed during the application of the new roof material.

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The north facade features four-over-four windows on both floors. The south elevation has six-over-six windows on both floors, except for three new nine-over-nine windows in the central portion of the wing. This central area was probably an inset porch in its original state, but was enclosed and used as a kitchen during an earlier occupation. The west elevation has four-over-four windows on the first floor, and no windows on the second floor. The first floor of the east elevation has a four-over-four window, a small one-over-one window, and a small stained glass window.

The four-light, two-panel door on the north facade provides the primary entrance to the house. It opens into the stair hall which is situated between a large (twenty-five foot long) parlor to the west, and a smaller (eleven foot) chamber to the east. The dog-leg stairs provide access to the second floor. A pair of new fifteen-light glass doors provide access to the south side of the house. These doors open directly into the kitchen/family room area of the south wing.

The interior of the Thomas English House features hand-planed, tongue-and-groove, painted planks on the walls and ceilings, with plain baseboard and chair rail throughout. Some pieces of the original undercut flooring remain, and some have been covered by newer pine flooring. Originally, there was single-board wainscoting throughout the house, but most of it was removed by vandals, and the original wainscoting only remains in the second floor west bedroom. The mantels in each of the main rooms on the first and second floors appear to be original, but the one in the first floor west parlor was reconstructed by the present owners. The original wrought-iron hardware still remains throughout most of the original core of the house.

Although the Thomas English House was removed from its original location in October, 1991, it was moved intact, with only the deteriorated chimneys removed for reasons of safety. It was moved only about two miles, and remains near Swift Creek and the Boykin community. The rural setting of the new location varies little from the original location. The few alterations made by the present owners have had little or no effect on the historic character of the house. The Thomas English House retains its original floor plan and room functions, and is still used as a family residence.

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Statement of Significance:

The Thomas English House is significant as an excellent example of a simple Federal farmhouse and for its association with Thomas English, a local planter, millwright, and cabinetmaker.<sup>1</sup> The house is of simple design with no ornamentation, and its basic form remains unchanged. It is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, with Architecture as the area of significance.

The house was built sometime shortly before or after 1800, as supported by the documentary evidence and the construction materials, methods, and technology. Thomas English owned a mill in the area around this time, and continued to purchase parcels of land in the area throughout the first quarter of the nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup> The Federal censuses of 1800 and 1810 indicate that the Thomas English family, as well as his slave holdings, was expanding during this time.<sup>3</sup> It is very likely, therefore, that this time period represents the construction date of the Thomas English House. The house remained in the English family until the close of the Civil War. At that time, the house and property was incorporated into the "Burroughs Tract" by the South Carolina Land Commission.<sup>4</sup> There were two other owners from the close of the Civil War until 1900, when it was purchased by the Murchison family.<sup>5</sup> It remained in the Murchison family until it was purchased by Judith Glesmann in 1988.<sup>6</sup> Glesmann later sold the house, not the land, to the present owners, Robert and Kimberly Lampton.<sup>7</sup>

The house, although it has been moved, retains its original floor plan and historic architectural integrity. It is still situated in an area of large farms and plantations near Swift Creek and the Boykin community. The house is significant because it exists today as a largely unaltered example of a simple farmhouse from the early years of the new American Republic.

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NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Deed Book B, p. 69, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, S.C.

<sup>2</sup>Deed Book B, p. 543; Deed Book D, pp. 95-96; Deed Book F, pp. 156-160; Deed Book H, p. 355, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, S.C.

<sup>3</sup>The Second Federal Census, 1800: South Carolina, Kershaw County (n.p.: Kershaw County Historical Society, 1970), p. 21; The Third Federal Census, 1810: South Carolina, Kershaw County (n.p.: Kershaw County Historical Society, 1972), p. 5.

<sup>4</sup>Carol K. Rothrock Bleser, The Promised Land: The History of the South Carolina Land Commission, 1869-1890 (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1969), pp. 42-43, 162.

<sup>5</sup>Deed Book JJ, p. 57; Deed Book BBB, pp. 380, 464, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, S.C.

<sup>6</sup>Deed Book JD, p. 664, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, S.C.

<sup>7</sup>Deed Book 44, p. 141, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Kershaw County Courthouse, Camden, S.C.



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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary for the nominated property consists of the 6.3 acres shown as Tract "B" on the accompanying plat by Tetterton and Riddick dated June 25, 1969, drawn to a scale of 1" = 100', and recorded in the Kershaw County Plat Book 34, page 1452.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the house, its immediate setting, and a noncontributing shed located on the 6.3 acre parcel.

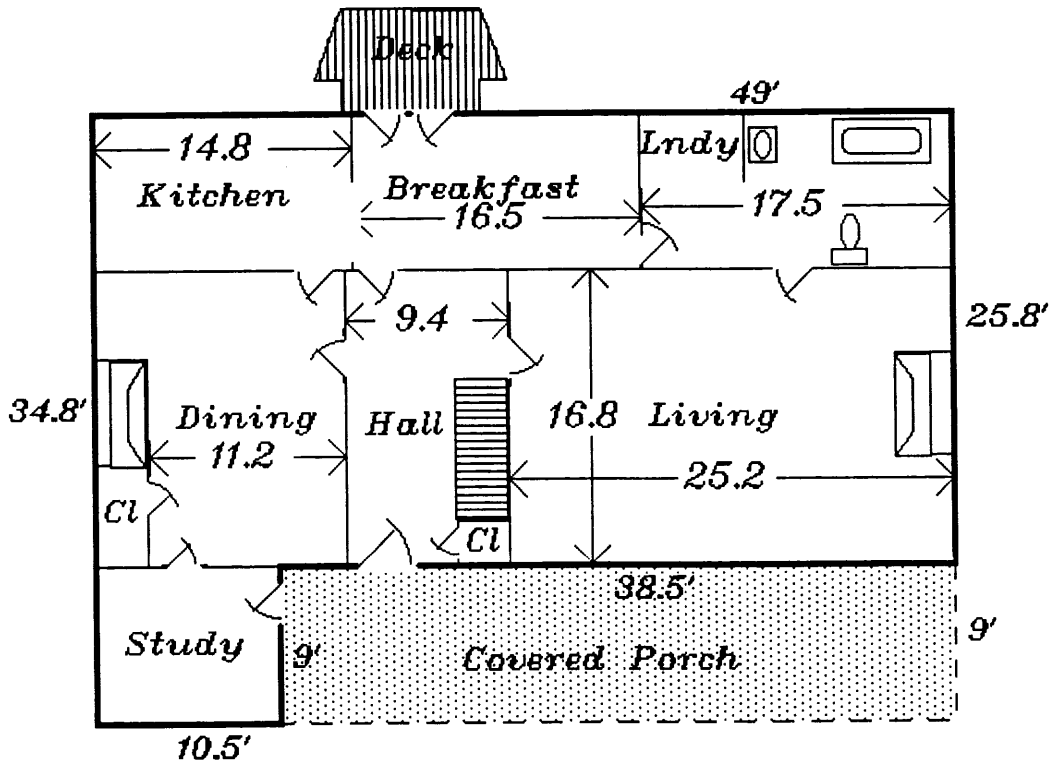
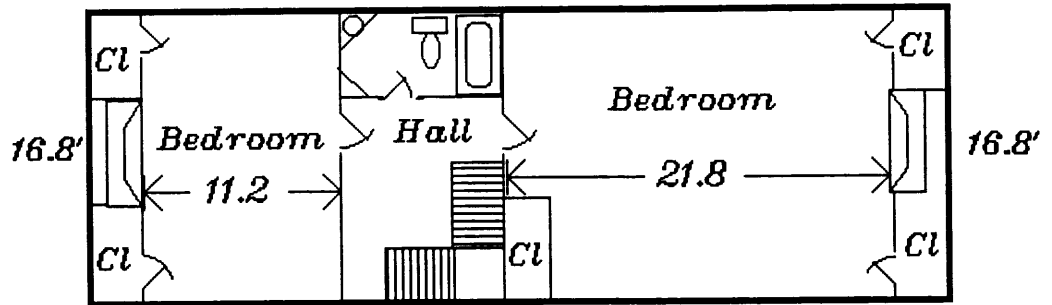
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Interior sketch of English, Thomas House Kershaw County, SC



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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: English, Thomas, House  
Location: Kershaw County, Camden vicinity  
Name of Photographer: Kimberly Lampton  
Date of Photographs: May 1992  
Location of Original Negative: SC Dept. of Archives & History,  
Columbia, SC.

1. North elevation
2. South elevation
3. East elevation
4. West elevation

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number: 82003871**

**Date Listed: 7/22/93**

English, Thomas House  
Property Name

Kershaw  
County

SC  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews  
Signature of the Keeper

7/22/93  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

**Significance:** The English House is a moved resource significant under Criterion C in the area of architecture. Criteria Consideration B must be checked for moved properties.

This information was confirmed with the South Carolina SHPO.

**DISTRIBUTION:**  
National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)