

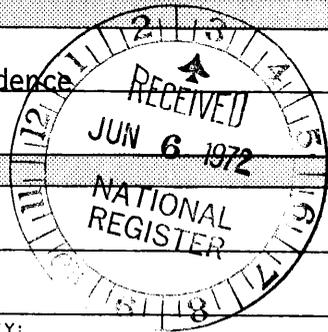
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

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:	Marlboro	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
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1. NAME

COMMON: Magnolia The William L. Kinney Residence  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: The Chancellor Johnson Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 508 East Main Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Bennettsville  
 STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Marlboro CODE: 069

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: Mr. and Mrs. William L. Kinney  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 508 East Main Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Bennettsville STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of Court, Marlboro County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Bennettsville 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 St. P. O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211  
 CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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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

Exterior: Magnolia is a two-story frame house constructed in 1853 by the Bennettsville lawyer, William Dalrymple Johnson. A one-story piazza extends along the northern exposure and front portion of the eastern side. Originally only a simple gabled porch framed the back entrance. Piazza is enclosed by carved wooden ballustrade and shed roof supported by ten Doric columns standing on brick pillars just outside the piazza floor. Matching double leaf, five-paneled doors are at the front and rear entrances, framed by rectangular transoms and sidelights with unusual rectangular pane design. Windows are double hung sash, nine over nine lights with louvred shutters on the western, lower northern (front), and upper eastern sides. Boxed cornices are bracketed all around.

Interior: Basic floor plan is four rooms over four with large central hallways on each floor. Floors throughout are of five-inch heart pine planks. Hand carved cornice, door, and window mouldings are noteworthy throughout the house, with the most elaborate in the first floor central hallway and living room. Open-well, two-flight stairway has scrolled carvings beneath each step and garland carvings beneath the landing and second floor. Transom of rear entrance located just above stairway landing. Eight hand carved mantels are in the home: one arched opening mantel of white Carrara marble and seven rectangular opening wooden mantels, two of which display a carved feather design on the pilasters.

Surroundings: Magnolia is located on a one-acre site which was formerly the Bennettsville muster field. There are twin towering magnolias in the front which were planted by the builder and give the house its name. Behind the house are a barn and the old slave quarters, built in 1853, both of which are in excellent condition.

Alterations and minor additions have been made to the house to provide a utility porch in the rear, breakfast room, and additional bathrooms.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1853

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/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural Significance: Magnolia is a fine example of an excellently preserved ante-bellum home in rural South Carolina. The unusual transoms and sidelights, carved mouldings, and eight mantels with various designs are most notable.

Political Significance: Magnolia was built in 1853 by Chancellor William Dalrymple Johnson, one of Marlboro County's three signers of the South Carolina Ordinance of Secession, and the last man elected Chancellor of the Equity Courts of South Carolina. Born in North Carolina in 1818, Mr. Johnson moved to Bennettsville in 1846 to form a law partnership after graduating from Princeton College in 1843. In 1860 Mr. Johnson was one of three men named to represent Marlboro County at the South Carolina Secession Convention. He signed the Ordinance of Secession which separated South Carolina from the Union and then served with the Confederate forces until discharged for bad health. From 1862 to 1865 he served as State Senator from Marlboro County, and on December 14, 1865, he was elected Chancellor of the Equity Courts. He was the last man so named before the equity courts were abolished under the Reconstruction Constitution of 1868. He returned to his home in Bennettsville and developed extensive farming interests in the vicinity and helped establish the First Presbyterian Church there. In 1871 Mr. Johnson moved to Marion, S. C., to form a law partnership and died there in 1901.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Wright Caughman Historical Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives & History DATE: April 20, 1972

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

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 S. Lep

Title Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date May 24, 1972

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

Robert H. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/14/73

ATTEST:

W. J. Muntz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-7-73

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