Form 10-300
UNIVERSAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pegues Place

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Claudius Pegues Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Six miles north of Wallace, just off US 1, on County Road 266

CITY OR TOWN:
Near Wallace

STATE:
South Carolina

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

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OWNERSHIP
Public
Private
Both

STATUS
Occupied
Unoccupied
Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE
Yes:
Restricted
Unrestricted

TO THE PUBLIC
No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Heirs of late F.P.B. and Jennie May Pegues

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 4

CITY OR TOWN:
Bennettsville

STATE:
South Carolina

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Marlboro County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bennettsville

STATE:
South Carolina

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY:
1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina
Two-story white frame structure with lap-siding, built circa 1770 by French Huguenot Claude Pegues.

Four square columns support one-story front porch extending width of house; columns stand independent of porch. Two single doors open from porch into central hallway, one into dining room; 18-pane windows, louvered shutters, double-cross doors with Greek-key detail on facings.

Large end chimneys provide fireplaces for 2 rooms on each floor.

High ceilings, spacious rooms, walls of wide pine boards reach 15 feet to ceiling. Hand-carved wooden cornices and huge mantel in parlor, woodwork detailing with Greek-key and other Grecian designs. Family tradition says that parlor walls and ceiling were once painted to resemble land, trees, sky. Dining room has walnut panelling, dark and rich in patina. Wainscotings are of wide pine boards. Hepplewhite-sideboard and corner cupboard, both attributed to low-country cabinet makers, are among many family heirlooms.

Pine-panelled central hall opens into parlor, dining room, family living room, family dining room. Wing added behind parlor about 100 years ago provided 4 additional rooms on the two floors. Only other alterations to original 6-room house were addition of baths and kitchen after old kitchen building was abandoned.

Of original outbuildings, still standing are several barns, cotton gin, wash house with large copper kettles built into brick fireplace, log smoke house, carriage house, greenhouse.

During 1930s, representatives of Colonial Williamsburg tried to purchase the parlor and dining room detail work.

Several interior doors have large, English, flush-mounted locks. Iron strap hinges are mounted inside exterior doors.

Artifacts and furnishings include royal land grants to Claudius Pegues; old family library books; small portmanteau brought by Claudius Pegues to America, now filled with family legal documents covering more than 200 years; family portraits; joggling board on front porch for many generations.

In excellent condition, house has belonged to Pegues family for entire 200 years. The original home is basically unaltered.
Built 200 years ago and remaining in same family since, the Pegues Place is Marlboro County's only pre-Revolutionary home and the oldest house in the county.

It is considered the county's most historic spot. Here, on May 3, 1781, a cartel for exchanging prisoners of war was signed by Lt. Col. Edward Carrington (for Gen. Nathanael Greene) and Capt. Frederick Cornwallis (for Gen. Earl Cornwallis). This is believed to have been the only cartel for exchange of Revolutionary War prisoners signed and actually carried out during the Revolution. While encamped some 5 miles away, General Greene and Light Horse Harry Lee were frequent guests at the home of Mr. Pegues.

During the Civil War, Sherman's cavalry passed en route from Chesterfield to Rockingham and encamped on a large field in front of the house.

Claudius Pegues, builder of the home, was born in London of French Huguenot parents. He came to Charles Town in 1736. He married Henriette Butler of Georgetown and settled along the Pee Dee River in 1760. He received a number of royal land grants from Kings George II and III, holdings that lay on both sides of the Pee Dee and extended north into Richmond (formerly Anson) County, N.C.

Before moving to his Pee Dee plantation in the Cheraws District, Mr. Pegues was a prosperous merchant in Georgetown, a member of the Winyah Indigo Society.

In Marlboro, he was one of the county's first judges. A founder of old St. David's Church, Cheraw, he went as a St. David's parish member to the 1768 Assembly and was a deputy to the Provincial Congress in 1775. His son, Claudius, Jr., was a captain in the South Carolina Militia. In 1785, father and son were among the 6 justices named to establish Marlboro County from the old Cheraws District.

At one time, Pegues land holdings totalled 20,000 acres. Present descendants still own 5,000 of these acres.

In 1941, Pegues plantation was the first to secure a farm plan for water and soil conservation in Marlboro County.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thomas, J.A.W. History of Marlboro County, S.C. Atlanta, Ga., Foote & Davis, 1897.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. James W. Fant, Historic Resources Division
ORGANIZATION: S.C. Department of Archives and History
DATE: August 29, 1970

12. STATE LIASON 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 [X] Local [ ]

Name [ ]
Title Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History
Date August 29, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Company
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JAN 25 1971

ATTEST:

William [ ]
Keeper of The National Register
Date DEC 13 1970