

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:	Newberry
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Newberry Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Caldwell, Main, McKibben, and Boyce Streets (see Continuation sheet)

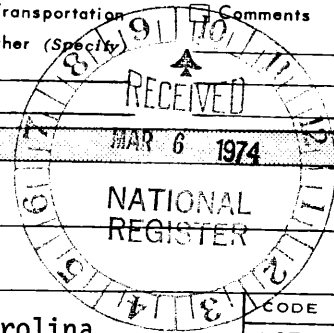
CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
045	Newberry	071

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miscellaneous

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

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South Carolina

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Newberry County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

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South Carolina

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973
 Federal State County Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia, South Carolina

STATE:
South Carolina

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Newberry (formerly Newbury) County was one of six counties created in 1785 from the large district of Ninety-Six. Two acres which had been part of the site of a British meeting prior to the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781 were given to the new county in March of 1789 and became the basis for the town of Newberry. The original plat shows the creation of a public square bounded by present day Caldwell, Main, McKibben, and Boyce Streets. Based upon a simple grid system, Newberry was laid out to consist of streets 33 feet wide and 1/4 acre plots. By 1801 a small frame courthouse had replaced the first log structure, and the village began to grow up around the town square. Most of the commercial and public buildings surrounding the square were built between 1850 and 1900 when Newberry was an important stop in the railroad route from Columbia to Greenville.

Structures on the Square include:

(1) Old Courthouse (listed on the National Register): In the center of the public square stands the fourth of five courthouses built for Newberry County. Designed by Jacob Graves, it was constructed ca. 1850 of stuccoed brick in the Greek revival style. Six fluted Tuscan columns support a massive pediment that contains a Reconstruction-era bas relief. There is an intricate Doric entablature and a central stairway with iron railings. The building is surrounded by a landscaped square with carriage-type street lights.

(2) Confederate Memorial Monument: In the park behind the Old Courthouse stands a monument, unveiled in 1880, erected to area soldiers who died in the War Between the States. The terraces on the sides of the monument contain stone blocks that were a part of the old jail which formerly stood on the site.

(3) Old Newberry Bank: The first banking institution in Newberry was established here ca. 1852. This rectangular stuccoed building is brick with a stepped gable and an egg and dart motif on the cornice. The windows are in recessed arches, and the building which is currently used by a savings and loan is adjoined by a landscaped park. A columned classic revival structure was built in 1912 to house another financial institution. It now adjoins the original bank.

(4) Newberry Opera House (listed on the National Register): The Opera House, designed by G. L. Normann as a brick Gothic-derived structure, was constructed in 1882. It served for many years as the center of cultural and civic activities for Newberry. The ground floor is currently used as a city hall.

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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 checked="" 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) **1789**

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 type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1785 Newberry County was formed from a portion of the Ninety-Six Judicial District; four years later John and Henry Coates planned the town of Newberry. Founded on the site of a former military encampment, Newberry was established as a courthouse town and gradually evolved into a judicial and political as well as cultural center for the midwestern section of South Carolina.

Architecture: The Newberry Public Square and adjoining buildings illustrate the architectural compatibility of low profile commercial and business structures intermingled with prominent civic and cultural buildings.

An example is the Old Courthouse of Greek revival design which dominates the square architecturally and is balanced by the prominent Gothic brick Opera House.

The fairly narrow streets and the original quarter acre lots necessitated rather small scale construction, a practice which has generally been maintained to the present. This consistency of building size as well as relatively minor modern intrusions contribute to the cohesiveness of the area as a distinctive architectural unit.

Political: A courthouse and jail were part of the earliest construction in Newberry. The square served as a governmental center for the Newberry county seat until the fifth courthouse was constructed in 1906 several blocks away.

Theatre: Dedicated in 1882, the Opera House was once Newberry's cultural center. Traveling theatrical companies as well as local talent performed stage drama, operas, operettas, minstrel shows, and musical comedies.

Military: During the Revolution, forces led by the British Colonel Banastre Tarleton camped at the area that was later to be the settlement of Newberry. From here his troops moved into position for what was to be known as the Battle of Cowpens (January 1781) in which Tarleton was defeated.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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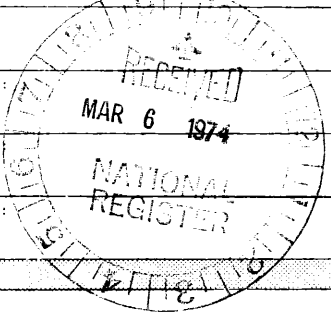
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	34° 16' 33"	81° 37' 40"		0	0	
NE	34° 16' 33"	81° 37' 16"				
SE	34° 16' 22"	81° 37' 16"				
SW	34° 16' 22"	81° 37' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff - Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: Jan. 16, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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 E. Lee
Charles E. Lee

Title Historic Preservation Officer
S. C. Department of Archives and History

Date January 28, 1974

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

Charles E. Lee
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:

Wm. Hunt
Keeper of the National Register

Date DEC 31 1974

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2. Location (continued)

The District includes the Public Square and the surrounding blocks with storefront facades. From the old Newberry Hotel on the Southeast corner of Main and Caldwell streets go (northwest) for one block on Caldwell Street, left (southwest) on Boyce Street for two blocks, left (southeast) for one block on McKibben Street, and left (northeast) for two blocks on Main Street. District also includes one block of Boyce Street from Caldwell Street to College Street (northeast) and one block of Caldwell Street from Main to Friend Street (southeast).



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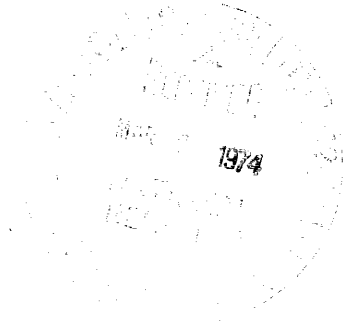
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7. Description (continued) (Newberry Historic District)

(5) Old Hotel: The Newberry Hotel was opened by 1880 and is of stylized Romanesque revival design. The first floor is rusticated and a corner tower overlooks the public square. No longer used as a hotel, it now houses offices and business establishments.

Low profile commercial structures of one and two stories surround the public square. The earlier buildings date prior to the War Between the States and mostly have stepped gables of brick. Intricate brickwork distinguishes the upper facade of other structures; a number of cast iron fronts are also of note.



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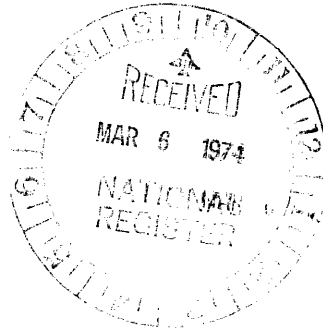
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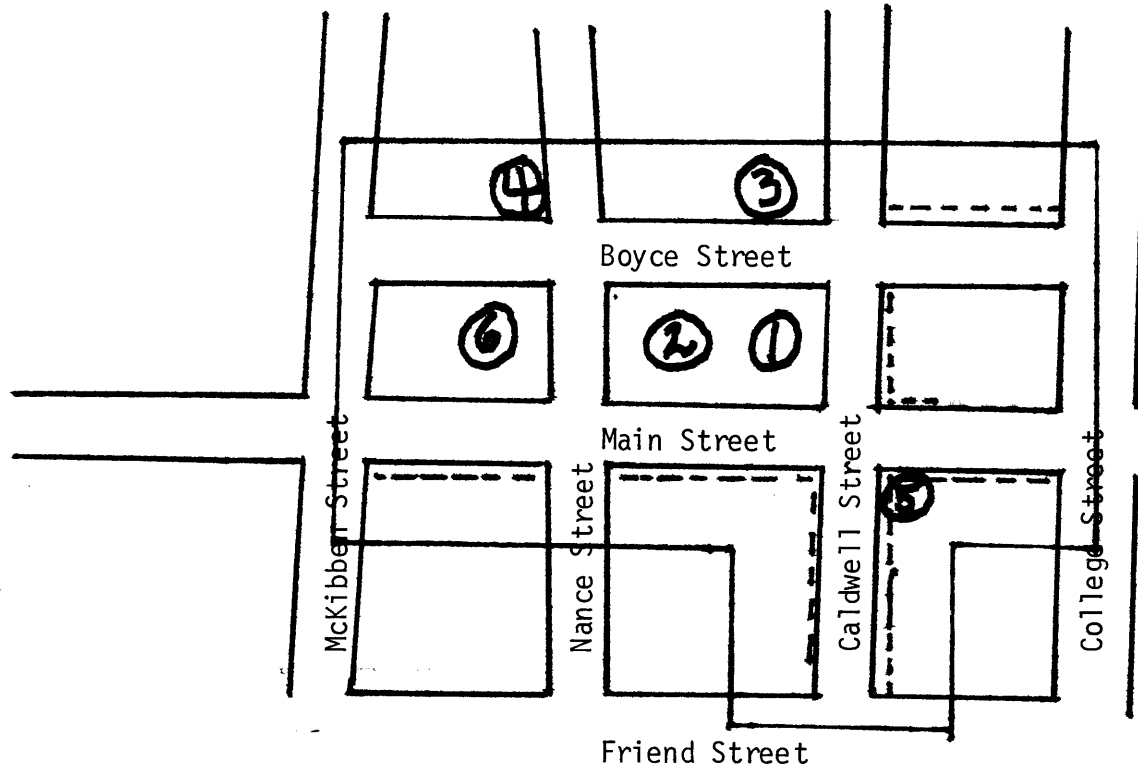
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— All property within this line is included in district. Property lines determine exact boundaries. Map is not to scale.



NEWBERRY PUBLIC SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Old Courthouse | 4. Newberry Opera House |
| 2. Confederate Memorial Monument | 5. Old Hotel |
| 3. Old Newberry Bank | 6. Park |

7. --- Commercial Buildings

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