

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

Coateswood

AND/OR COMMON

Job Johnstone House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1700 Boundary Street

CITY, TOWN

Newberry

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# 3

STATE

South Carolina

— VICINITY OF

CODE

045

COUNTY

Newberry

CODE

071

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas H. Pope

STREET & NUMBER

1700 Boundary Street

CITY, TOWN

Newberry

— VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Newberry County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Newberry

STATE

South Carolina

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### EXTERIOR

Coateswood, originally the home of Chancellor Job Johnstone, was built in 1841 by Phillip Schoppert. Schoppert and his father, George, master builders with trained craftsman working for them, built many of the houses in Newberry. The gabled roof house was originally three stories; the third floor, however, was removed and the roof lowered about 1940, probably for heating reasons. First floor is stucco-over-brick and second level is clapboard. Front facade has three bays on each floor, a door flanked by two windows with louvered shutters. Two monumental Roman doric columns support a gabled portico, while two smaller square columns support a balcony on the second floor. Front door has sidelights and an elliptical fanlight as does the door on the second floor. Cornices and portico gable have dentil-work moldings.

Two interior chimneys (restored with new brick about 1940) extend from rear of roof. Rear facade has enclosed porches on both stories and a one story gabled portico supported by square columns.

### INTERIOR

Front door leads into entrance hall flanked by two rooms on the left and a staircase and three rooms on the right. Upstairs there are four rooms and two baths. The five fireplaces, presently open, have high pine mantels. Doors in the house are also of heart-of-pine with "cross and bible" type panels.

### SURROUNDINGS

House is located on a residential street with other large houses and spacious grounds. Three outbuildings are located to rear of house -- a garage, well house (presently used as a tool room), and a building referred to as the Long House. The Long House, probably built prior to construction of the main house, was used as a kitchen and plantation office. Built of Flemish bond brick, the Long House has a steep gable roof, chimney, two doors and a second floor window on the gable end. Side of Long House contains a door and three windows.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1841

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Phillip Schoppert

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built for a prominent Newberry judge, Coateswood reflects the original owner's wealth and position and the skill and craftsmanship of the builder, Phillip Schoppert.

ARCHITECTURE

Constructed in 1841 by a local master builder, who with his father built many of the houses in Newberry, Coateswood is an example of antebellum architecture in South Carolina. Typical of fine houses of this period are the doors on two levels, columns, and detail work.

LAW AND POLITICAL

Possibly named for John and Henry Coate who laid out Newberry Court House Village in the late 18th Century or Marmaduke Coate, surveyor in the antebellum years, Coateswood was built in 1841. Originally owned by Chancellor Job Johnstone, the house remained in the Johnstone family until it was purchased by the present owner, Thomas H. Pope.

Johnstone was a prominent leader in political, social, and economic affairs in antebellum Newberry District. In 1821 he was elected clerk of the state senate and two years later was elected Chancellor by the General Assembly. Johnstone served as Chancellor and as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals for thirty-two years. A wealthy man, in 1850 he was the largest slaveholder in Newberry District. His interest in diversified agriculture in a cotton-dominated economy was evident in his being awarded the Newberry Agricultural Society cattle and milch cow award in 1848.

Master of the Newberry Free Masons, in 1823 Johnstone laid the cornerstone for the third Newberry Court House, designed by Robert Mills. The owner of Coateswood was an ardent Nullifier in the years preceding the War Between the States.

The present owner of Coateswood, Thomas H. Pope, has served as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the South Carolina General Assembly and chairman of the South Carolina Democratic party. A former candidate for governor of the state, he wrote The History of Newberry County, South Carolina, Volume One: 1749-1860.



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