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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

****** HISTORIC
Bon Haven *nh*
AND/OR COMMON
The Cleveland House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 728 North Church Street		— NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
CITY, TOWN Spartanburg		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT # 4	
STATE South Carolina		VICINITY OF CODE 045	COUNTY Spartanburg
			CODE 083

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Estate of Giles Cleveland, Colonial Trust	Mrs. Lewis Walker, Jr.
STREET & NUMBER 379 East Henry Street	3712 Laguna Court
CITY, TOWN Spartanburg, South Carolina	STATE El Paso, Texas
VICINITY OF	

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Spartanburg County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Magnolia Street

CITY, TOWN
Spartanburg

STATE
South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE
1973

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN
Columbia

STATE
South Carolina

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bon Haven, built ca. 1884, is a Second Empire style structure located in downtown Spartanburg, South Carolina. Two stories high and set upon a raised granite basement, it features a Mansard roof and large central tower.

The front facade is distinguished by the Mansard-roofed tower and an Ionic portico. The tower is square in plan with decorative corbeling of "Tudor" design, and the Mansard roof is accentuated with "oeil-de-boeuf" dormers. The four massive Ionic columns are set upon stone bases and support a heavy entablature which is embellished with modillions. Running the length of the second story is a piazza supported by four smaller Doric columns. Both Doric piazza and Ionic portico were added to the structure ca. 1920. The double front doors are flanked by wooden paneled pilasters of the Tuscan order with a segmentally arched transom above. French doors are located to each side of this central portal.

The left side is basically a reiteration of the design of the front, featuring a second story piazza and four Ionic columns supporting a heavy entablature. At the far end there is a one-story porch which extends around a portion of the rear. This porch is original to the house and differs from the others by featuring slender wooden columns with decorative brackets and balustrade.

A brick kitchen is located at the rear of the structure. It was originally detached but has since been connected.

The right facade is divided into three bays. The central section is extended several feet and has three windows on both stories. The side sections have two windows on each floor, the lower front two of which are projected in an octagonal bay in the first section.

Windows are primarily 2/2 and are arched in a variety of shapes. Some are semicircular, others segmental, yet others are "Tudor." Several of the windows have dripstone or label moldings, while those along the Mansard roof have semicircular cornices.

INTERIOR: The main floor features a central hallway with stairway at its rear. To the right of the hall are the drawing room, dining room, pantry and breakfast room; to the left are the sitting room, library and a bedroom. On the second floor there is a small room at the front of the hall and three bedrooms on each side of the hall. There is a tower room, and the attic is floored.

There are nine fireplaces, the original mantels of which were removed in 1928. The front sitting room, dining room, and hall have plaster rosettes, as did the dining room originally. The paneling in the drawing room and front hall is walnut; that of the dining room is oak. The wallpaper in the dining room is French (ca. 1928). The stairway is of walnut.

SURROUNDINGS: Bon Haven is situated on approximately 6.39 acres in downtown Spartanburg but is hidden from view by extensive landscaping. To the rear of the structure are brick servants quarters, a brick "tea" house, and the remains of a formal garden.

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 type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John B. Cleveland

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bon Haven was built ca. 1884 and is basically a Second Empire style structure with 1920s additions. Its builder, John B. Cleveland, played a vital role in the growth of Spartanburg, promoting almost every facet of the town's development -- social, educational, and economic -- to such a degree that upon his death in 1928 he was heralded as "the town's first citizen."¹

One of the founder's of Converse College (a private women's college in Spartanburg on the National Register of Historic Places), Cleveland served as both member and president of that institution's Board of Trustees. An advocate of public education, he played an important role in the establishment of Spartanburg's city school system. He was a graduate of Wofford College, served on his alma mater's Board of Trustees, and in 1902 donated the money for the construction of the Science Hall.

Cleveland also promoted the economic growth of Spartanburg. He organized Whitney Mills, served as its president, and was involved in the development of other mills. He was instrumental in establishing the First National Bank of Spartanburg, the town's first bank.

Cleveland Park remains as evidence of Cleveland's generosity, as does the Georgia Cleveland Home for the Aged. Cleveland also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Spartanburg's General Hospital. From 1904 until his death in 1928, Cleveland served as a vice president of the South Carolina Historical Society.

Between 1878 and 1880 John B. Cleveland represented Spartanburg County in the South Carolina House of Representatives. His grandson and later resident of Bon Haven, Giles Patterson Cleveland, represented Spartanburg County in the House of Representatives from 1972 until his death in 1974.

John B. Cleveland had an impact on Spartanburg which is still being felt today.

ARCHITECTURE: Bon Haven is significant in its own right due to its solid construction and interesting design. According to Cleveland family members, the granite for the foundation was quarried on the original acreage, and the bricks of the first story were hand-made on the site.

Bon Haven exemplifies the eclecticism of two ages. The Mansard roof, tower, and arched windows reflect the Second Empire style of architecture; the massive columns and portico reflect the Neo-Classic revival of the 1920s (at which time they were added).

The Cleveland family continues to reside in Bon Haven today.

¹The Spartanburg Herald, October 8, 1928, p. 1.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.39 acres

UTM REFERENCES

Latitude: 34° 57' 48"

Longitude: 81° 56' 38"

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Mrs. Lewis Walker, Jr., El Paso, Texas)

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

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CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

DATE

March 30, 1976

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STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Charles E. Lee

TITLE

Charles E. Lee
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4-19-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

dot 100

Wm. McNulty

DATE

6/29/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Charles E. Lee

DATE

6-15-76

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Spartanburg Herald. October 8, 1928.

Mrs. Jesse Cleveland's (John B. Cleveland's daughter-in-law) account of her remodeling Bon Haven. n.d.