

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: Richland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
DeBruhl-Marshall House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1401 Laurel Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE South Carolina	CODE 29201	COUNTY: Richland	CODE 079
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. George Milton Rhodes

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1401 Laurel Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Richland County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1508 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  
 Federal  State  County  Local

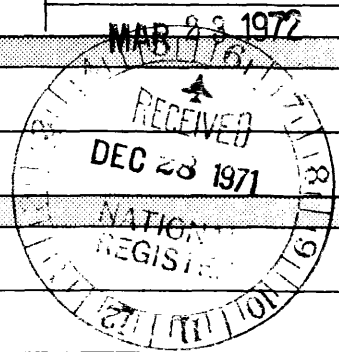
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

Built in 1820, the DeBruhl-Marshall House is a fine example of Greek Revival Architecture. The two story house with gabled slate roof and full basement has three-foot-thick brick exterior walls which taper as they rise to the main floor. Interior walls are solid brick covered with plaster. Steps rise from arched basement to marble portico floor which extends three bays of the five bay width. Iron railings on steps also enclose portico. Four massive Doric columns support an unornamented pediment. Windows are large and shuttered. Main entrance of wide single door with appearance of narrow double doors, each section having three panels, is arched with intricate fanlight above as well as sidelights. Door's lock exposed on inside. Rear door sidelights, fanlight and arch are identical to front door although in later years solid door replaced with paneled French doors. Two side slope chimneys rise from basement providing four fireplaces for each floor. Fanshaped windows under gables at sides of house.

Second and third story verandas on back of house originally had stairway leading up from ground floor. Now these are enclosed to form small rooms and modern facilities.

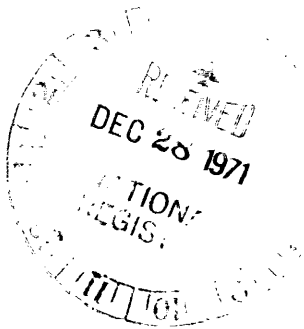
Spacious entrance hall flanked by large square high-ceilinged rooms on main floor. Original: recessed windows, carved and molded woodwork, heart-of-pine floors, plaster on walls, several mantels. Interior remains the same with the exception of a flying staircase from Columbia's old court house (torn down before 1896) which replaces original staircase which was enclosed in staircase chamber.

About 1930, basement and third floor made into apartments, leaving original doorways, windows, etc.

Attic has one rectangular plaster-finished room.

The lot was L shaped with carriage house and gardens. Remaining is a small garden to front and east of house in initial form with brick walks lined with low hedge of boxwood. Many original trees and plants.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century
- 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1820**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                         | <input 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 checked="" 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

Important in the area of Landscape Architecture for the gardens to front and east of house which are in their original form and still contain first brick walkways and many plants and trees planted when the house was built in 1820.

Significant architecturally, it is one of Columbia's most outstanding examples of Greek Revival architecture with solid brick exterior and interior walls, massive columns, impressive arched front and rear doorways, original materials and manual craftsmanship.

Dr. Harold Coledge, Professor of Architecture at Clemson University, in his "City of Columbia Historical Buildings and Sites List" of 1967 lists the DeBruhl Marshall House in Group I. Houses in this group, he states, should be "conserved and/or restored on their original sites" by any means possible.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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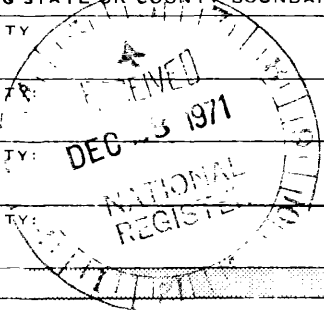
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
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NE	°	'	"	81	°	02' 02"
SE	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Dollie McGrath, Historic Resources Coordinator I**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **July 2, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station**

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 E. Lee  
 Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History  
 Date: December 16, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAR 23 1972**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William H. Stuebel  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **MAR 7 1972**

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