

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
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
718,45,0055	8/19/91

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Court House, Newberry

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1207 Caldwell Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
South Carolina	29108	Newberry	071

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Newberry County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

STATE:	CODE
South Carolina	45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Newberry

STATE	CODE
South Carolina	45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

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

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

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:	CODE
South Carolina	45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input 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

The Old Court House at Newberry, erected 1852, was designed by Jacob Graves and built by James Darmon. An outstanding example of Greek revival architecture in stuccoed brick, the building has six fluted, Tuscan columns which support a massive, triangular pediment.

Intricate, Doric entablature includes: frieze design of alternating triglyphs and undecorated metopes; regula of architrave and mutules of cornice decorated with guttae. Stairway with ironwork railings leads from street level to second floor porch. Symmetrically spaced on second level are two end windows and three entrances. Each entrance is a double three-panel door.

During Reconstruction (1880), Osborne Wells, an ardent Southerner, was assigned the task of remodelling the court house. Well's additions included two-columned porticos at side entrances and a bas-relief mounted on the frontal pediment. This depicts the spirit of the prostrate state: a U.S. eagle holds an uprooted palmetto tree in its talons; perched upon the tree roots, is a gamecock crowing defiantly; at top of tree a dove bears an olive branch.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input 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) 1852

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Old Court House is a physical document of the graceful, ante-bellum era and the difficult years of Reconstruction. The building's elaborate detail and massive proportions attest to the affluence of pre-Civil War Newberry County. Its eye-catching bas-relief remains as a reminder of the spirit of South Carolinians during the bleak period of Reconstruction.

This building, the fourth in a series of five Newberry County Court Houses, was used for court sessions between 1852 and 1906.

Presently, the Social Security Office and County Development Board occupy the first floor. Restoration of the upper floor for adaptive use as a community hall includes kitchen equipment, air-conditioning, heating, repainting.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Julien, Carl. Ninety-Six. Columbia, South Carolina. 1950.
 Summer, G. Leland. Newberry County Historical and Geneological. Newberry, South Carolina. 1950.
 WPA. South Carolina: A Guide To The Palmetto State. New York. 1941.
Newberry Observer: Sesqui-Centennial Edition. Newberry, South Carolina. 1941.
 "Newberry's Old Court House Now A Community Center" The State. Columbia, South Carolina. December 7, 1952.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	34	16	31"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	81	37	16"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

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:
Nancy R. Ruhf, Historic Resources Coordinator I
 ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: 12/10/70
 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 2/14/71

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

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

Date AUG 19 1971

ATTEST:
William M. Neuley
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date JUL 29 1971

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6/14/71