

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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| STATE:<br>South Carolina |             |
| COUNTY:<br>Charleston    |             |
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(NATIONAL HISTORIC  
LANDMARKS)

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Snee Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION** 4.6 miles NE of Mt. Pleasant on US Hwy 17; turn left on Co.

STREET AND NUMBER: Rd 97 (Long Point Road); continue .7 mile and turn left on dirt road; house is .1 mile down dirt road on left.

CITY OR TOWN: Mt. Pleasant vicinity

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Charleston CODE: 019

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Samuel Guilds Hollowell

STREET AND NUMBER: Snee Farm

CITY OR TOWN: Mt. Pleasant STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Mesne Conveyance

STREET AND NUMBER: Charleston County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Charleston STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

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 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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

This story-and-a-half rectangular clapboard residence with wings was built for Colonel Charles Pinckney c. 1754. Resting upon brick pilings, the house has a short flight of masonry open-string stairs leading to the open front porch (southern facade). Shed roof over porch is supported by six evenly spaced square columns. Asbestos roofing has replaced original cypress shingles. Front door is paneled with a four-light rectangular transom above and is flanked on either side by two nine-over-nine-light windows with louvred shutters. Projecting from the medium gabled roof are three evenly spaced dormers with pedimented gables. Dormer windows have six-over-six lights. Two large corbeled brick chimneys with distinctive white "Charleston band" are located on the rear slope of the roof and are offset symmetrically left and right.

The rear facade (northern) is similar to that of the front. Brick stairway to enclosed porch is flared with coping. Each end of the porch is enclosed and contains a door leading to its respective wing passageway. Six plain square wooden columns (two are engaged) and conventional wooden balustrade extend across the front of the porch. Within the porch the main facade consists of a central doorway with transom flanked on either side by one nine-over-nine-light window. The three dormer windows above are identical in design and relative location to those of the front.

The side facades are identical. Each has one nine-over-nine-light window at the first floor level offset towards the front of the house and one six-over-six-light window centrally located in the gable. Where a lower level rear window would logically be located, a twelve foot passageway with six-over-six-light windows front and rear extends to each wing section. The front facade of the wings is flush with that of the passageway, but the wings extend further to the north (rear) than does the house proper. Each wing has a chimney of similar design to those of the main section of the house. Windows in the wings are six-over-nine lights, with two located in both the southern (front) and northern (rear) facades and one each in the side facades. Like all other first floor windows, these too have louvred shutters.

This farm house is located on a tract of land that once served as a vast plantation belonging to the Pinckney family of Charleston. Recent land developments in the immediate area include a multi-million dollar golf and residential community which has adopted the name of this historic farm. "Snee Farm" community is located just south of and adjacent to the historic Snee Farm.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1754

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <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  | _____ 1812                                     |
| <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

Architectural Significance: Snee Farm is an excellent representative of 18th century farm house construction. Built for Colonel Charles Pinckney c. 1754, Snee Farm house did not serve as the palatial Southern manor, but rather as the comfortable yet simple and practical residence of the owner when staying at his plantation. The symmetrical unity and pleasing design have made the house desirable as a permanent residence throughout its long history, and thus it has been maintained remarkably well over the years.

Political Significance: The first occupant of the house at Snee Farm was Col. Charles Pinckney of Charleston. His son, also named Charles, was born in 1757 and inherited Snee Farm at his father's death in 1782. Charles the younger often resided at Snee Farm when in the Charleston area, but at an early age he became significantly involved with state and national political affairs which took him away from the plantation. From 1779 to 1780 he served in the South Carolina House of Representatives, and in 1784 he was elected as a delegate to the Congress of Confederation, a position he held until 1787. In 1787, Pinckney moved the appointment by Congress of a grand committee "to take into consideration the affairs of the Nation." This motion resulted in the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Here it was that Pinckney submitted his celebrated "Pinckney draught" of the federal Constitution. Unfortunately no copy of his plan was kept on record, but through reconstruction from a variety of sources, it is known that the "Pinckney draught" contained at least thirty-one or thirty-two provisions that were finally accepted. This reconstructed text of the "Pinckney draught," along with the record of Pinckney's active participation at the Convention, "makes it appear not improbable that Pinckney had a larger share than any other individual in the determination of the form and content of the Constitution." (DAB)

Returning to South Carolina, Pinckney served two successive terms as Governor from January of 1789 to December of 1792. During 1791, President George Washington made a tour through the state of South Carolina. On May 2 of that year, Washington stopped at Snee Farm for breakfast before entering Charleston. He referred to Snee Farm in his diary as "the Country seat of Govr. Pinckney." In 1796, Pinckney was elected to a third term as Governor, and in 1798, he won a seat in the U. S. Senate. In light of his fine service to the nation, he was appointed minister to Spain in 1801 and served there until 1806 when he returned to South Carolina.

(See Continuation Sheet, Item 8.)

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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(See Continuation Sheet, Item 9.)

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 32° 50' 49.9"   | 79° 49' 29.4"           |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: eight

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: Wright Caughman Historic Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: July 21, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street P. O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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| <p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Charles E. Lee</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director, S. C. Department of Archives and History</u></p> <p>Date _____</p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u><br/>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>APR 12 1973</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Antony J. P. ...</u><br/>Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4/11/73</u></p> |
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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE.  
Continuation of Political Significance:

He was elected to the Governorship for a fourth time in 1806, and after a short rest from public service was encouraged to run in 1818 for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives and was elected. After one term in this office, Charles Pinckney retired permanently and died in 1824.



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