S.C. District #2 - Rep. Floyd Spence Theme: Society and Social Conscience UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (July 1969) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE South Carolina COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Richland INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1. NAME COMMON: Chesnut Cottage AND/OR HISTORIC: 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: 1718 Hampton Street CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STAT COUNTY CODE CODE 2920 45 South Carolina Richland 3. CLASSIFICATION ACCESSIBLE CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Dublic Yes: District X Building Public Acquisition: X Occupied ★ Restricted X Private ☐ In Process Site Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted □ Both ☐ Being Considered Preservation work Object ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) ☐ Agricultural Government Pork Transportation Comments X Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify) Educational ■ Military Religious Entertainment Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME. Dr. DuBose Egleston, Jr. STREET AND NUMBER: 10 Heathwood Circle CITY OR TOWN: CODE Columbia South Carolina 45 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Richland County Court House STREET AND NUMBER: 1508 Washington Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Columbia South Carolina 45 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary) DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal X State Local DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: NPS USE South Carolina Department of Archives and History STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Columbia South Carolina 45

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Built c.1855-1860, Chesnut Cottage has retained its original appearance: one and a half story frame house; central dormer with arched window; slant roof portico supported by octagonal columns and unusual balustrade combining ironwork and wood; two inside chimneys; large windows; front doorway with sidelights and transom.

Interior is four square plan with central hallway.



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Significant architecturally as a "Columbia cottage", adaptation of the standard Neo-Classic cottage to local conditions and requirements; and historically as the home of General James Chesnut and Mrs.(Mary Boykin) Chesnut during the Civil War period.

General Chesnut served on Davis's staff. Mrs. Chesnut provided future generations with eyewitness accounts of happenings during the 1860's with her <u>Diary from Dixie</u>, edited by Ben Ames Williams and published in 1905.

October 5, 1864, Jefferson Davis was entertained at the Chesnut Cottage and from its front steps made a speech to "an immense crowd" of the citizens of Columbia.

Chesnut Cottage is now the office of Dr. Dubose Egleston, Jr.



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