National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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3. Clas	sification			
Category X district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition N/A in process N/A being considered	Status X occupied X unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation control transportation
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7. Description Condition — excellent — ruins — ruins — unexposed Theck one — unaltered — moved date — moved date — moved date — moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cainhoy Historic District, located in the southeastern pineland section of Berkeley County, is comprised of nine major buildings dating from the mid-eighteenth century through the early twentieth century. The district is an architectural record of the cultural and architectural development of the village from an early ferry landing to a small but thriving river port.

Key buildings contributing to the character of the district:

- 1. Miss Mary Lesesne House. This two-story frame residence, located on the Wando River south of the main village area, is believed to have been built ca. 1790 by the Charleston carpenter, John Johnson. This vernacular weatherboarded building has a central-hall plan, with a four-bay, one-story porch facing the river. The roof is gabled. Two common bond brick chimneys with plaster neckings and paired brick flues are opposite the river elevation. A one-story shed-roofed addition on the east encloses the base of these chimneys. The interior retains many of the simple, original trim features.
- 12. Lewis Fogartie House. Built ca. 1798 by the founder of the village, Lewis Fogartie, this two-and-one-half-story weatherboarded building has an enclosed ground floor of brick and a double-tiered porch on the south elevation, overlooking the Wando River. The porches are supported by slender Federal columns, and the second floor porch has a simple balustrade. The gable roof is sheathed in metal, with three gabled dormers displaying six-over-six windows. To the rear of the building are two small gabled wings, with boxed cornices and returns. The upper windows of the wings are tripartite; the lower are nine-over-nine.
- 13. George R. Sanders House. This house is located on the east side of the 1735 ferry landing. The one-story weatherboarded building, constructed ca. 1866, is typical of pineland village summer houses. It is set on high brick piers, with a four-bay porch across the south elevation. The porch has chamfered columns and a simple balustrade. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. A brick exterior chimney is located at the east end of the house.

Other properties contributing to the character of the district:

- 2. Open wooded space.
- 3. How Tavern. This pre-Revolutionary War Tavern, built ca. 1745, overlooks the Wando River from the western end of county road S-8-26. Is is a one-and-one-half-story frame building, set on short brick piers, with a hewn heavy-timber frame. The building has been extensively altered with the addition of two wings and large external chimneys at the east and west ends of the building. Little of the original interior is visible.
- 5. Sanders House. A one-story frame house on brick piers, with a porch overlooking the river on the south side. The house appears to date from the late nineteenth century. The shingle roof abuts two exterior brick chimneys, which have plaster neckings. A frame storage shed is included on the property.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art commerce communications	community planning conservation economics education engineering		religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater X transportation X other (specify) black history
Specific dates	ca.1790-early 20th	Builder/Architect	N/A	

Century Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Cainhoy Historic District is located in the southeastern pineland section of Berkeley County. The district is composed of a collection of nine major buildings, which range in date from the mid-eighteenth century through the early twentieth century. This group of buildings serves as an illustration of the cultural and architectural development of the village from a ferry landing to a small but thriving river port. Cainhoy's significance lies in its role as an early transportation link between inland Berkeley County and Charleston and in its fine collection of early buildings.

The origin of the name "Cainhoy" is not documented; however, it is locally considered to have been associated with an earlier Indian village. The first white settlers in the area were primarily Scottish Presbyterian and French Huguenot farmers who eked out a bare existence on land so dry and barren as to be worth hardly a dollar an acre in 1826. Later settlers were attracted by those same dry conditions and located their homes there away from the unhealthy swamps.

Robert How built the How Tavern about 1745 near the site of his ferry established some years before that. The tavern along with the ferry formed the nucleus for the village of Cainhoy. Between 1788 and 1801, Lewis Fogartie, who owned much of the surrounding property, began selling off long narrow lots facing on the Wando River, resulting in a community plan similar to that used by the French in Louisiana. Cainhoy was for a short time known as Lewisville or Louisville after Fogartie.

During the American Revolution the village of Cainhoy was occupied at various times by American and British troops; however, it was never harmed. During much of the nineteenth century Cainhoy served Berkeley County planters as a river port. One ship, the Gov. Aiken, made scheduled trips to Cainhoy topick up parties and take them to the picnic grounds at Remley's Point. In 1876, Cainhoy was the site of a political rally for Wade Hampton which degenerated into a brawl between blacks and whites. Christened the "Cainhoy Massacre," the incident left seven men dead and sixteen wounded.

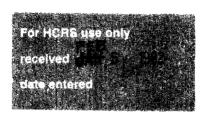
The village of Cainhoy declined in importance in the early twentieth century as more modern modes of transportation were developed.

Architecture:

Cainhoy is significant architecturally because the village history is reflected from its genesis in the major buildings, intact in their historic relation and setting. Each building is a vernacular specimen from its respective period, and collectively, with the contributory structures and buildings, preserve the fabric of an early river port and ferry community. The Lewis Fogartie House is particularly noteworthy as an intact Federal residence. Cainhoy has had minimal modern intrusion.

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6. Humphrey House. A one-story frame residence, sheathed in weatherboard, with a metal roof and a central chimney. Extensive alterations and the six-over-six windows suggest a major portion dates from the early twentieth century. A frame storage shed is included on the property.

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- 8. Ward House. This one-story weatherboarded residence was built ca. 1890. A shallow porch in the center of the five-bay facade contains three doors with transoms. Windows are two-over-two. The roof is gabled with a central dormer over the porch, featuring a boxed cornice with returns. There is a central chimney and a rear wing.
- 10. Village Store-Blacksmith Shop. Believed to have been built by Ludwig Mayer, ca. 1875, this two-story weatherboarded building was probably commercial below and residential above. The gable roof features decorative bargeboards and a common bond brick chimney on the north side. The original two-story porch on the east elevation is missing, and the building is in poor condition.
- 11. Village Store. This one-story weatherboarded commercial building, built ca. 1905, has a metal roof and large two-over-two windows. A corner porch shelters the entrance. The building is currently used for storage.

Properties not contributing to the historic character of the district:

- 4. Murphy's Shipyard. An early twentieth century shipyard with metal sheds and ways, currently abandoned.
- 7. T. T. Murphy's Mobile Home.
- 9. Post Office. A small frame building of mid-twentieth century construction.

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Politics/Government; Black History

On October 16, 1876, in connection with the heated election of 1876 between Democrat Wade Hampton and Radical Republican David H. Chamberlain a political meeting of blacks and whites held near Cainhoy dissolved into what became known as the "Cainhoy Massacre." According to a statement by the chairman of the Democratic Party in the area, a group of young white men took guns deposited in a carriage house by blacks. As they advanced on the gathering, a group of blacks attempted to wrest away the arms and a fight broke out. Seven men were killed and sixteen were wounded in the conflict, which was unusual in the history of racial confrontations in South Carolina during Reconstruction because blacks were the victors.

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