

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:	Chester
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
715450043	5/6/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Elliott House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: From Richburg .3 mi. N. on S.C. 901, turn left on County 136, continue 1 mi., first house on left.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 29706      COUNTY: Chester      CODE: 023

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Charles Betts Reid

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Chester      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

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

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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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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

Originally a dovetailed log structure, the Elliott House was built c. 1770. Additions to the original 20' x 28' building include: a 10' x 28' frame addition at rear, a 1930 addition on east side, a shed-roof front porch supported by round posts. Dovetailed log exterior has been covered with clapboards. Original facade with central door of vertical boards flanked on either side by a shuttered window remains unchanged. East wall has large, inside chimney of sun dried brick set in steep gable, three windows and a door. West wall has one small window.



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**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) 1770

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 checked="" 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 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Elliott House, near Richburg in historic Chester County, is significant as one of the earliest pioneer dwellings in the South Carolina Up Country. Land on which house stands was granted to Daniel Elliott in 1769 by King George III of England. Construction of the simple dovetailed log house began one year later.

Tradition holds that Daniel Elliott was killed by Tory "Bloody Bill" Cunningham in a surprise raid upon the Elliott plantation during the Revolutionary War.

Clyde Pierson, an Elliott descendant of Middleton, Ohio, has begun a project to restore the house to its conjectural first appearance.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Knox, Louise Gill. "Homestead of Daniel Elliott Patriot of the American Revolution." The Chester Reporter. Chester, South Carolina. October 29, 1970.

McCorkle, Norman A. "Field Report for George Washington Trail." South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Columbia, South Carolina. December 7, 1970.

WPA. South Carolina. New York. 1941. Oxford University Press.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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JAN 25 1971  
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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: January 21, 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

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. Lep

Title: Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date: 2/14/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

MAY 6 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. Ventresca  
Keeper of The National Register

APR 19 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATE ENTERED

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Elliott House

AND/OR COMMON

Chester County Log Cabin

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER From Richburg .3 mi north on SC 901, turn left on  
County 136, continue 1 mi., first house on left NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Richburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# 5

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

023

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chester County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Chester

STATE

South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chester County Log Cabin is a two-story dovetailed log structure, constructed upon low foundations of stone piers.

A one-story shed porch extends across the front facade. Although this porch is not original, there was originally a one-story porch as evidenced by angled mortise holes in the front wall plate. A door of board-and-batten construction is flanked on each side by a shuttered window. There are no windows on the second story of the front as the porch originally covered most of this area. The gable ends are pierced by three small windows on the right facade and one window on the left facade. An unusual feature is the interior chimney in the right end. The entire wall has been rebuilt with similar logs from another structure in the area. Attached to the rear is a one-story shed addition of ca. 1880 sawn timber construction.

Much of the exterior is covered with weatherboarding, some of which is beaded siding (ca. 1810). The steep gable roof is covered by tin.

The interior of the structure reveals several notable features. Floors and ceilings are original heart pine. Most of the doors are also original, being of board-and-batten construction and having both handwrought strap hinges and wooden slip bolts. The fireplace has been altered, having been made smaller (ca. 1970s); originally, it was a large hearth designed for cooking and heating.

A ladder leads to the attic story. Here the mortise-and-tenon construction is evidenced in the rafters, collar beams, joists, plates and sills.

SURROUNDINGS: The Chester County Log Cabin is located in rural Chester County. Presently, Interstate Highway 77 is being constructed near the structure.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chester County Log Cabin is significant as an excellent example of late 18th-to early 19th century log-cabin construction. The main portion of the cabin is basically intact.

It is not known when this cabin was constructed. The land in the area was surveyed and granted in the 1760s-70s, and architectural analysis of the structure suggests it may date from this period. Traditionally, the house has long been known as that of Daniel Elliott, a Revolutionary War patriot killed by Tories. Although intensive research neither proves nor disproves this tradition, later research may determine the exact connection of the structure with the Elliott family. At any rate, the primary significance of the cabin lies in its architecture, not in its ownership.

ARCHITECTURE: The Chester County Log Cabin is an excellent example of the upcountry two-story log-house form. Typical features of the house include a tall shed-roofed porch across the front, a steeply pitched gable roof, an end chimney, and dovetailed log joints. Windows are small and covered with board-and-batten shutters. The floor plan also is typical, with one large room on both floors. The single fireplace serves both for heating and cooking.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Royal Grants.

A complete title check, made by Elmer O. Parker, formerly an Archivist with the National Archives, and Mrs. Oliver Mayes, Chester County historian, 1976.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.14 acres

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that parcel or lot of land containing 2.14 acres, being bounded on the north by center line of a County Road leading to S.C. Highway 9, and on the south, east and west by other property of Charles Betts Reid.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty/Steve Smith - Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

S.C. Department of Archives and History

DATE

January 9, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Charles E. Lee*

1/11/78

TITLE Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Robert B. Rettig*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2/17/78

ATTEST *Charles McNulty*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-8-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER