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## 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 Culp House

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 300 North Mountain Street

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Union

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
District #5

STATE

South Carolina

CODE  
045

COUNTY  
Union

CODE  
087

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Lloyd Graham Gibbs

STREET & NUMBER 1622 Green Street

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
South Carolina

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Union County Court House

STREET & NUMBER West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Union

STATE  
South Carolina

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE 1973

\_\_FEDERAL  STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives & History

CITY, TOWN Columbia South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### EXTERIOR

The front facade of this two-story red brick structure features a two-tiered, five-bay porch with a classic revival motif. Roman Doric columns, pilasters, and a pierced balustrade on the upper porch combine to achieve this classic effect.

The eight-panel center door with transom is balanced by 2/2 lights with small panel doors on the lower portion allowing access from the parlors to the porch area. The sidelights of the entry door and center balcony door are repeated in Palladian-derived windows with sidelights. Brackets under the eaves and louvered shutters further compliment this facade. The shingled hip roof is punctuated by two interior chimneys.

The left elevation with paired 2/2 lights has a broad belt course and a plain cornice. The brick of the rear elevation has been covered in masonry and the original stoop enlarged and enclosed to provide a modern kitchen, using old brick to blend with the original structure.

The double-tiered porch of the right elevation has been enclosed to provide additional living space and plumbing facilities.

### INTERIOR

Four large rooms with heart pine floor boards open off the central hall. The interior plastered walls of brick are more than a foot thick. The twelve-foot high ceilings feature unusual medallions - a garland wreath in the right front parlor and a heavy stylized leaf design in the entrance hall. The curving staircase and classic wall niche in the entry hall further enhance the classic proportions of the interior.

An identical room arrangement is to be found on the second floor with a center door opening from the hallway to the upper porch.

### SURROUNDINGS

Large oak trees surround the house and shade the gardens. Several of the terraces are undergoing restoration as flower and herb gardens. The cook's house which is believed to be the original detached kitchen is still standing, although in poor condition.

## 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Culp House, a classically styled two-story brick structure, was constructed for Mr. B.D. Culp, a prosperous businessman in early Union. The Culp House served as a focal point for political activity in Union County during the 19th Century.

#### ARCHITECTURE

Derived from the transitional architectural trends of the 1850s, the Culp House combines both Georgian and neo-Classical motifs. The South Carolina low country flavor of the structure with its wide porticos and airy window treatments reflects the builder's familiarity with the domestic architecture of Charleston, where he conducted a successful cotton trade.

#### MILITARY

B.F. Arthur, secretary of the Secession Convention, delivered an oration from the Culp House porch to the Johnson Rifles regiment on January 31, 1861. At this time a flag designed by Union ladies under the direction of Mrs. Madison Wallace, sister-in-law of B.D. Culp, was presented to the regiment. This flag is now in a private collection.

#### POLITICAL

In October 1876, gubernatorial candidate Wade Hampton delivered a campaign address from the second story porch of the house to a crowd of supporters and a mounted troop of his partisan "Red Shirt" followers. The subsequent election of Wade Hampton to the Governor's office marked the end of Federal Reconstruction in South Carolina.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 2 acres

Latitude: 34° 43' 14"

UTM REFERENCES

Longitude: 81° 37' 21"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Hunter V. Moss

Lloyd Gibbs

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

February 7, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

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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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer:

DATE 2/27/75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/9/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE APR 9 1975

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