

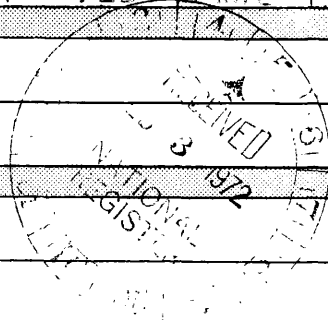
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

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: Marlboro	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER FEB 23 1972	DATE



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Jennings-Brown House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
121 S. Marlboro Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bennettsville

STATE: South Carolina 29512      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Marlboro      CODE: 35

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Dr. Prentiss M. Kinney

STREET AND NUMBER:  
123 S. Marlboro Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bennettsville 29512      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Marlboro County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bennettsville 29512      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
none

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House is typical of homes built in area, 1800-1850. Large two-story section has central hall and stairway flanked by two large rooms on each floor. Two smaller rooms behind those on first floor; large one-story porch with beaded weatherboarding extends across entire front.

Originally two large exterior chimneys stood at ends of house; were probably lost when house <sup>was</sup> moved 100 yards in 1900 from its first location on East Main Street.

Notable woodwork in house: paneled wainscoting in front drawing room, double-cross doors, carving under stairsteps, handsome front door with transom light and sidelights. Large carpenter locks remain on two interior doors. All original "rising type" hinges remain.

High plastered walls support board ceilings, one of which appears to have once been painted yellow and gray on alternating planks.

All floors and woodwork are of heart southern pine.

Kitchen, noticeably more crudely built than rest of house, has extremely wide boards in walls, ceiling, and wainscoting.

Three windows retain original 18 panes; rest have newer, large-paned sashes.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1800-1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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 checked="" 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 | _____                                    |
| <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      | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

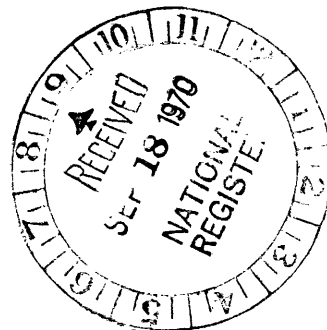
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

House was one of first built when Bennettsville became Marlboro County Seat in 1824. According to tradition it was used as Union Army headquarters by Maj. Gen. F.P. Blair when Sherman's men captured and occupied town March 6-7, 1865.

House was built by Dr. E.W. Jones, who purchased four-acre site on which it originally stood in 1826-1827. It derives its name partially from being owned from 1854-1904 by the family of Dr. Beaty Jennings, who bought it.

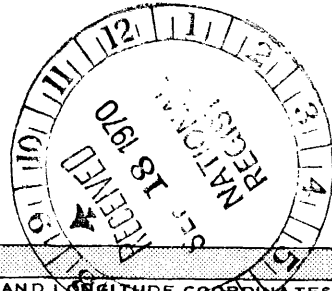
A drawing in Frank Leslie's ILLUSTRATED, April 8, 1865, shows Union troops encamped on the Court House Square directly opposite this house.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Thomas, J.A.W. A History of Marlboro County. Atlanta, Ga.: The Foote and Davis Co., 1897, p. 173.  
 Leslie's Illustrated, April 8, 1865.



**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34 ° 36 ' 05.22"	79 ° 40 ' 55.26"	
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

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mary Schuette, Historic Resources Division (Nancy R. Ruhf - July 2, 1971)

ORGANIZATION: S.C. Dept. of Archives and History DATE: August 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street PO Box 11, 188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 29211 45

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 S. Lopez

Title Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date August 29, 1970

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

Ernest J. Kennedy  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 FEB 23 1972

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William M. Stewart  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 11 1972

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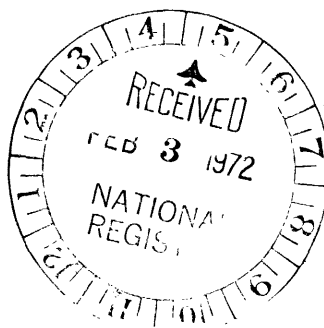
JENNINGS-BROWN HOUSE

7. Description

When the Jennings-Brown House was moved in 1900, the gable on the front was added as well as a sleeping porch (now gone) which was built over the front porch.

Plans are to restore the house to its original condition by restoring brick chimneys at either end of house; replacing present porch with shed-style, one-story porch supported by round columns on brick pillars outside the porch flooring; removing ornamental front gable.

The Marlboro County Historic Preservation Commission and the Marlborough Historical Society are seeking state and federal funds for restoration of the Jennings-Brown House, to be used as a house museum and community meeting hall.



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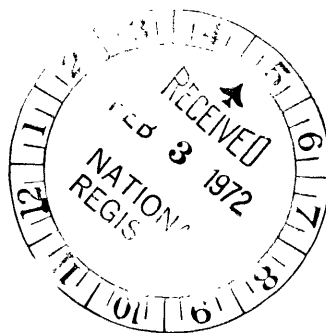
8. Significance

Architecturally, historically and militarily significant, the Jennings-Brown House was built by Dr. E. W. Jones, one of Bennettsville's earliest physicians, on a four acre site which he purchased in 1826-27. It was one of the first houses built after Bennettsville became the Marlboro County seat in 1824.

Architecturally, this house is important as Bennettsville's only remaining two-story home built prior to 1853. It is recognized as a town and area landmark and before being moved in 1900 and subsequently altered, was an authentic example of the fine homes built in this area c. 1830. (See attachments)

Historically and militarily, the Jennings-Brown House was significant as headquarters for Major General Frank P. Blair, commanding general of the U.S.A. XVII Army Corps, which captured and occupied Bennettsville on March 6-7, 1865. Local evidence verifies this. A drawing in Frank Leslie's Illustrated, April 8, 1865, shows Union Army troops encamped on the Court House Square, directly opposite this house. (see attachments)

Dr. Jones sold the house in 1834 and migrated to Mississippi. Subsequent owners were the family of Dr. J. Beaty Jennings (1854-1904) and the J.J. Brown family (1930-1968).



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