

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 – EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: THE KOHNE – NEUFVILLE HOUSE

Address of property: 72 Anson Street

City Charleston County Charleston State SC Zip Code 29401

Name of historic district: THE OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICT OF CHALRESTON, SC

National Register district  certified state or local district  potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
 certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
 certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
 preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
 preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name Jonathan H. Poston Title Director of Programs  
HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION

Street 108 Meeting Street City Charleston

State South Carolina Zip 29401 Telephone Number (during day): 803-724-8486/723-3646

4. Owner:

Owner Contact/Representative:

Name BARBARA H. WILLIAMS Judy Werrell, Attorney-at-Law

Street 72 Anson St., Charleston, SC 29401 Trust Officer, C&S National Bank

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ City P. O. Box 10608, Chas., SC 29411

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (during day): 803-745-8174

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature Barbara H. Williams

Date 3-13-87

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number 04-44-209

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application – Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
 contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
 does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
 does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
 appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
 appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
 does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

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Barbara H. Williams SS#

5. Description of physical appearance:

This is a 3½ story brick house with a double-tiered piazza over a brick and stucco gallery on the south facade. The dwelling has three bays on its west front elevation with an original Greek Revival doorway and triple-tiered windows in its 4th story gable end. Most of the building's features, including some of the shutters and slate roof, and the excellent brick work and piazzas, are original. The house was one of the first restored under Historic Charleston Foundation's historic Ansonborough Rehabilitation Project in the early 1960s. The building has a brick addition on the east dating from about 1965 and an original, restored, two-story brick kitchen house. On the interior, the house follows the "side hall, double parlor" scheme of Charleston single houses after 1840, with two major rooms on each floor. The first floor stairhall contains its original scroll-shaped newell and balusters, as well as Greek Revival door surrounds and wainscoting. The second floor retains most of its original detailing, including black marble mantels in the double drawing rooms, original sliding pocket doors and Greek Revival cornices and trim.

Date of Construction: c. 1846      Source of Data: House History completed by  
Samuel Gaillard Stoney

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1965 and 1972

Rehabilitation

Has building been moved?  yes  no. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of significance:

One of the first houses restored by HCF, as part of the Ansonborough Rehabilitation Project in the early 1960s, the building remains an excellent example of the late Greek Revival style used in the construction of so many houses in that district after the time of the fire of 1838. It appears to have been constructed by Eliza Kohne, the widow of a wealthy landowner, Frederick Kohne, of Charleston and Philadelphia, in 1846. Upon Mrs. Kohne's death in 1848, she left an annuity to her freed slave, Emma Harbeaux, who was unable to return to S. C. to claim her property. Emma's case was defended by James Louis Petigru in a famous case before the United States Supreme Court (See Lyon G. Tyler, "James Louis Petigru, Freedom's Champion in a Slave Society," S. C. Historical Magazine, LXXXIII (October 1982, 284). The house was then acquired by Benjamin Simons Neufville, a noted merchant, in 1849, and the building remained in the Neufville family until the early 20th century.

The house, with its spacious side garden, is highly contributory to a block, which on both sides of the street, contains only buildings constructed before 1860, although the two houses to the north were moved from up the street to their present positions during the Ansonborough Rehabilitation.

The Kohne-Neufville house has been rated Category 2, "Excellent" by the Feiss-Wright Survey.

Attached is a copy of the title search now in the files of Historic Charleston Foundation.

7. Photographs and maps:

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no