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Property Name

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1

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Project Number: _____

58 South Battery, Charleston, SC 29401
Property Address

Mary Elizabeth Simpson Hanahan
Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

6. Description of physical appearance:

58 South Battery is a two-and-one-half story rectangular frame structure on a raised stuccoed masonry foundation. The hipped standing seam metal roof has gabled dormers on the south, east, and west slopes. Brick interior chimneys with corbelled caps and arched rainhoods are located flush with the east and west walls.

The principal south elevation is three bays wide with original 9/9 light wood sash windows in the two eastern bays and the principal entrance to

(See Continuation Sheet)

Date of Construction: ca. 1800 Source of Date: Property and Tax Records

Date(s) of Alteration(s): N/A

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

6. Statement of significance:

58 South Battery is a fine example of early 19th century Charleston residential architecture.

58 South Battery was constructed ca. 1800 by John Blake, a Revolutionary War patriot, state senator, and president of the Bank of the State of South Carolina. Blake acquired the property from his father in 1779 and is listed as residing at the property by 1801. The house is an excellent example of early 19th century Charleston residential architecture and possesses a wealth of both Federal and Georgian style details.

58 South Battery is rated Group 3, "Significant," in the 1973 Historic Architecture Inventory of Charleston, by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright. Group 3 is defined as: "Good architectural quality. Vernacular. Of less sophistication and refinement than 'excellent'. Modest, appealing, curious, interesting. To be retained and protected."

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: yes no

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5. Description of Physical Appearance, Continued:

the piazza at the first level of the west bay. A cyma recta cornice with modillions extends across the facade at the roofline. A gabled dormer with a single 6/6 sash window is located at the center of the roof.

The east (Legare Street) elevation is 5 bays wide and has original 9/9 light sash windows at both levels of its two northern and southern bays. A single 9/9 sash window, corresponding to the interior stair landing, is located in the central bay. The two brick chimneys flush with the east wall are divided by a single gabled dormer. The cyma recta cornice with modillions found on the south facade continues around the east, north, and west elevations. The west elevation is seven bays wide: the four northern bays representing the ell, and the three southern bays representing the main house. A two story piazza on a raised masonry pier foundation extends across the three bays of the main house. Three irregularly spaced columns are found at the first level and a series of louvered panels extend along the second level. The principal entrance to the main house is located at its northern bay and includes a plain surround with a four light transom above. French doors opening onto the piazza, also with transoms, are found in all bays of the second floor level. Remaining bays on the west elevation contain 9/9 sash windows. The two brick chimneys flush with the west wall are found at the ell. An original gabled dormer is located on the roof above the center of the piazza and is flanked to the north by an

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Owner's Signature

Mary Elizabeth Simpson Hanahan Date *Nov. 21, 1983*

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- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

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oversized attic ventilation dormer that was installed in recent years. The north elevation is similar in design to the west elevation of the ell. Changes to the exterior of 58 South Battery have been limited to the relocation of columns on the first floor piazza and the construction of a garage to the north elevation.

The interior is based upon the traditional Charleston "single house" plan with a central staircase flanked on either side by large parlors and modified by the extension of parlors and chambers within the ell. The interior retains a wealth of original 19th century detailing including dentil cornices, panelled wood wainscoting, mantelpieces, molded window and door surrounds, and hardwood floors. The principal central stair retains its original balustrade and stringer design.

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Charleston, South Carolina

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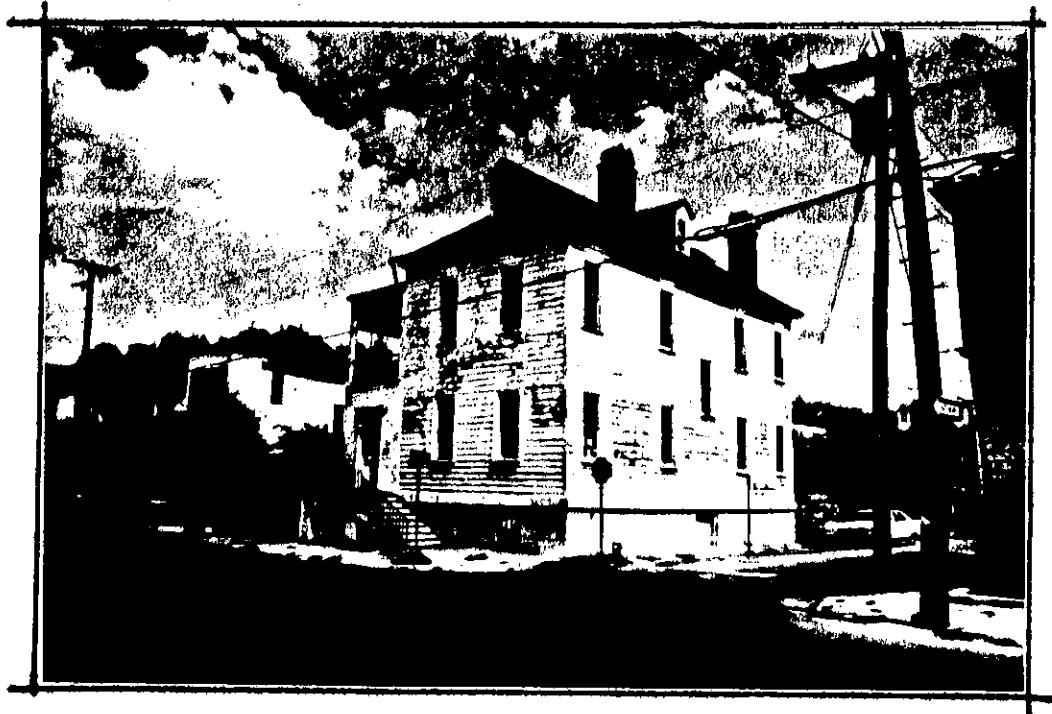


■ Charleston Old and Historic District (As Extended, 1978) ■ National Historic Landmark District

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Charleston, South Carolina



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View Facing Northwest

South Battery facade at left, Legare Street elevation at right



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Streetscape, Facing Northwest

Note: Similarity of design, construction, and materials between 58 S. Battery and adjacent late-18th and early-19th century residences

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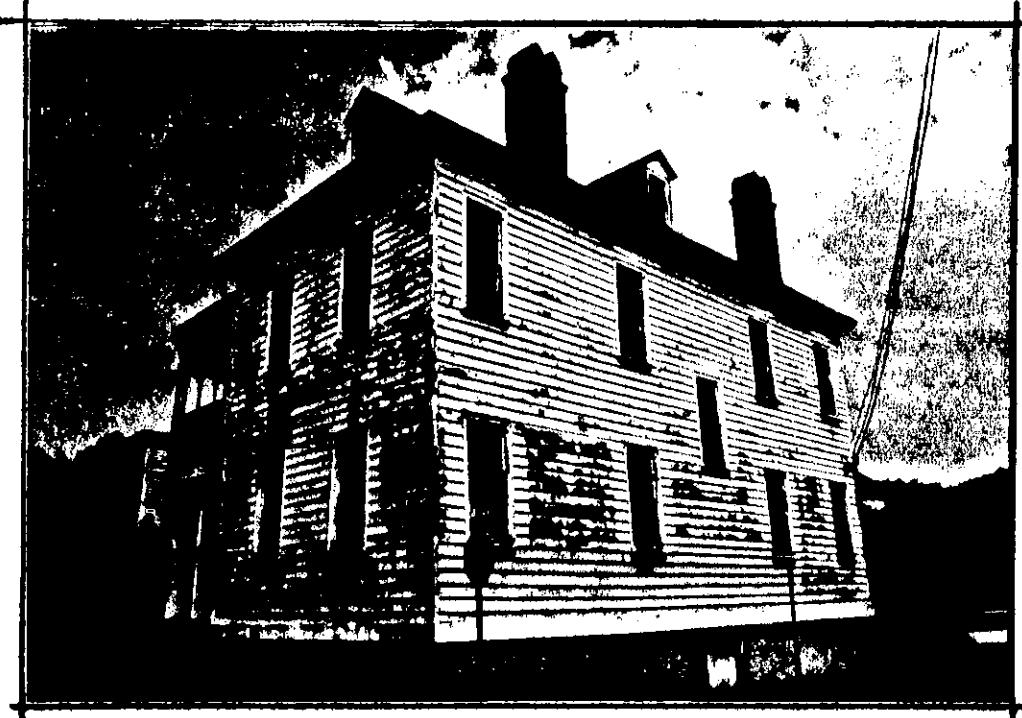
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Principal South Facade

Note: Hipped metal roof with gabled dormer, brick chimney with corbelled cap and arched rainhood, wooden cornice with cyma recta molding and modillions, weatherboard siding, original 9/9 sash windows, two story piazza at left with first level entrance, stuccoed raised masonry foundation

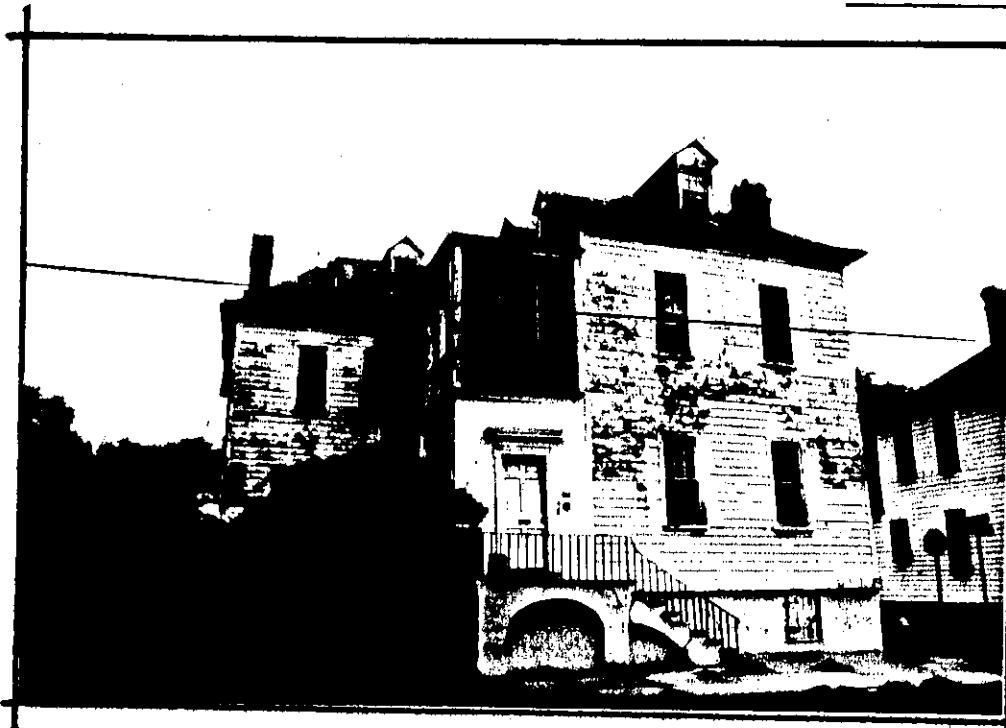


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South Facade, East Elevation

Note: Brick chimneys with corbelled caps and arched rainhoods, gabled dormer, wooden cornice with cyma recta molding and modillions, original 9/9 sash windows, raised stuccoed masonry foundation

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South Facade, West Elevation

Note: Ell at left, two-story piazza

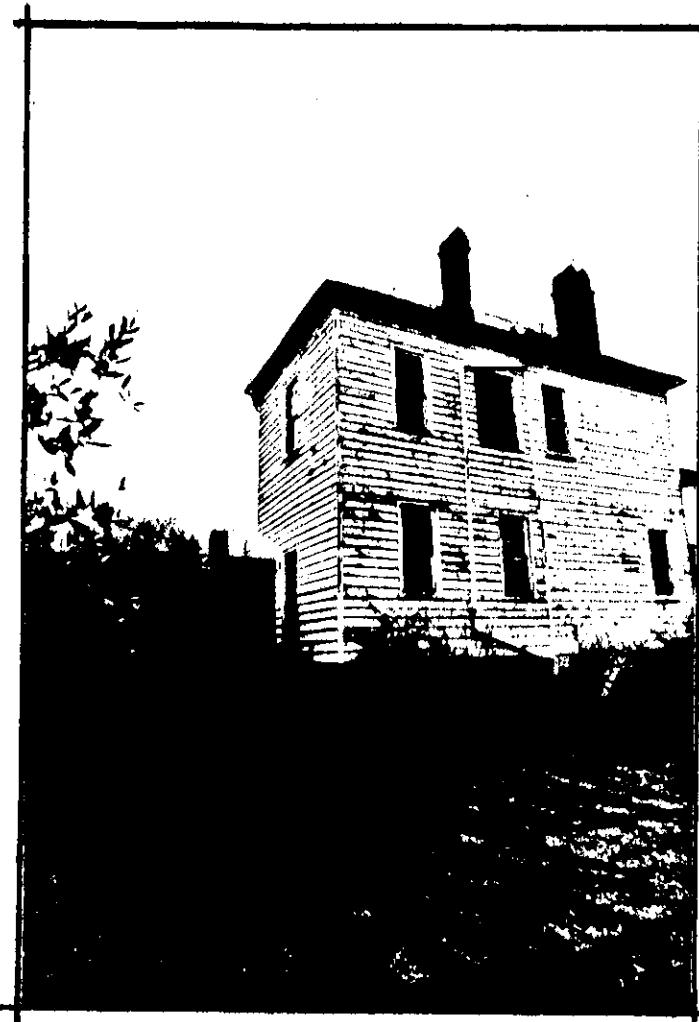


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West Elevation

Note: Ell at left, piazza at right, louvers at piazza, large modern dormer above piazza

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**West, North
Elevations, Facing
Southeast**

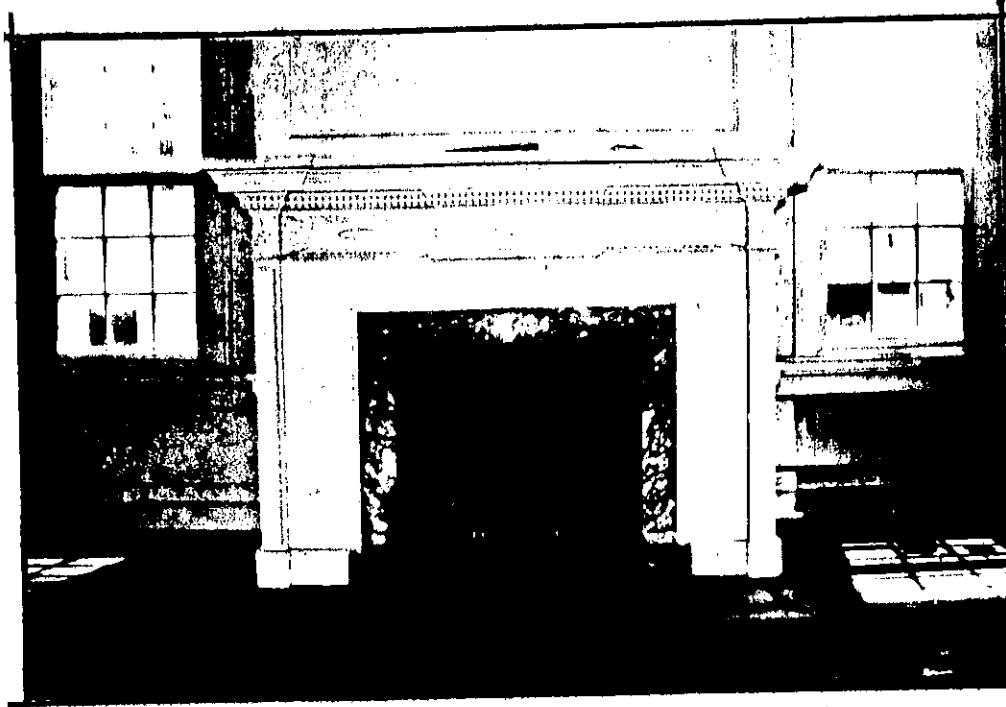


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**Typical Interior
View, First Floor
South Parlor**

Note: Original dentil cornice, mantelpiece with panelled overmantel, panelled wainscoting, window surrounds, hardwood floors

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Detail of Mantelpiece



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**Typical Interior
View, First Floor
North Parlor**

Note: Original dentil cornice,
mantelpiece, panelled
wainscoting, window surrounds,
hardwood floors