

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: Augustus F. Taft HouseAddress of property: 57 Laurens StreetCity Charleston County Charleston State SC Zip Code 29401Name of historic district in which property is located:
Old and Historic District, Charleston, South Carolina

Check here if request is for:

- ☐ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
☒ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary) 3-storey wood dwelling with 2-storey piazza on the W. side facing fenced garden. House is 3 bays wide, 4 bays deep. At rear of property is a 2-storey stuccoed dependency erected after fire of 1838. During late 19 C., rear porch on original dwelling was

3. Statement of Significance: enclosed to create dining room and later kitchen was added.

(use reverse side if necessary)

House was built for businessman Augustus F. Taft in 1836. Facade is constructed entirely of black cypress and has never been painted; one of few surviving houses in the City employing such wood for its exterior.

Date of construction (if known): c. 1836 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Phyllis C. WalkerStreet 57 Laurens StreetCity Charleston State SC Zip Code 29401Telephone number (during day): Area Code (803) 577-7699

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Phyllis C. WalkerDate June 22, 1983Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☐ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60). and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature _____

Date _____

State Historic Preservation Officer

June 16, 1983

Ms. Nancy Meriwether
SC Dept. of Archives and History
PO Box 11669 Capitol Station
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Ms. Meriwether:

Enclosed are preservation certification applications for 108 Tradd Street, 57-59 Laurens Street, and 80 King Street. I am enclosing two copies of maps, with each locating the properties within the Old and Historic District of Charleston, along with two copies of pertinent photographs for each property.

The Feiss-Wright Survey map rated 108 Tradd Street as Category 3: Significant; 80 King Street as Category 3: Significant; and 57-59 Laurens Street as Category 2: Excellent. As you can see, the owners of these properties are applying for certification as they plan to donate conservation easements.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Jonathan H. Poston
Director of Programs

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