

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Form Approved
OMB No. 42-P-76NATIONAL 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: Captain Francis Baker HouseAddress of property: 77 King StreetCity Charleston County Chas. State SC Zip Code 29401

Name of historic district in which property is located:

Old and Historic District, Charleston, SC

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)

This property contains two buildings dating from the same period, including a two-story brick single house with two bays on the King Street facade. Down the side

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3. Statement of Significance:

(USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

These buildings were apparently built about 1748 by Captain Francis Baker, a Colonial office holder, who also constructed the adjoining house at 79 King Street. Baker may have lived in one building and used the other for a shop, although it is known that he also served as the City Executioner. This house is a

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Date of construction (if known): 1748 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Mr. and Mrs. David M. Graham, Jr.Street 77 King StreetCity Charleston, State SC Zip Code 29401Telephone number (during day): Area Code (803) 577-2437

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

David M. Graham

Date

11/23/87

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number _____

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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 _____

State Historic Preservation Officer

Date _____

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courtyard to the rear is a two-and-one-half-story stuccoed kitchen building which today serves as the principal residence of the owners. The King Street or main building originally housed an 18th century shop, and as late as the 1920's contained a grocery store. Later in the 20th century the building was converted to a garage, and the interiors lost all their original woodwork and paneling. The present owners have reconverted the building into a guest house. The stuccoed kitchen building still contains its original cistern beneath the floor of the front room, now used as a hall. The rear or west wing was added in the early 20th century, and today contains the living room and kitchen.

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valuable component of an entire group of 18th century dwellings along both sides of this block of King Street. Many of these early structures show a Dutch Colonial influence of steeply pitched gable roofs and some were built to conform to specifications laid down by the French Protestant Church, which at the beginning of the 18th century held the entire east side of the street, and leased each lot or part of a lot for fifty years. Although the Huguenot Church did not own this lot, the house is very much in step with many of its neighbors. Most of the buildings in the first half of the 18th century were the homes of merchants, tradesmen, artisans, mechanics, professional men and some small planters.