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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

National Register Programs

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Project Number: 0424-85-SC

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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 BARKSDALE HOUSE
Address of property: 1 TRADD STREET
City: CHARLESTON County: CHARLESTON State: SC Zip Code: 29401
Name of historic district: THE OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICT OF CHARLESTON, 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
Street: HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION, 51 Meeting St. City: Charleston
State: South Carolina Zip: 29401 Telephone Number (during day): 803-723-1623

4. Owner:

Name: MRS. HARRIET P. WILLIAMS
Street: No. 6 Sylvan Road City: Durham
State: North Carolina Zip: 27701 Telephone Number (during day): 919-489-4176

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: Harriet P. Williams Date: 3/21/85

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

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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.

SOUTHEAST REGION
75 SPRING ST., S.W.
ROOM
ATLANTA, GA. 30303

May 7, 1985

Date

Cecil N. McIlhenny
National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1

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Property Name
THE BARKSDALE HOUSE

Property Address
1 TRADD STREET

Owner Name/State Security or Taxpayer ID Number

Project Number

B. Description of physical appearance:

This is a simple three-story Charleston single house built of brick, covered with stucco. The house contains three bays on the East Bay Street elevation and bays on the Tradd Street elevation. Its second-floor waterfront elevation is covered by a slate roof, characterized by a central triple sash window and handsome wrought-iron balcony, added when the house was restored in 1927. The house has little interior woodwork, probably owing to the building's partial commercial use, and subsequent neglect in the late 19th century.

The front room on the third floor retains an original wood mantelpiece in a simple, late Georgian style. The west room on both the second and third floors contain identical, possibly mid-nineteenth century mantelpieces of black marbelized wood with silhouette medallions. (See attached photographs)

Date of Construction: Early 1800s Source of Data: Records of SC Historical Society & The News & Courier/ Charleston Evening Post

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1927

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

C. Statement of significance:

This three-story dwelling commands a sweeping view of Charleston Harbor. Although this house dates from the early part of the 19th century, it is not the first building to occupy the site. It stands on part of lot No. 6 of the "Grand Modell", or early plan of Charles Town. The lot was divided in two, and in 1694, the northern half on the corner was granted by the Lords Proprietors to Samuel Williamson. It later belonged to John Allen, and his wife Ann. The great fire of 1740 partially destroyed the building then standing, and Allen sold the lot and what was left of the structure to Alexander Hext, a planter. It must have passed to his relation, Hugh Hext, because by 1769, Hugh's widow advertised it for sale. In 1774, she sold the corner, which then contained a dwelling house and store to Robert Wells, an editor and bookseller.

It was while Wells owned the corner that it was again swept by fire in 1778, and the building was destroyed. By 1800, the corner lot and the adjoining lot on East Bay belonged to Thomas Barksdale, who left them to his daughters, Mary and Sarah. Judging from its architecture, the present structure was built soon thereafter. Upon Sarah's death, the two lots went to Mary, and after her death, they reverted, by the terms of her father's will, to other relatives; namely, James Macbeth and his wife, Cornelius Huguenin and his wife, George B. Edwards, E. J. Edwards, Charles O. Hammond, and Elizabeth Hammond. They sold the corner house to Wienholtz in 1855. The lower story contained a store and the upper floors were used as a dwelling. In 1878, the house was sold to J. H. Patjens. In 1914, it was acquired by the Sea Valley Realty Co., who subsequently sold the house to Mrs. T. W. Punnett. Mrs. Punnett restored the house in 1927. It was the first house in the neighborhood to be restored.

During the restoration, three cannon balls were found embedded in the brickwork of the house. They are believed to have been fired from Union guns at Fort Johnson during the bombardment of 1863-64.

Attach photographs and map to application.

(see attached photographs)

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no