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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Berkeley	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dean Hall Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: From Oakley, S. on U.S. 52, 2.9 mi.; S.E. on
Cooper River County Road 9, 4mi.; E. .9 mi. on County Road 244.

CITY OR TOWN:
Oakley

STATE: South Carolina	CODE: 29466	COUNTY: Berkeley	CODE: 8
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisitions: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
DuPont Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Wilmington

STATE:
Delaware

CODE:
10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Berkeley County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Moncks Corner

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dean Hall is a spacious, one-and-a-half story house built over raised basement which has arcaded exterior wall. Service rooms, kitchens, and storerooms located in basement, behind arcade area.

Piazza, on three sides of lower story, has low, over-hanging eaves supported by slender, Tuscan Order columns. Double, wooden staircases, built with points of origin at right angles with facade, lead to piazza.

Facade consists of six-panel door with sidelights flanked on either side by a pair of 9 over 9, sash windows with shutters. Rear wall identical to facade. Side walls have four, evenly spaced windows (same design as front windows).

Roof line is a medium cross gable flanked front and rear with dormers. Divided fanlights set in front and rear gables. Side gables have divided fanlights above an arched window which is flanked on either side by rectangular, shuttered windows.

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (if Applicable and Known)

C. 1821

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-
losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-
itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Architecturally and historically significant as well as a fine example of landscape architecture, Dean Hall Plantation was settled prior to 1725 by Alexander Nisbett of Dean, Scotland. Nisbett later inherited Scotch property and the family baronetcy.

The estate was sold in 1821 to William Augustus Carson who built the present house from brick made at Medway Plantation across the river. Carson developed the rice plantation to the extent that it was said to have resembled "a well ordered village" rather than a single plantation.

It is said that Sir Charles Lyell, eminent British geologist, visited Dean Hall and was so impressed with the treatment of slaves that he confessed "my prejudices have been entirely eradicated." However, he hastened to add that as an Englishman, he could never be a convert to the institution.

Dean Hall was sold to Elias Nonus Ball in 1856 upon Carson's death. During the Confederate War, the estate was sold for Confederate securities. After the war, Carson's widow (daughter of James Louis Petigru, an ardent South Carolina Unionist) recovered the property.

In 1909, Dean Hall came under the ownership of Benjamin Rufus Kittredge. It was Kittredge who modernized the old house and planted the renowned Cypress Gardens, one of Charleston's three nationally acclaimed gardens, open to the public since 1930.

Architecturally, the house is distinctive in that its unusual, encircling piazza enabled the owner to keep an eye on the work in the rice fields, his upland plantings, or the slave quarters. Piazza also supplied shade, making large shade trees, which cut off air and light, unnecessary.

Special consideration is requested for this nomination due to the fact that E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company currently plans to raze the building in order to begin construction of an industrial complex. It is hoped that National Register standing for this historic building will underline its significance and prevent its destruction.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33° 03' 42"	79° 56' 20"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 ACRES

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Elias B. Bull, Historical Researcher (Nancy Ruhf - Archives)

ORGANIZATION: Berkeley-Charleston Regional Planning Council DATE: 1/21/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 2 Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: Charleston STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles E. Lep

Title: Director of South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date: 2/14/71

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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Durham

Creek

Coming

Dean Hall Plantation

N 33° 03' 42"
W 79° 56' 20"

The Tea

Dean Hall

Hagan Landing

Cypress Gardens

Hagan Island

Chicken

Woodland Landing

Pumping Sta.

COOPER

Creek

