Cultural Resources Literature Review for 57 and 59 Hanover Street and 78, 82, 84, 90, and 92 Nassau Street Charleston, South Carolina

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Brockington and Associated conducted a cultural resources assessment of the proposed redevelopment project at 57 and 59 Hanover Street and 78, 82, 84, 90, and 92 Nassau Street in Charleston for the Byers Group. The purpose of the assessment was to determine if the proposed project will impact significant archaeological sites, cemeteries, or historic buildings or neighborhoods.

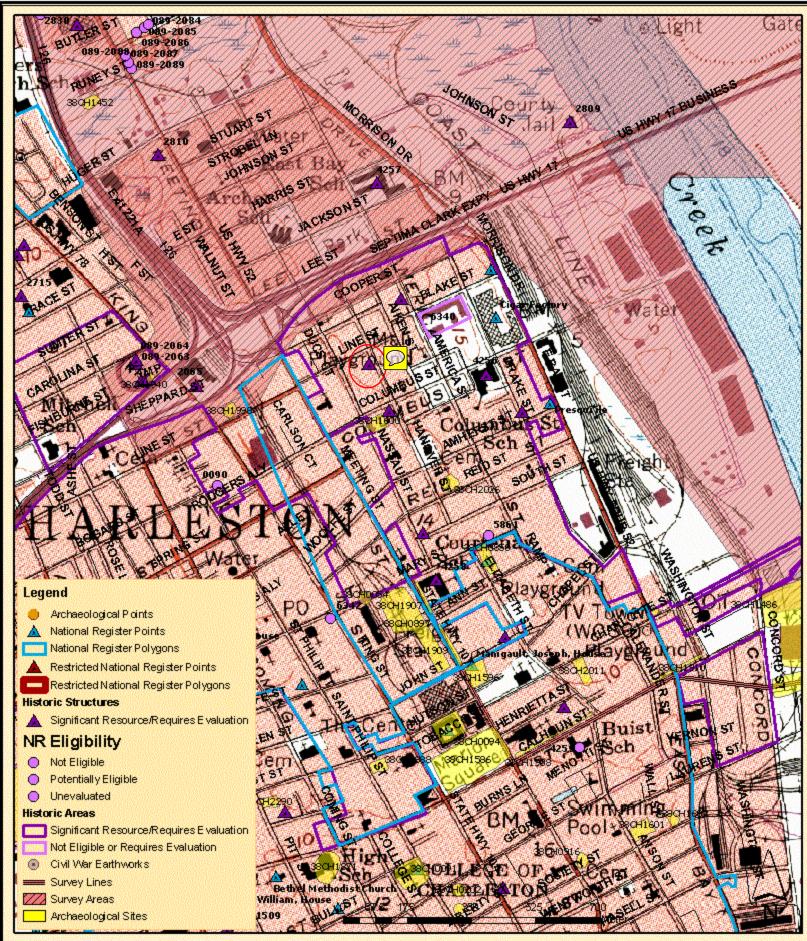
The state's online database of historic resources known as ArchSite was searched on February 5, 2015 (see Figure 1 attached). 63 Hanover Street is a house that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as a contributing element of the Eastside Historic Area. This house, marked by a red triangle on the map, is just north of the project area and should not be impacted by the proposed project.

Historically, there have been two events that characterize this property, defensive fortifications that were constructed along Line Street up to the end of the War of 1812, and a foundry that occupied a large portion of the block that includes the project area.

Charleston did not see any direct action during the War of 1812. Most of the war news came from privateer schooners that traveled back and forth from Charleston and the sea. Nevertheless, Charleston was tense and they invested greatly to defend the peninsula by constructing an earthen and brick fortification and moat near what is now Line Street (see Figure 2). The war ended before the fortifications were completed and, as I mentioned previously, Charleston did not see any action during that war, so the fortifications were never part of any engagement.

During the late 1800s, the Miller and Kelley Foundry and Machine Shop occupied a large part of the project area. The foundry can be seen on Bird's Eye View of Charleston map from 1872 (Figure 3) as well as the 1884 and 1888 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps (Figures 4 and 5). The foundry supposedly burned, and the area has since been redeveloped with residences.

To summarize, there are no recorded archaeological sites or historic structures on the project tract. The property is within the Eastside Historic Area and a contributing element of that historic area, 63 Hanover Street, is near the tract. The proposed project will not impact the historic area or 63 Hanover Street if the project is designed within the style and scale of the area. The potential for significant, undocumented archaeological sites to be present on the tract is low. Nineteenth and twentieth century development is likely to have obliterated any trace of the War of 1812 fortifications that may have been on the tract and the remnants of the foundry are not likely to provide researchers with significant, new information about the Miller and Kelley Foundry or industry in general in late nineteenth century Charleston. Additional work with respect to historic resources is not recommended for this project.



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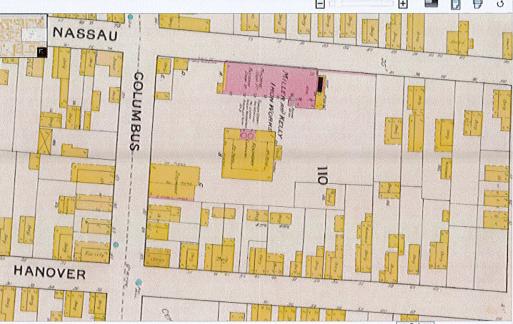
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