



# City of Charleston Historic Resources Survey

Update to the City of  
Charleston's Historic  
Districts  
And  
African American Historic  
Resources Survey



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## Who we are:

- Established in 1988
- Women-owned small business
- Headquarters in Stone Mountain, Georgia
- Offices in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia

## What we do:

- Architectural history
- Context development
- Archaeology
- Preservation planning
- Geophysical studies



# What is a Historic Architectural Resources Survey?

As per the *Survey Manual for South Carolina Statewide Survey of Historic Properties*, a historic resources survey is:

"the process of systematically identifying historic properties within the boundaries of a specific geographical area, documenting their location and physical characteristics, and evaluating their importance within an appropriate historical context."

“...a multi-part process that consists of designing the survey’s goals and parameters, conducting research about the survey area, completing fieldwork, data entry and organization, and reporting the findings of the survey.”

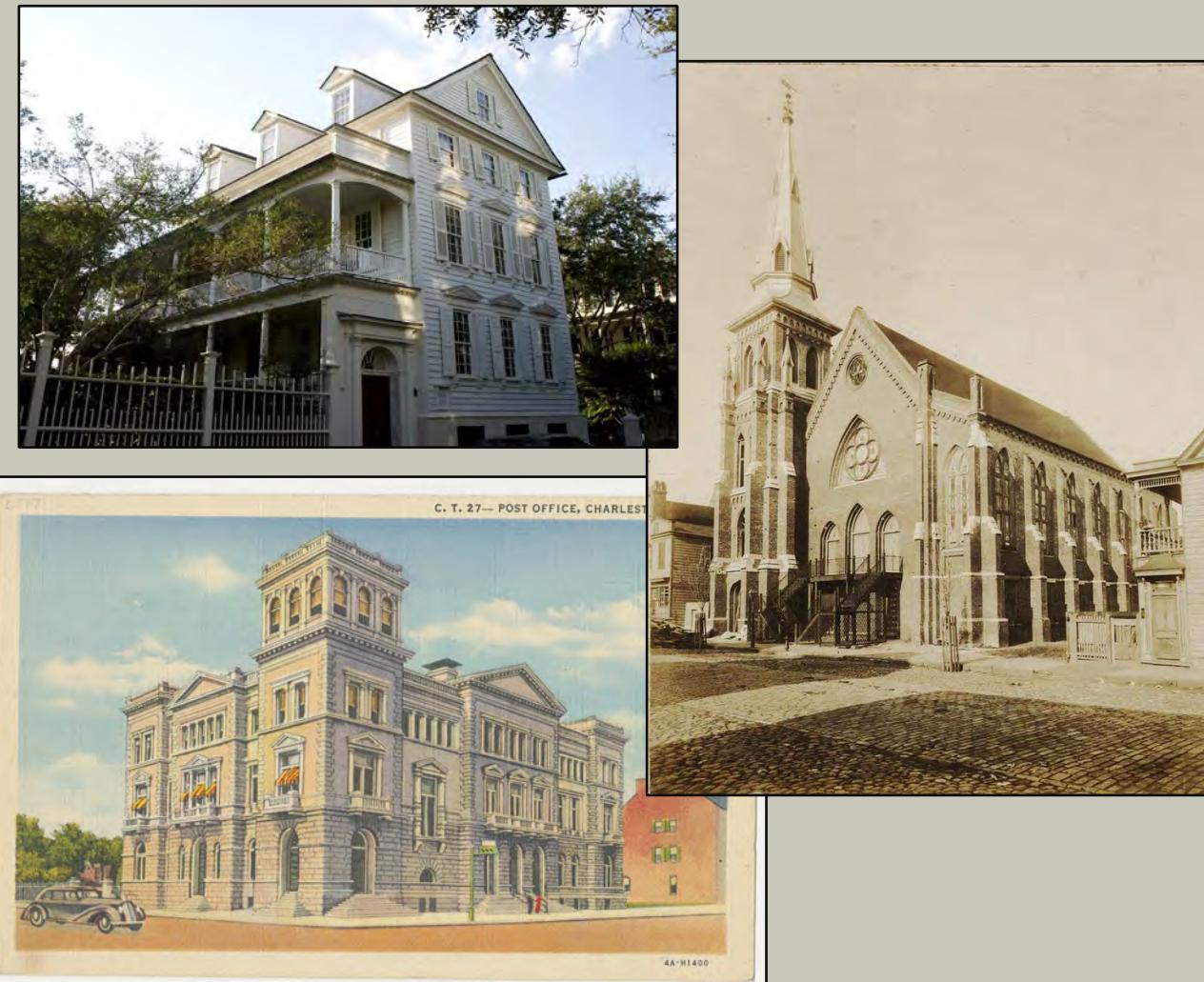
# Why Complete a Historic Architectural Resources Survey?

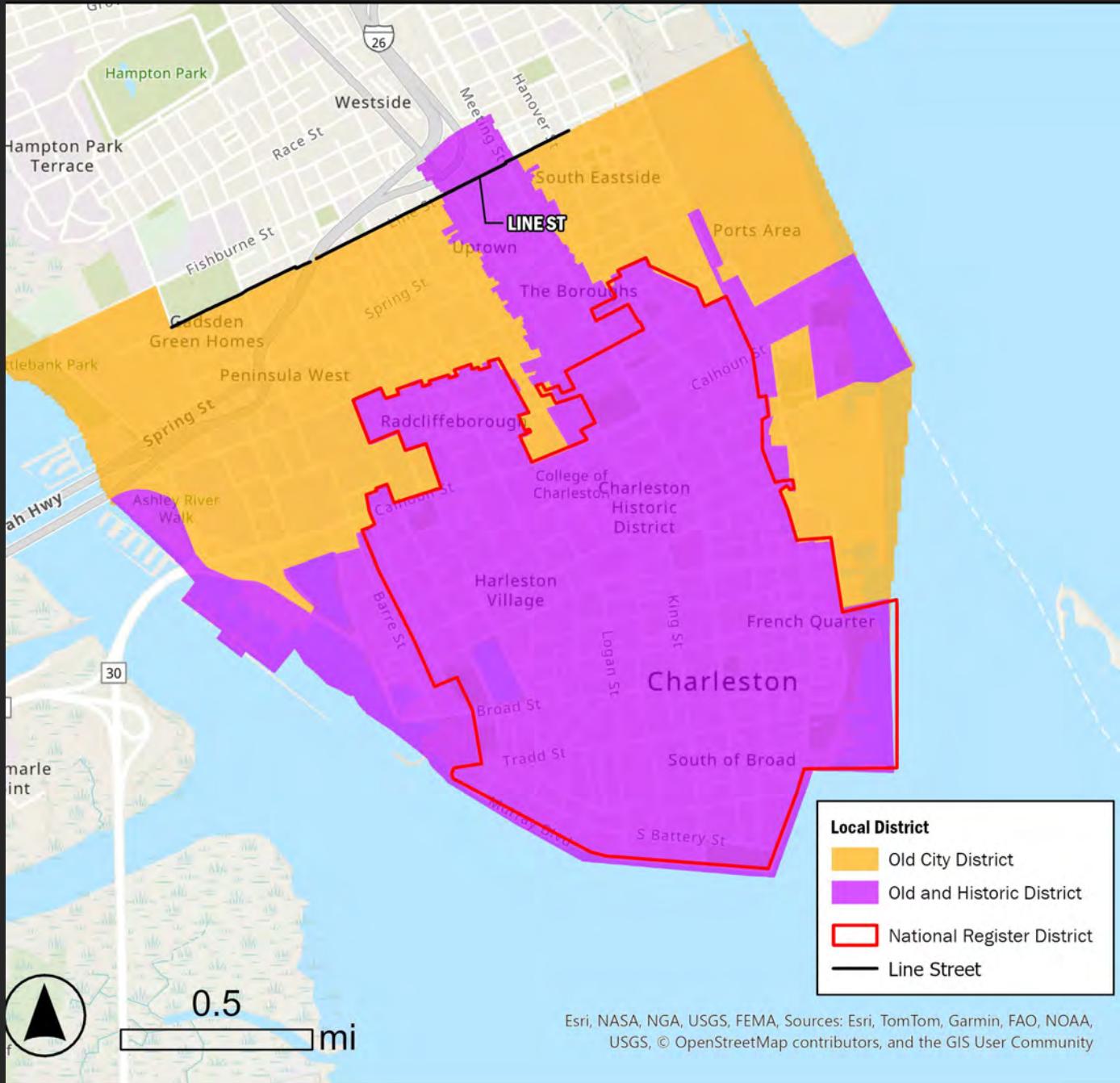
Completed surveys can be used to:

- Identify eligible resources for possible listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Provide recommendations for updating existing National Register listings and districts
- Assist in preservation efforts by Certified Local Governments
- Support local designations of buildings and districts
- Compliance review by government agencies
- Aid preservation and land-use planning
- Increase awareness of, and interest in, a community's historic resources

# Update to the City of Charleston's Historic Districts

- Old and Historic District and Old City District
- Inventory of the buildings, structures, and sites within the districts last completed in 1986
- Survey to revisit previously surveyed historic resources to update existing survey information, when necessary, and to identify undocumented buildings and structures 50 years old and older
- Due to the number of properties within these historic districts, prioritizing which properties to survey will be necessary
- The updated survey information is important to maintain the City's historic districts and is used to “identify structures within the peninsula of Charleston which should be preserved, maintained, and protected in the public interest and to provide guidance for the Board of Architectural Review” (City of Charleston Zoning Ordinance).



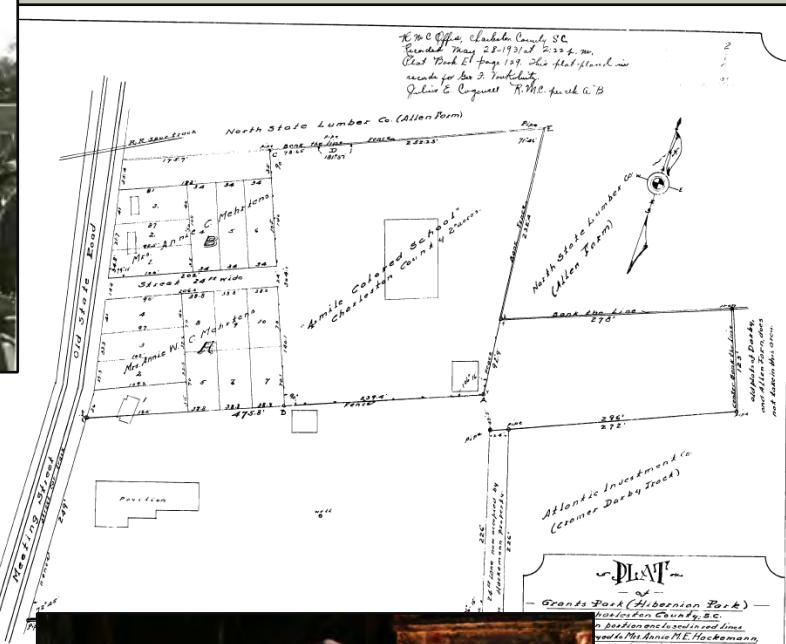


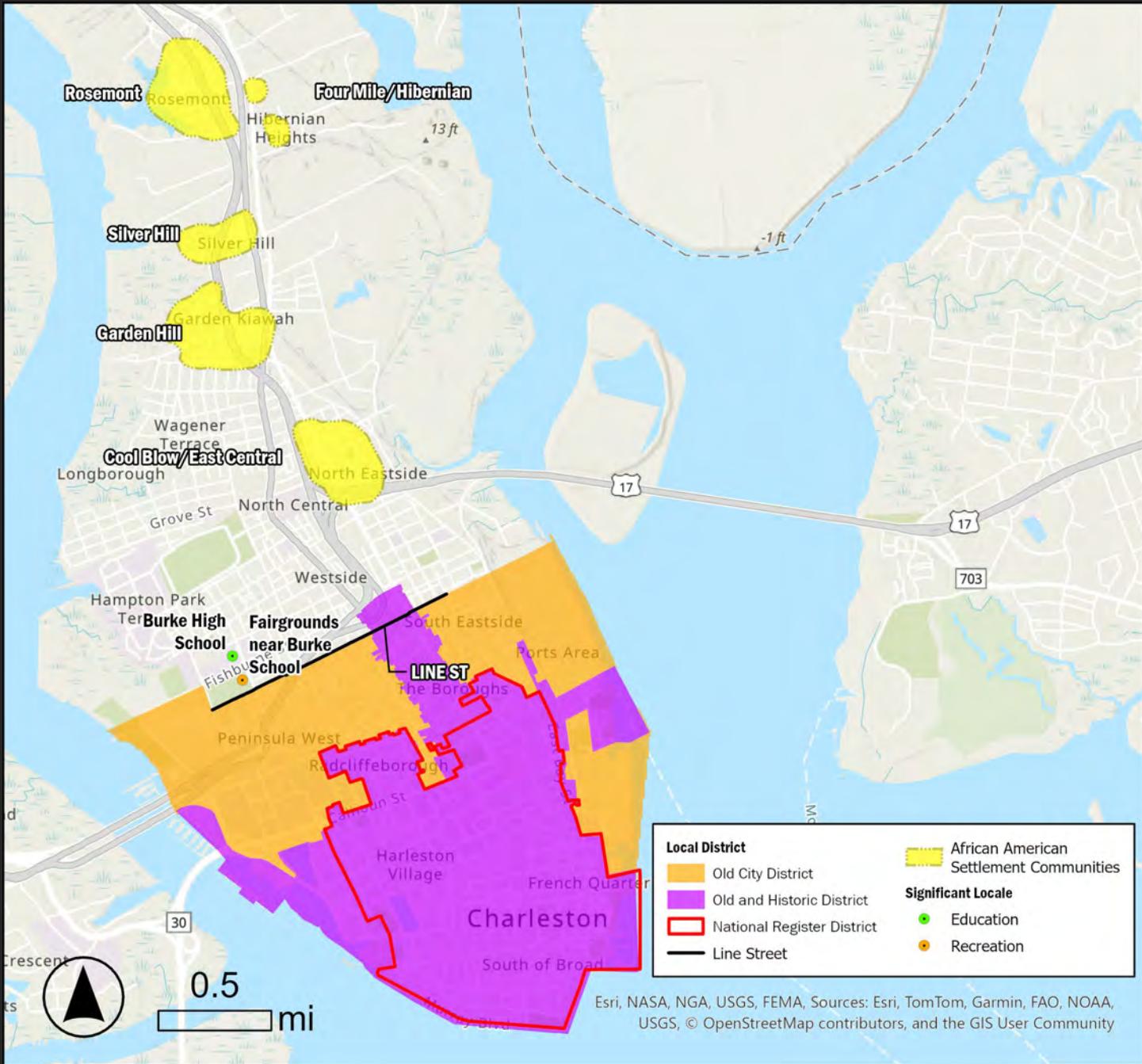
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# African American Historic Resources Survey

- Grant-funded Survey
- Identify and document African American Settlement Communities and Urban Enclaves
- Focus on buildings, structures, and sites associated with the architectural and cultural heritage of Charleston's African American Community
  - Old & Historic District
  - Old City District
  - Neighborhoods north of the Old City Line on the peninsula
- Resources dating to 1974 and older, with particular attention on the Civil Rights Era.

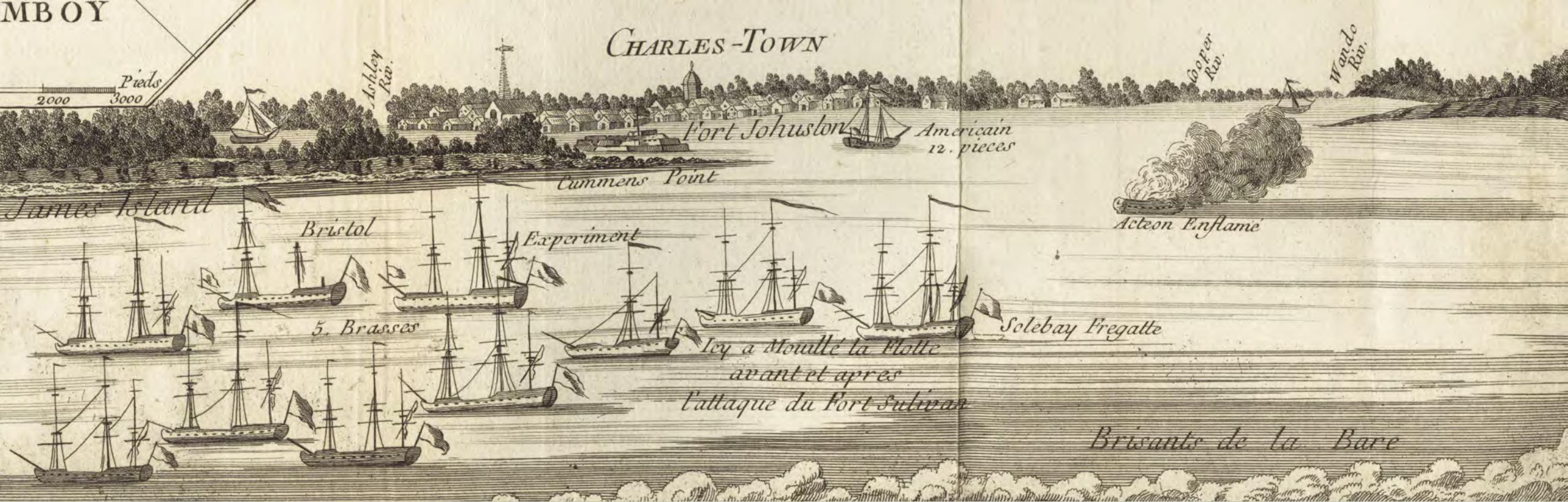




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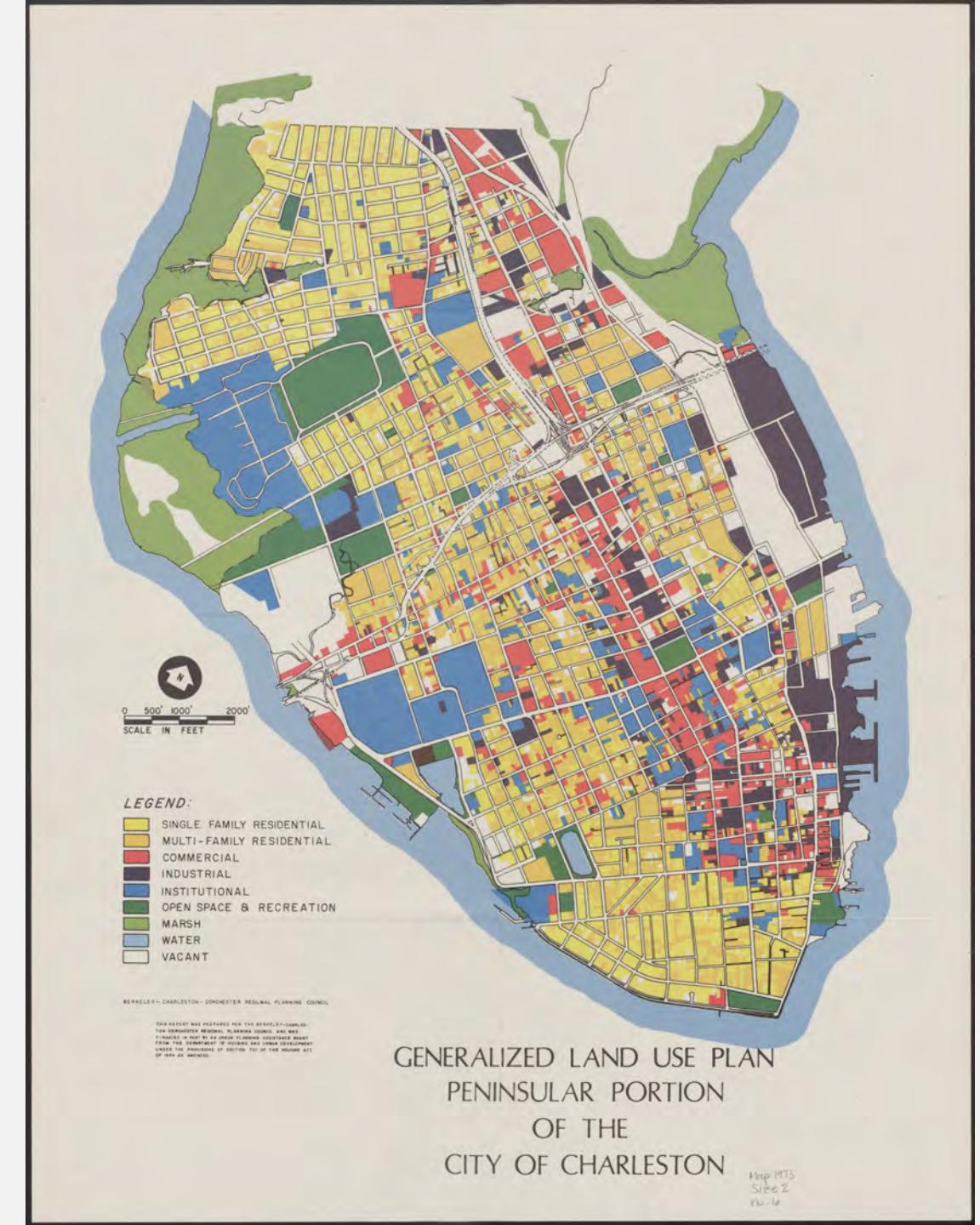
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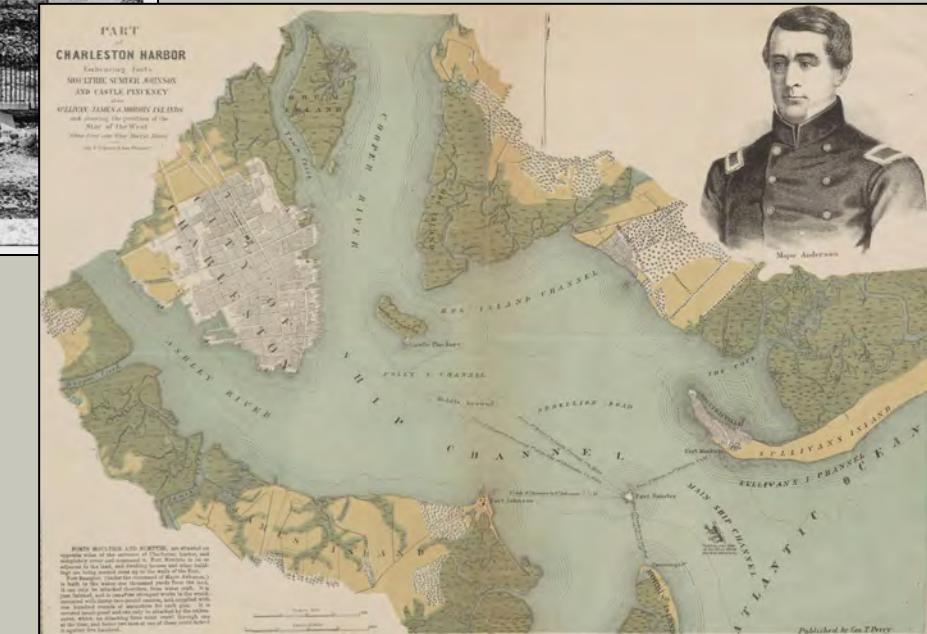
# South Carolina Historic Resources Surveys

- Project in two parts:
  - Historic Context
    - Guides the field survey
    - Assist in determining what is important and where are we likely to find it.
  - Identification and documentation of historic architectural resources
    - Will guide later research, projects, and planning



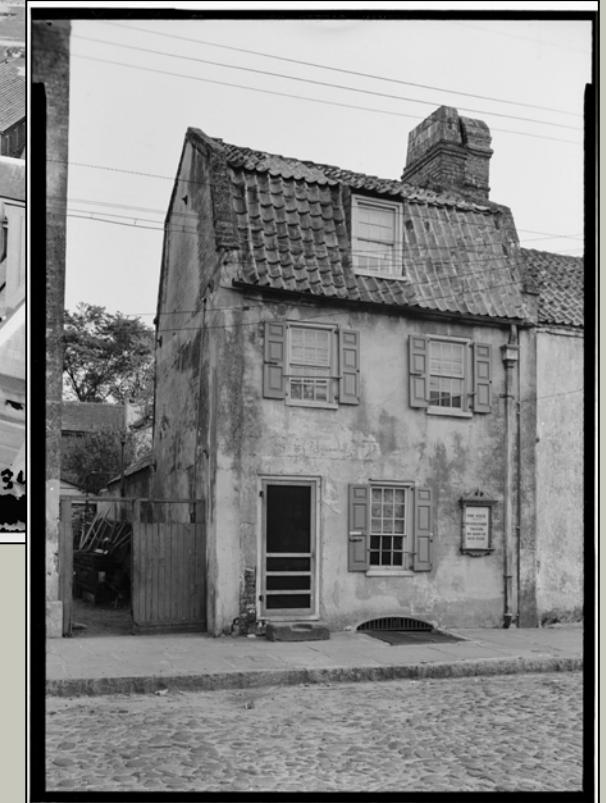
# Historic Context

- Archival Research
  - Local and Statewide
- Primary Materials
  - Maps and Plats
  - Newspapers/Journal Articles
  - Diaries/Correspondence
  - Photographs
- Secondary Sources
  - Books
  - Scholarly Material
  - Existing NRHP Nominations



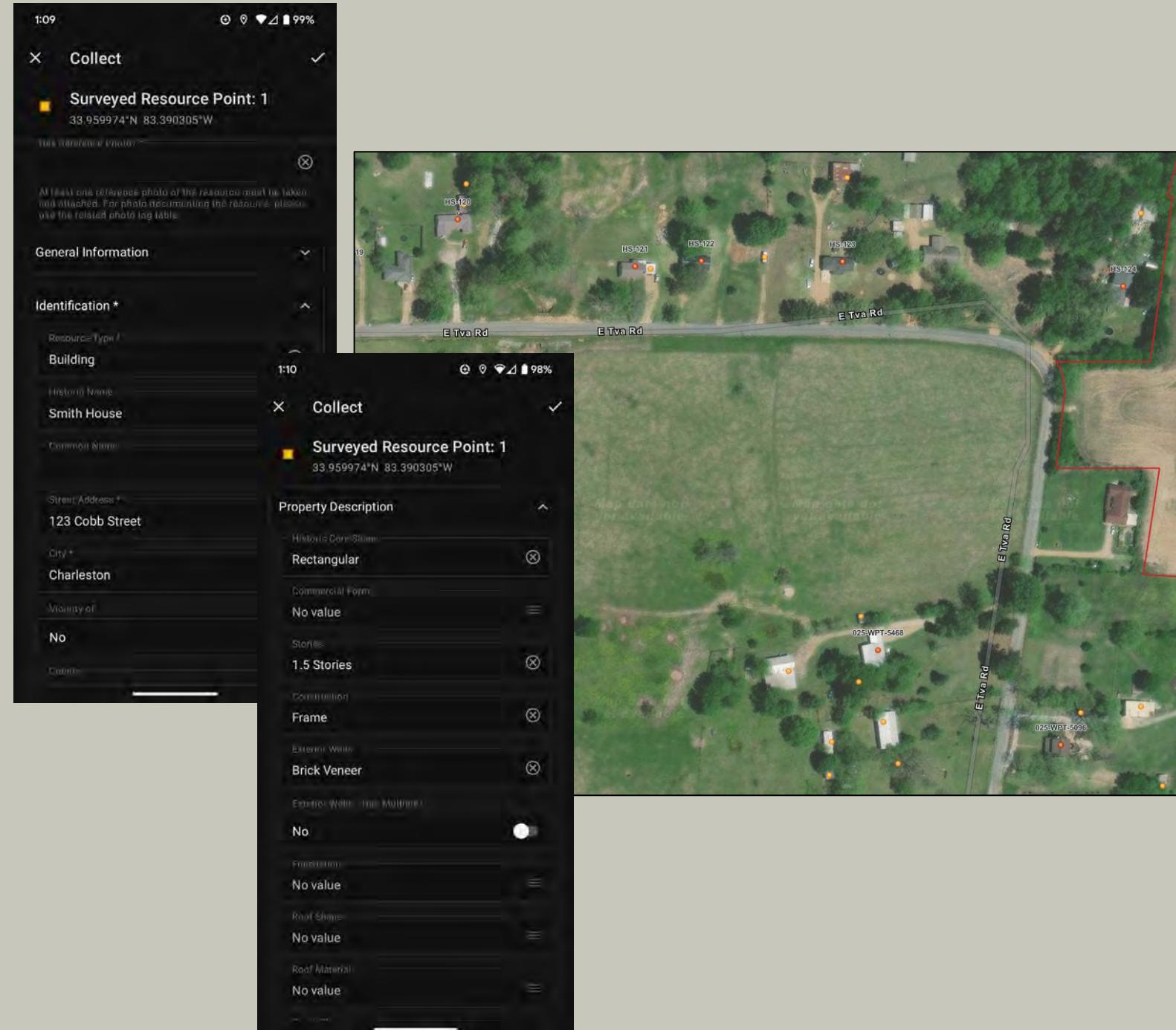
# Historic Resources Survey

- Survey Preparation
  - Create Field Maps from Parcel Data
  - Import Previously Recorded Historic Resources Survey Data
- Document Resources
  - ArcGIS-based database on Google Pixel Phones
  - Record architectural details, locational data, and take photographs



# Survey Methods

- ArcGIS-based system integrates into online platform
- Fields in the survey database correspond to the fields in the South Carolina Statewide Survey Form
- Field data and photographs associated with the GIS data point
- Information gathered in the field to be used to create maps and survey forms
- Data to be used by the City of Charleston to aid in preservation planning



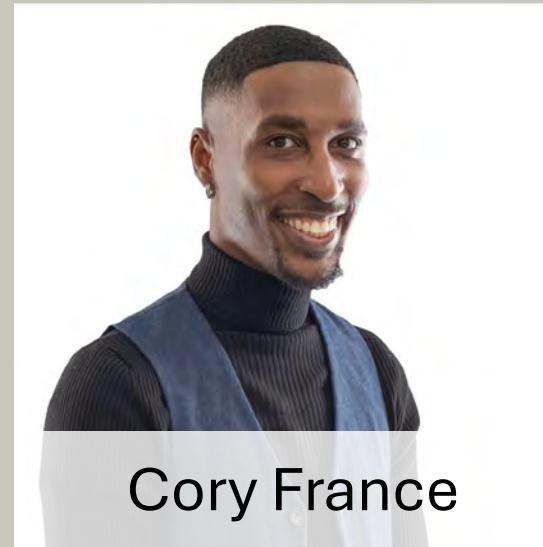
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Questions?  
Comments?  
History to Share?

Or see one of us afterward the meeting.  
We'd love to talk to you about  
Charleston and its historic places.