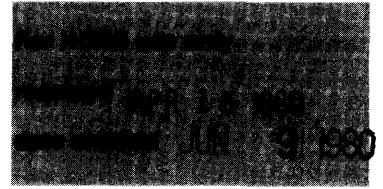


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Monte Vista Plantation ^{House} Home

and/or common Same

2. Location

N of Port Allen

street & number _____ not for publication _____

city, town Port Allen _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 8th - Gillis Long

state Louisiana code 022 county West Baton Rouge code 121

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Horace Wilkinson, IV

street & number 3722 N. River Road

city, town Port Allen _____ vicinity of _____ state Louisiana 70767

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. West Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

street & number _____

city, town Port Allen _____ state Louisiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 _____ federal state county _____ local _____

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge _____ state Louisiana

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Monte Vista is located immediately behind the Mississippi River levee in the town of Port Allen. Despite its urban location the house enjoys a rural setting.

Of frame construction with a clapboard exterior, the house has a two-and-a-half story central hall, double parlor plan, with a central staircase. Rooms communicate with the five-bay front and rear galleries by means of paneled French doors which are surmounted by transoms. The interior features simple and elegant Greek Revival mantels and simple moldings. The exterior features handsome two-story galleries which have square posts with molded capitals. Transom, side-lighted doors with aedicule motifs give access to the central hall on both floors.

Monte Vista is surmounted by a broad hip roof which has a pair of altered dormers front and rear. Most of the original glass, hardware, and flooring survive.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1857-1859	Builder/Architect	Louis Favrot, builder
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria B & C

Monte Vista is a local landmark, being the largest and most architecturally distinctive and pretentious residence in the town of Port Allen. Monte Vista is significant in the area of architecture because it is a well above average example of a Louisiana plantation house. This can be seen in its essential form, its handsome two-story galleries, and in its simple classical details.

Monte Vista is also of political significance because it has been the home of several members of the Favrot and Wilkinson families, who were prominent in local politics. The present house was built in 1857-1859 by Louis Favrot, a district judge, whose father had acquired the plantation in 1800 and named it Monte Vista. Monte Vista remained in the hands of the Favrot family until 1920, when Horace Wilkinson, Jr., bought it. The Wilkinson family had long been prominent in Louisiana history. It was General James Wilkinson who, along with William C. C. Claiborne, received the Louisiana Territory for the United States in 1803. Horace Wilkinson, Jr. and Horace Wilkinson, III both served in the state legislature and both were members of the LSU Board of Supervisors. Monte Vista is presently owned by Horace Wilkinson, IV.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Rogers, Bob, "The Horace Wilkinson, Jr. 100 Year-Old Plantation Home Reflects Hospitality," Baton Rouge State-Times, 16 November 1959.
 West Baton Rouge Parish Development Board, West Baton Rouge Parish Resources and Facilities. State Department of Public Works, 1957?, pp. 9, 10.
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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
 ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property .9 acres
 Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A	1 5	6 7 12	4 16 10	3 13 7 15	6 18 10	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing				Zone	Easting	Northing		
C						D					
E						F					
G						H					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries drawn to encompass the house and its immediate setting.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Horace Wilkinson, IV
 organization _____ date October 1979
 street & number 3722 N. River Road telephone _____
 city or town Port Allen state Louisiana 70767

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/31/80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>6/9/80</u>
Attest: <u>[Signature]</u> Chief of Registration	date <u>6/1/80</u>

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

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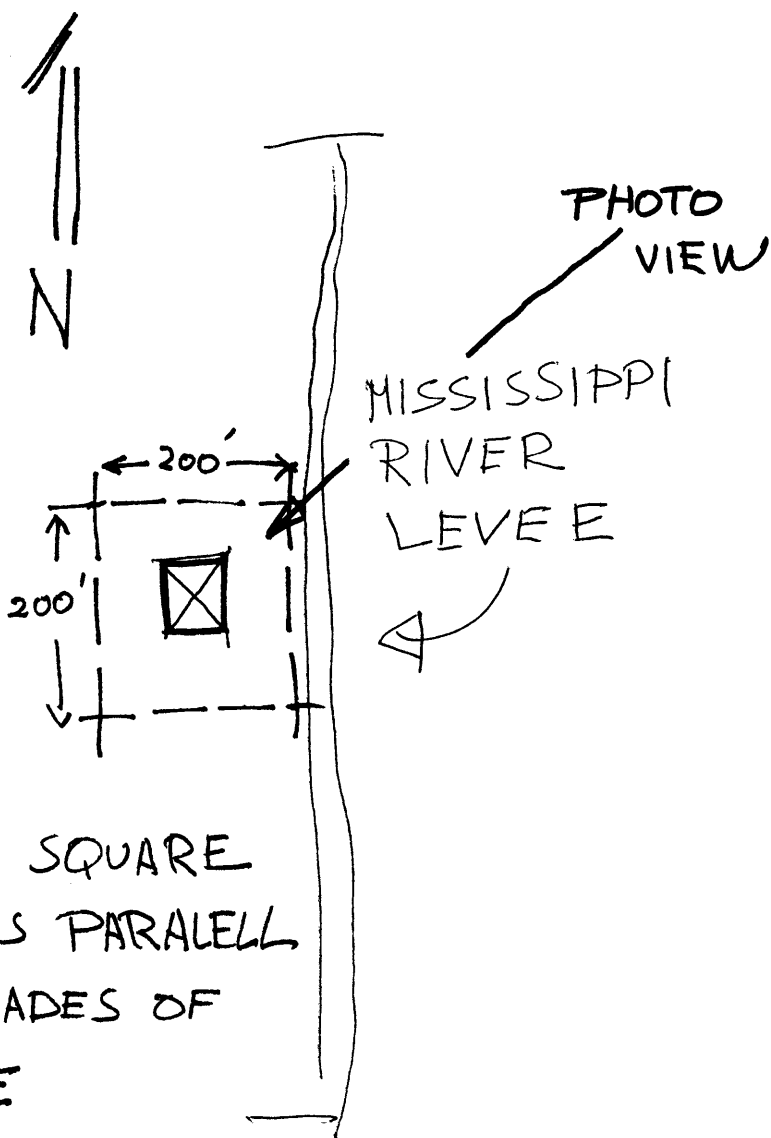
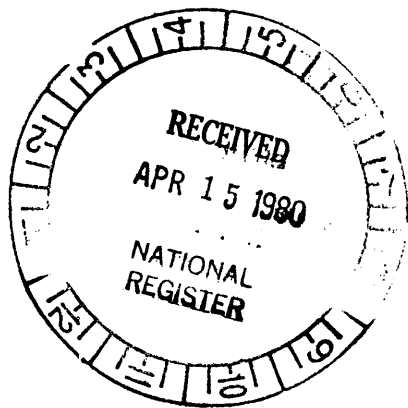
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