

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Hopson House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides TR  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Rapides

DATE RECEIVED: 10/14/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/29/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84000549

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_\_ ACCEPT \_\_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 11-29-16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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DEPUTY SECRETARY  
PHIL BOGGAN  
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October 7, 2016

James Gabbert  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "Eye" Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20005

RE: Delisting of the Hopson House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to delist the above property from the National Register of Historic Places. Originally listed on the Register on 12/5/1984 as part of "The Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides", the above property burned in the late 1980s or early 1990s as confirmed by a local historian. Per 36 CFR 60, Sec. 60.15 (a)(1), we are requesting that the above property be officially delisted based on the fact that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been destroyed. To support this claim, we have included an email from a local historian familiar with all of the Bayou Rapides properties.

We have notified the property owners and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. No responses were received.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact our National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson via email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov) or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

  
Phil Boggan  
State Historic Preservation Officer

PD:JR/jgr  
Enclosure

# STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY

Site Number #2

I. PARISH Rapides

MUNICIPALITY N/A

USGS QUAD Alexandria, LA

Township 4N Range R1 Section 83

TYPE OF PROPERTY residential

NAME (common) Sullivan House; Hopson House

NAME (historic) Hopson House

ADDRESS Brown's Bend Road; @ 1½ miles  
from Alexandria V/L.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1885

II. 1. Condition Good

2. Style late Greek Revival

3. Floor Plan See below

4. Building Material Wood frame

UTMs: 15/547920/3464660

Photos attached

## III. Physical description of property and historic significance

Although the Hopson House is a late example, it continues the local attenuated Greek Revival tradition very well. The late date can be seen in the clapboard facade and the large panes of glass in the transom and side lights. The house has a central hall plan, two rooms deep, with a front and rear gallery. It is plainly detailed inside and out and retains both original mantels and chimneys. Recent changes include the alteration of the rear gallery and the installation of aluminum siding on the sides and rear of the house. In our view these changes have not detracted from the Hopson House's National Register eligibility because its original front appearance is intact and its style remains obvious.

The Hopson House is a significant component of the Bayou Rapides Neo-Classical Architecture Nomination because it illustrates the continuing popularity of the style well after the Civil War. It helps establish the identity of the "Bayou Rapides style" by showing that well established provincial styles usually persist much longer than the high styles that inspired them.

IV. Recorded by N/A

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

V. Sources consulted N/A

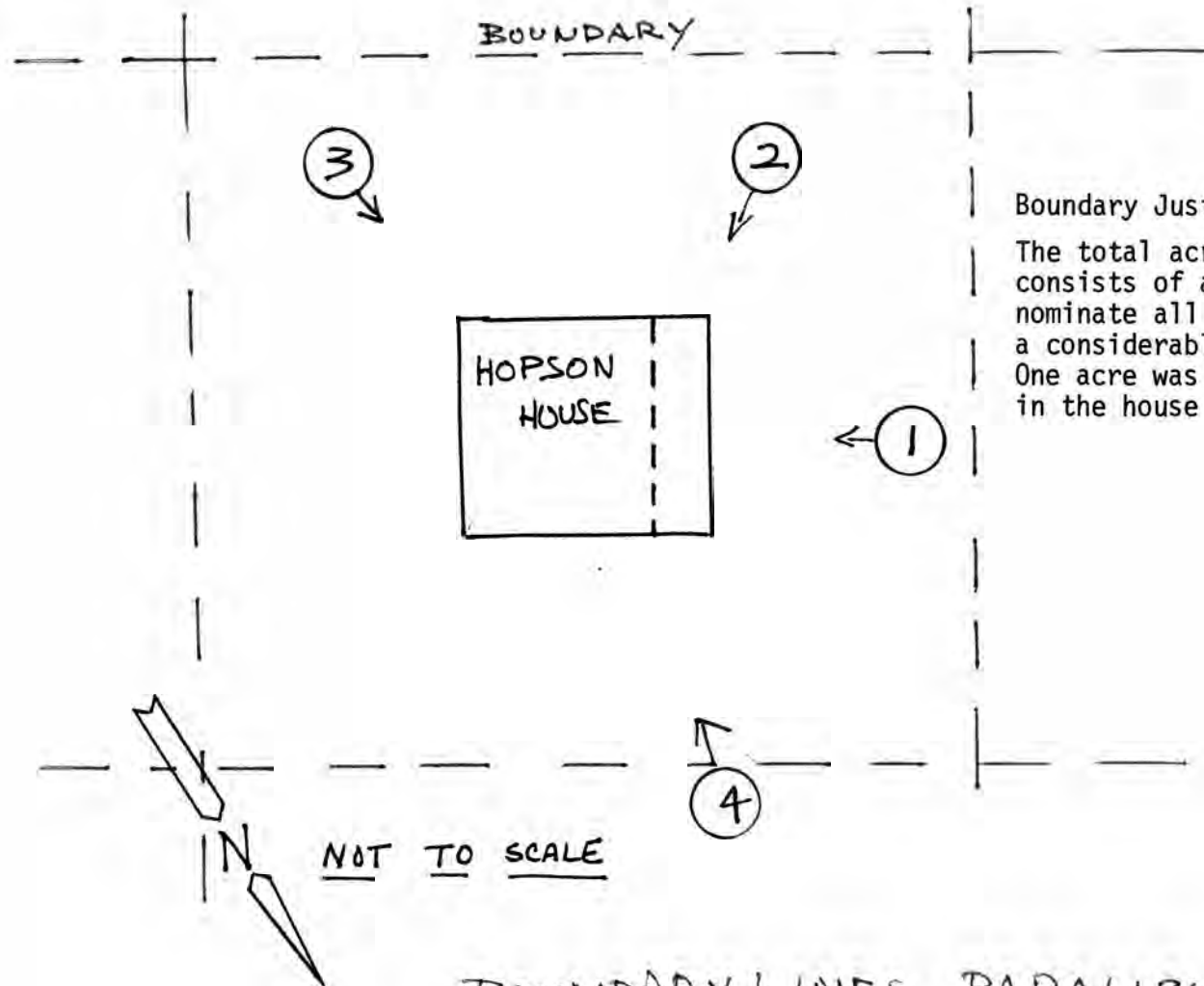
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DIVISION OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
P. O. Box 44247      Baton Rouge, La. 70804      504 - 342-6682

# Bayou Rapides Thematic Nomination

Rapides Parish, LA



## Boundary Justification:

The total acreage under single ownership consists of a large amount of land. To nominate all of it would have meant listing a considerable amount of unrelated acreage. One acre was considered sufficient to take in the house and its immediate setting.

BOUNDARY LINES PARALLEL HOUSE ELEVATIONS,  
EACH AT A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET.

APPROX. 1 ACRE.



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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 10/31/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides Thematic ResourcesState LOUISIANA

Accept cover form - Patrick Andrews 12/5/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Conerly House

Substantive Review

for Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/5/84

Attest

2. Hopson House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

3. Geneva (Vanderlick House)

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

4. Oxland (Brown House)

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

5. China Grove

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

6. Hope (Dunnam, Frank, House)

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/13/84

Attest

7. Eden

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

8. Island Home

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

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9. Longview

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byrum 12/5/84

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10. Bayouside (Dunnam, Milton, House)  
(Already listed 3/26/80)

Keeper

Attest





HOBSON

Hopson House (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
January 1984  
Photo #1  
Southeast





Hopson House (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
January 1984  
Photo #2  
East-northeast

HOBSON



Hopson House (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
January 1984  
Photo #3  
North

Hopson





Hopson House (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
January 1984  
Photo #4  
Southwest

Hopson





Hopson House (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
January 1984  
Photo #5  
Interior view

Hopson

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000267

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Hopson House (Neo-Classical Architecture of  
Bayou Rapides TR)  
Rapides Parish  
LOUISIANA

Working No. OCT 31 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11-29-84 / 12-15-84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12-5-84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated  
☐ good ☐ ruins  
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



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## 8. Significance

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title      date

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



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PHIL BOGGAN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

August 29, 2016

The Honorable Jacques Roy  
PO Box 71  
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071

RE: Delisting of Hopson House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Roy:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria. In many cases, buildings were destroyed many years ago and the official delisting paperwork was not completed. We have made this task a priority for 2016.

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The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] also require that the property's owner be given an opportunity to comment and the chief elected official notified of the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to the following address:

Phil Boggan  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation  
PO Box 44247  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov), or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

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August 29, 2016

Modesto and Vianka A. Miranda, Et Al  
481 Browns Bend Rd  
Alexandria, LA 71303

RE: Delisting of Hopson House, Rapides Parish, LA

To Whom it May Concern:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

## Jessica G. Richardson

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**From:** Sarah Mason <Sarah.Mason@cityofalex.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2016 8:32 AM  
**To:** Jessica G. Richardson  
**Subject:** [SPAM] FW: FW: Destroyed Properties in Rapides Parish

**Importance:** Low

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Jessica,

Below is information from Judge Rae Swent, local historian and owner of Tyrone Plantation, regarding the Bayou Rapides properties you inquired about.

Thanks,

Sarah

-----Original Message-----

**From:** rswent@suddenlink.net [mailto:rswent@suddenlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2016 12:51 PM  
**To:** Sarah Mason  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Destroyed Properties in Rapides Parish

Sarah: Hopson burned to the ground in late 80's or early 90's, undisclosed cause. Oxland was torn down by Babson Fresh, who bought the salvage rights from Joe Brown for \$2400., right in the middle of an effort by HACL to move it; Fresh, I am told, built a camp with the 16 inch hand hewn logs.(there was an Oxland barn, which had no roof and much water damage;Joe tried to appease me by allowing me to salvage the barn and use beams to repair one of the beams in my house that had rotted.) As far as I know, Hope still stands but the owner died and the heir was from Fla. I thought it was sold, but I will drive up there today to see, and if sold, will get the name of the owner. Hope this helps. Rae