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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Pleasant View Plantation House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy 1 N/A not for publication

city, town Oscar N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Pointe Coupee code 077

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Charest Thibaut Family c/o Charest Thibaut, Jr. 504-638-8334
504-627-4280

street & number P. O. Box 7

city, town Oscar N/A vicinity of state LA 70762

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse

street & number Main Street (no specific address)

city, town New Roads state LA 70760

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u> N/A </u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Pleasant View (c.1820) is a two-story, brick and frame, Creole plantation house located in a rural setting on the south bank of False River. Despite some changes and additions, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

Pleasant View features common bond brick construction on the first story and brick between posts construction on the second story. The lower story consists of two large rooms in front with a pair of rear cabinets. The upper story has three rooms across the front and two rear cabinets with a long narrow room set between them.

This long room, which contains an original staircase, may appear to have once been an open gallery, but this is contradicted by certain architectural evidence. The rear wall of the room (which would have been a later addition if the room originally had been an open gallery) features brick between posts construction just like the other walls in the upper story. This suggests that it is contemporaneous with the original construction date of the house. Probably there was originally no gallery on the rear of the house, but this is open to question.

The house has a single, off center chimney which serves the two large downstairs rooms and two of the front rooms upstairs. The two matching downstairs mantels are relatively plain Greek Revival aedicule style. The two matching upstairs mantels are much more elaborate but more primitive. They feature a provincial Adamesque design with free-standing columns, a heavy paneled entablature, and a cornice which undulates in and out to accentuate the panels. None of the mantels wrap around the flue.

The lower story has an exposed beam ceiling, while the upper story is plainly finished off with plaster. The front gallery has square brick columns downstairs and turned wooden columns upstairs. The upper gallery facade features French doors with transoms, while the lower gallery facade has solid paneled doors. All of the original windows are twelve over eight.

Around the turn-of-the-century the following changes were made in the house;

1. It appears that a two story rear gallery was added. This rear gallery shows in an old photograph of the house. It is possible, though not likely, that this was an original feature. The rear gallery has since been enclosed and altered to such an extent that visible evidence of its original date is inconclusive.
2. The front gallery balustrade on the upper story was replaced.
3. The upper story windows were replaced with two over two plate glass windows.
4. The French doors and transoms on the upper front gallery were modernized. All of the glazing bars were removed and the resulting large openings were filled with sheets of plate glass.
5. All of the shutters were replaced.

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7. Description (cont'd)

When the present owner acquired the house, it was much in need of repair. Some of the roof structure had to be replaced and the chimney had to be largely reconstructed. The old front gallery staircase was removed and certain minor interior changes were made including the installation of bathrooms and closets. As previously mentioned, the late-nineteenth century rear gallery was enclosed. In addition, a complex of one story wings was added to the rear of the house, thus allowing the original structure to stand forth. Finally, the attic windows in the gable ends were replaced.

Assessment of Integrity:

Pleasant View is significant as a landmark example of Creole architecture within Pointe Coupee Parish. The house still retains the features which contribute to its significance (see Item 8). In any case, the house is easily recognizable for its period and type. The turn-of-the-century alterations have had only a minor visual impact on the basic character of the house. Modern additions, though extensive, have been sensitively designed and placed so as not to interfere with the historic frontal view of the house. The loss of the front steps is a change which has occurred frequently in Louisiana plantation houses and should be regarded as minor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic Standing Structures Survey, Pointe Coupee Parish, LA, State Historic Preservation Office.
Conveyance Records, Pointe Coupee Parish.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 1/4th of an acre

Quadrangle name Erwinville, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to attached sketch map for description. Please refer to Item 10 continuation sheet for justification.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff
Division of Historic Preservation

ASSISTED BY OWNER

organization State of Louisiana

date January 1984

street & number P. O. Box 44247

telephone (504) 342-6682

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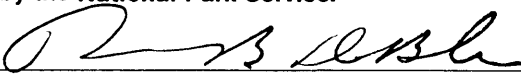
state LA 70804

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 26, 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/5/84


Keeper of the National Register

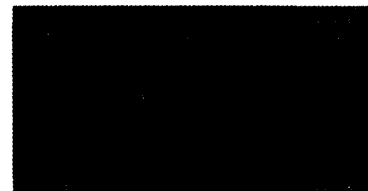
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Pleasant View

Item number 10

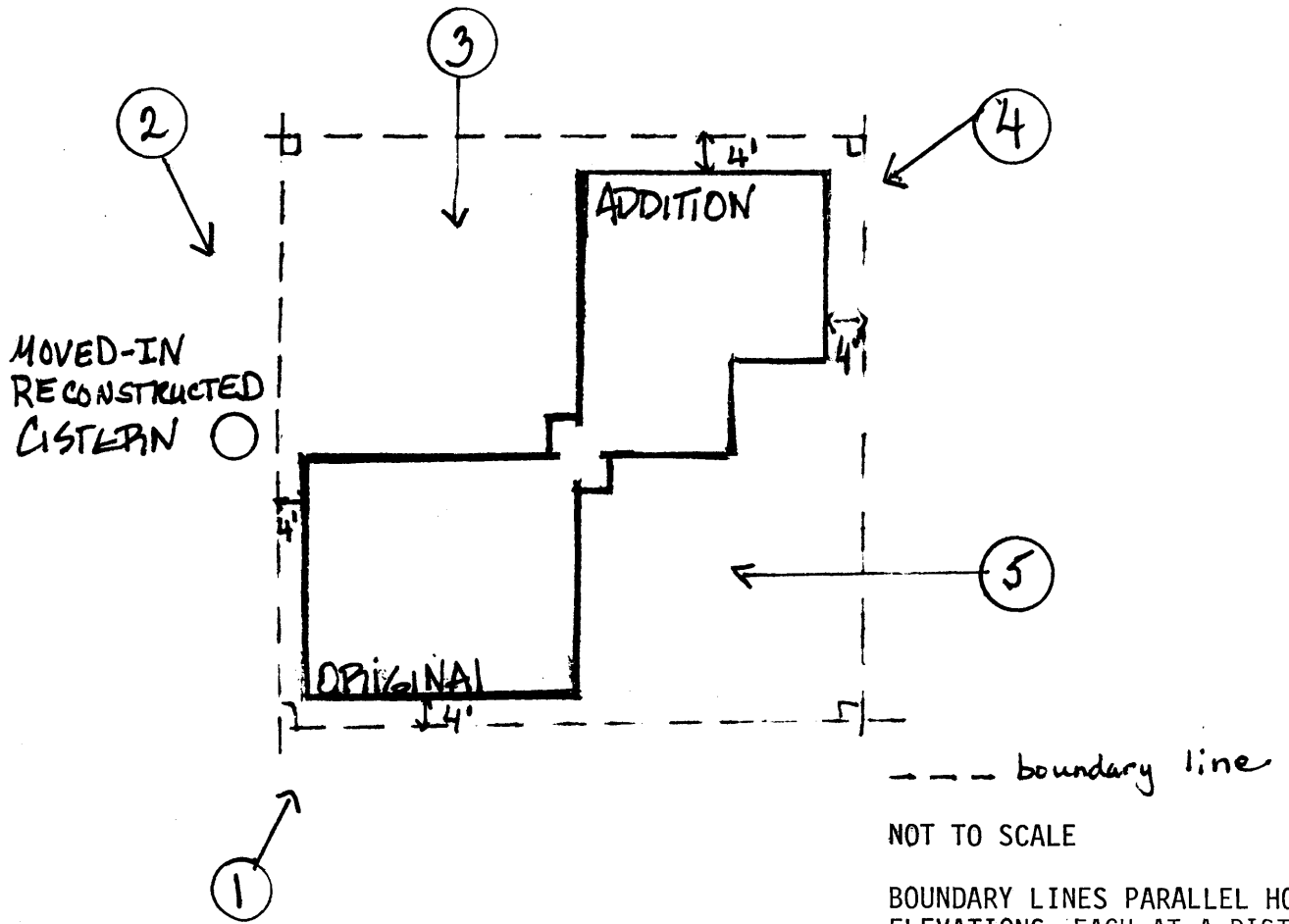
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10. Boundary Justification:

The boundaries were cut close to the house in order to exclude nearby non-contributing elements. These include a moved-in and reconstructed cistern, a reproduction pigeonier, and a modern law office dependency. Also, the present formal axial gardens are modern and are not in keeping with the style of the house.

PLEASANT VIEW

OSLAR, POINTE LOUPÉE ?



LA HWY 1
+ FALSE RIVER

