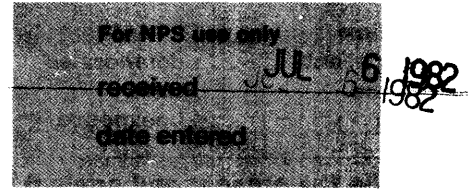


EXP. 12/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 *Burleigh House*

and/or common *same*

2. Location

street & number *Burleigh Lane* *N/A not for publication*

city, town *Grand Coteau* *N/A* vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state *LA* code *22* county *St. Landry Parish* code *097*

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	<i>N/A</i> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<i>N/A</i> 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 *Richard H. Burleigh*

street & number *P. O. Box 16*

city, town *Grand Coteau* *N/A* vicinity of state *LA* *70584*

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. *Saint Landry Parish Courthouse*

street & number *Corner of Court and Landry Streets* *P. O. Box 750*

city, town *Opelousas* state *LA* *70570*

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date *1980* 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 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 date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		_____ N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Burleigh House is a medium size early-nineteenth century frame plantation house set on the outskirts of the town of Grand Coteau in a canefield. Although there have been many alterations since construction, the house is still able to convey its historical associations with the early settlement of Grand Coteau.

The Burleigh House was built in about 1810 as a story and a half Creole plantation house, three rooms wide with two rear cabinets, a full front gallery, and a partial rear gallery. It featured bousillage construction with pit sawn studs and joists and hewn sills. There was an unusually large single chimney between two of the front rooms.

In the late-nineteenth century the following changes were made:

- (1) The doors and windows were replaced.*
- (2) The front gallery posts were replaced with turned Eastlake columns.*
- (3) A large undistinguished kitchen/dining room wing was added in the rear.*
- (4) The two chimney pieces were replaced with crude wooden Renaissance Revival inspired mantels.*

In the mid-twentieth century removable plywood paneling was installed in the parlor and the exterior was covered with asbestos siding.

Assessment of Integrity:

Despite the many changes which have been made over the years, in the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the present house still conveys its historical associations with the early settlement of Grand Coteau. In all likelihood, Robert Burleigh, the builder and an early settler of the area, would still recognize the house if he returned to the site today. This is because the house retains its setting (photo 4), its basic form, its plan, its high angular roof, its unusually large chimney, and its somewhat irregular fenestration pattern.

There are several other houses which are less closely associated with the beginnings of settlement in Grand Coteau (see Item 8). For the most part, these have been altered just as much, if not more, than the Burleigh House. In fact, two have been aluminum sided.

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 *c.1810 and c.1890* **Builder/Architect** *c.1810 builder: Robert Burleigh*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) *Criterion A*

The Burleigh House is locally significant in the area of exploration/settlement because of its special link with the beginnings of settlement in what became the town of Grand Coteau. The house was built in about 1810 by Robert Burleigh, one of the earliest settlers in the Grand Coteau area. Burleigh held an extensive Spanish land grant, dated 1789, which encompassed much of the present town. The Burleigh House was evidently the seat and center of Burleigh's pioneer fiefdom.

Today the Burleigh House is one of about half a dozen structures which survive from the time when Grand Coteau was a rural farm settlement, before the Sacred Heart Academy and the Jesuit College came to the area and transformed the town during the 1830's and '40's. Of these half dozen houses which represent the beginnings of Grand Coteau, the Burleigh House is generally held to be the oldest. Moreover, it is the one whose link with the past is the most impressive. The Burleigh House is the only one (indeed one of very few in the state) which is still in the hands of the same family which built it and settled the area. It is rare for a house to stay in the same family in Louisiana for 170 years because inheritance laws mandate the division of property among many heirs. As a result, an old house is usually sold sooner or later so that the money can be divided equally among the various heirs.

Hence the Burleigh House has a special link with the beginnings of Grand Coteau which only a few other towns in Louisiana can boast. This is a link which amplifies the house's value as a reminder of the earliest settlement in the area as well as its historic value as the seat of the landholding which became Grand Coteau.

Grand Coteau was incorporated in 1855. It presently has a population of about 1300.

NB: *Per the request of the Keeper of the National Register, this house was removed from the Grand Coteau Historic District nomination because of its distance from the town proper.*

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chain of Title Search, St. Landry Parish Courthouse.

Grand Coteau Historic District National Register File, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property @ 2.09 acres

Quadrangle name Carencro, LA

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

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 Richard H. Burleigh

organization N/A

date December 1980

street & number P. O. Box 16

telephone 318-662-5561 (home)
318-662-5657 (business)

city or town Grand Coteau

state LA 70584

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

State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 25, 1982

For NPS use only

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



date 8-11-82

Keeper of the National Register

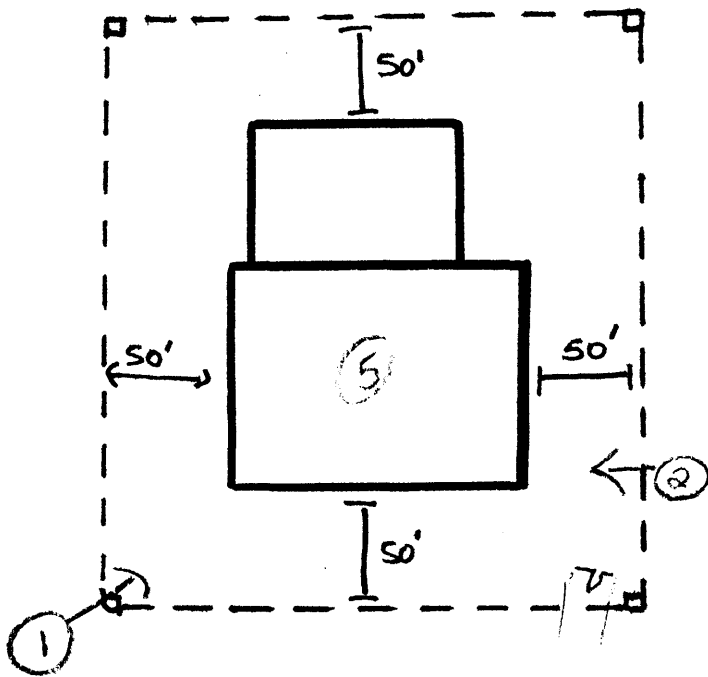
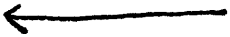
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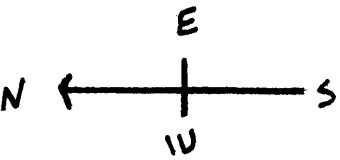
Chief of Registration

Burleigh House

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NOTE: SITE BOUNDARIES
PARALLEL BLDG. FACADES
AT DISTANCES SHOWN.



SCALE 1/2" = 50' APPROX.

