

United States Department of the Interior
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 Wade H. Jones, Sr. House

and or common Kleiner House

2. Location

street & number Meeker Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Meeker N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Rapides code 079

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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kleiner

street & number P. O. Box B

city, town Lecompte N/A vicinity of state LA 71346

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number 701 Murray Street P. O. Box 952

city, town Alexandria state LA 71301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Wade H. Jones House is a two story brick residence with a pedimented portico. It was built in 1913 and remodeled in the Colonial Revival style in 1935. Located in a rural park-like setting, the house retains its National Register eligibility despite some recent alterations.

The exact original appearance of the house is not known. Obviously it was a squarish two story brick structure with plate glass double windows and a hip roof. But one can only guess about features such as galleries and roof ornamentation. The plan was anchored by a long living and stair hall which covered the entire front of the house. Behind this was a central corridor with rooms on either side leading to a kitchen and a sleeping porch.

The Remodeling

In 1935 the house received a major renovation which gave it a colossal quatre-style Tuscan pedimented portico and a pair of symmetrical side extensions. One of these extensions was a porte-cochère, the other a sunporch. Although the newly renovated house could rightly be described as neo-Palladian, its design should probably be viewed within the context of the Colonial Revival movement. Despite their massive look, the columns are wooden and hollow. Other 1935 features include the front doorway with its elliptical fanlight, the round head glass doors in the dining room, the niches in the dining room, and the handsome Adam-style mantel in the living hall. The 1935 renovation also included some changes in plan, such as the installation of a bathroom and closets and the addition of a secondary rear staircase.

More Recent Changes

In 1976 the rear sleeping porch was enclosed, and in 1984 the wooden portions of the house were sheathed in aluminum siding. (Details such as oculi, pilasters, and window surrounds were not covered.) In our view, these more recent changes have not substantially reduced the house's architectural importance. The portico and matching side wings still stand grandly forth, and this articulation is the source of the house's architectural significance.

Contributing Elements

To the rear of the house is a covered pair of brick cistern bases. They are all that remains of an earlier plantation on the present site. (When the plantation house burned, the 1913 house was built to replace it.) Because these cistern bases are an important link with the property's early history, they are listed as contributing elements.

Immediately to the rear of the house is a frame garage which is listed as a contributing element because it dates from the 1935 remodeling and echoes the styling of the main house. The property also contains a relatively modern storage shed which, of course, is listed as a non-contributing element.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1935 (remodeling) **Builder/Architect** Builder: Wade H. Jones, Sr. (1935 remodeling)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architect for 1935 remodeling: Charles T. Roberts, Alexandria

Criterion C

The Wade H. Jones House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a very superior Colonial Revival residence within the context of Rapides Parish. Most of the 4,841 50+ year old structures in the parish date from the early twentieth century. Colonial Revival residences are well represented among this group, but most are simple cottages, "American four-squares," or bungalows (i.e., bungalow in plan with "Colonial" details). Only the very grandest Colonial Revival houses feature colossal pedimented porticos, and these are something of a rarity. In Alexandria, the parish's largest city, there are only seven such examples, and there are no more than three or four elsewhere in the parish. So clearly the Jones House takes its place among local Colonial Revival residences of the first rank. But beyond this, the Jones House derives particular distinction from its round, fully articulated Tuscan columns. Most of the other contemporaneous colossal porticos in the parish merely feature square posts. In addition, the Jones House's grand neo-Palladian articulation with matching side wings is unique in the parish.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1935 remodeling plans, Charles T. Roberts, architect. In possession of owners of the house.

Alexandria Daily Town Talk, March 17, 1913.

Rapides Parish Historic Structures Survey, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5.309 acres

Quadrangle name Lecompte, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	5	5	5	8	6	8	0	3	4	3	5	6	4	0
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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to attached property plat map. Boundaries follow property lines as shown.

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 ASSISTED BY OWNERS
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date May 1987

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

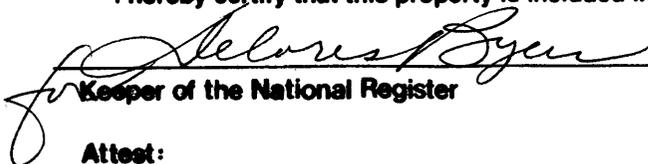
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 27, 1987

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

 Entered in the 8-27-87
Keeper of the National Register National Register date

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

