

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 Alexandria Hall, Louisiana College

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Louisiana College ~~N/A~~not for publication

city, town Pineville ~~N/A~~ vicinity of

state LA code 22 county Rapides Parish. 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Louisiana College, Office of the President

street & number College Station

city, town Pineville ~~N/A~~ vicinity of state LA 71360

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 Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1985  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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## 7. Description

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

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Alexandria Hall (1920) is a three story brick neo-classical building located near the center of Louisiana College on the outskirts of Pineville. Despite some alterations, the building retains its National Register eligibility.

The hall is set at the head of a large green which forms the focal point of the campus. The plan is fairly conventional with a central entrance and corridors leading to the ends of the building. The interiors have been completely modernized and are not architecturally significant.

Alexandria Hall is noteworthy for its impressive twenty-three bay facade. It is articulated with a colossal composite hexastyle pedimented portico and two pedimented end pavilions with Tuscan pilasters. In addition, all pediments are inscribed with oculi, and the building's three principal openings are articulated with pedimented frames.

### Alterations:

In addition to the aforementioned interior modernization, there has been one noteworthy exterior change. When Alexandria Hall was built, its main entrance was on the second story and was reached by a wide staircase. In about 1980 the stairs were removed and the main entrance was relocated on the ground story. This, of course, required replacing the original entrance doors with windows. Although regrettable, this change has not significantly impaired the building's grand neo-classical articulation, which is the source of its architectural importance.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1920 **Builder/Architect** Associate Architects: R. H. Hunt Co. (Dallas, TX) & C. Scott Yeager (Alexandria, LA)

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

Alexandria Hall is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a landmark in the early twentieth century architecture of Pineville.

The recently completed comprehensive historic structures survey for Pineville and vicinity has identified some 546 50+ year old buildings, almost all of which date from the early twentieth century. Although virtually all of these are bungalows, humble cottages, or pedestrian commercial buildings, there are some exceptions. Twenty-five structures stand out as local landmarks--i.e., larger residences or institutional buildings. Most of these are designed in some form of the neo-classical tradition. Alexandria Hall is conspicuous among this group because it is one of only three examples to feature a full pedimented portico. Of these, it is the grandest because it is the only one also featuring end pavilions. The other two are merely pedimented boxes, and moreover, their proportions are less correct. For these reasons, Alexandria Hall is one of Pineville's most architecturally impressive historic buildings.

Historical Note: Louisiana College was founded by the Louisiana Baptist Convention in 1906.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Hoffmeyer, Oscar, Jr. Louisiana College, Seventy Five Years. Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, 1981.

Blueprints dated August 28, 1920. In possession of Louisiana College.  
Historic Structures Survey, Rapides Parish.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 2 1/2 acres

Quadrangle name Alexandria, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map. Boundaries were drawn to encompass only the significant resource. To have included all the acreage under single ownership would ~~have meant including the entire largely modern campus.~~

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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State of Louisiana

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## 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

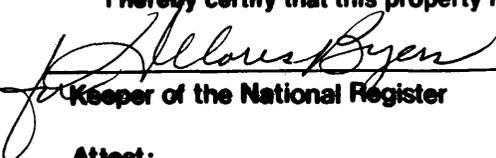
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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date 5-15-86

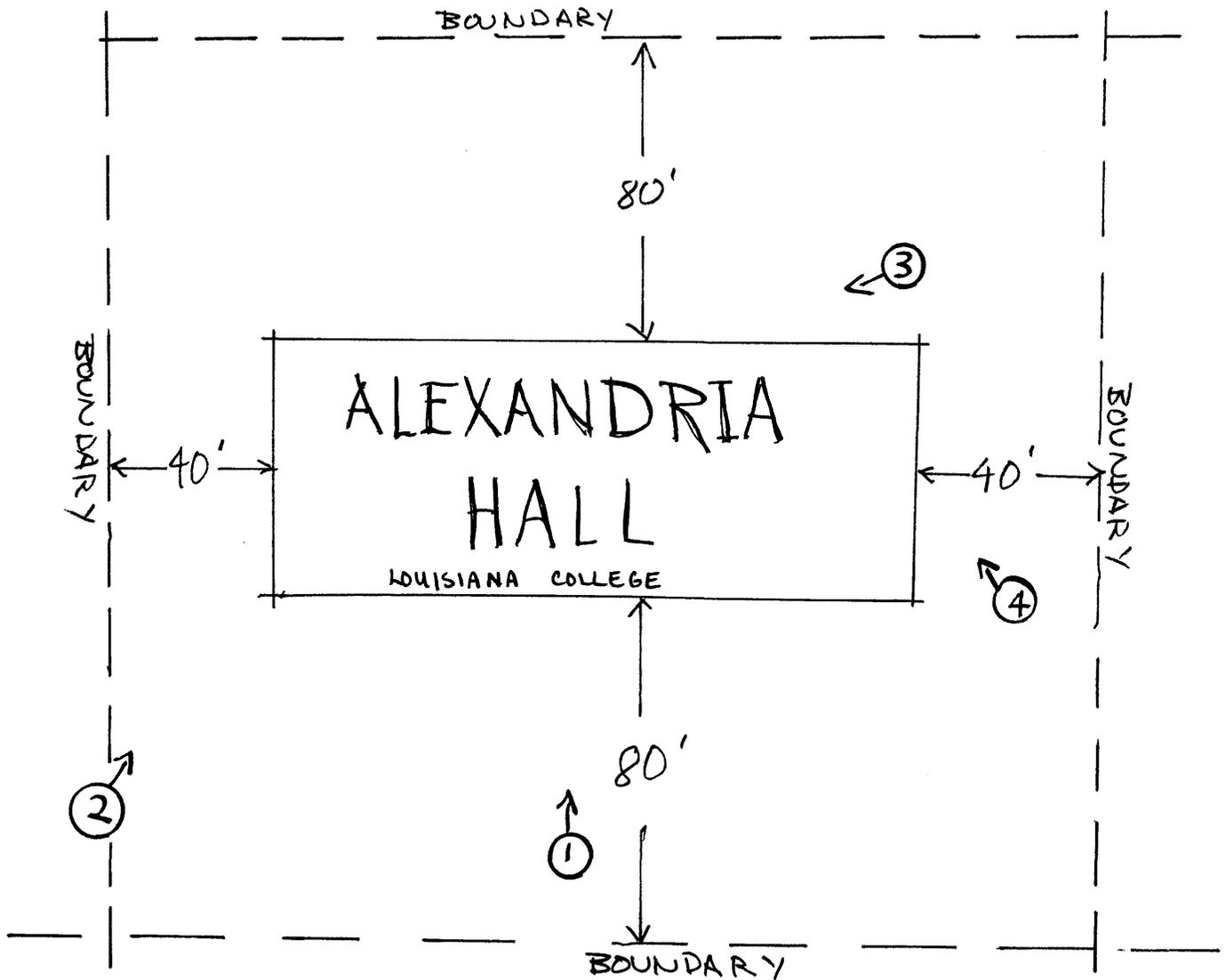
  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

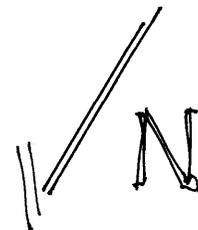
Chief of Registration

RAPIDES PARISH,  
LA.



Approx 2.5 Acres

BOUNDARY LINES  
PARALLEL BUILDING  
ELEVATIONS AT  
DISTANCES SHOWN



NOT TO SCALE