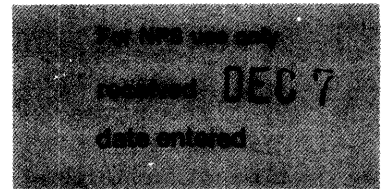


OLD NATIONAL REGISTER
EXHIBIT



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 Wood Park
and/or common (Glassell-Turner House)

2. Location

s of Mansfield off LA 175

street & number Hwy. 175 N/A not for publication

city, town Mansfield vic. vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state LA code 22 parish DeSoto code 031

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 John S. Turner, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 5563

city, town Shreveport N/A vicinity of state LA 71105

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. DeSoto Parish Courthouse

street & number corner of Adams and Texas (no specific street address) P. O. Box 1206

city, town Mansfield state LA 71052

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982 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 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			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Wood Park, commonly known as the Glassell-Turner House, is located about five miles southeast of Mansfield in rural DeSoto Parish. Set amidst low, rolling hills, the frame, c.1859 Greek Revival dogtrot is surrounded by pasture on three sides. The yard itself has numerous trees. (Photos 1, 4) Although the house has received numerous alterations, most notably the enclosure of the dogtrot, the State Historic Preservation Office feels it is still important enough to merit listing on the National Register.

The one-and-a-half story, gabled residence has a tin roof. Its facade is covered with flush board siding, and wide clapboarding covers the other three exterior walls. The set-in gallery has square columns with simple molded capitals and architrave trim near the base of a wide frieze. The nine over nine windows that flank the dogtrot passage have surrounds with plain cornerblocks. (Photo 3)

The interior of the house retains almost all of its original architectural features. The house is two rooms deep and all four of the rooms open onto the dogtrot. They all have flush board walls and three of them have similar ceilings and cedar floors. The enclosed dogtrot passage has flush board walls and cedar floors. The original window and door surrounds with cornerblocks remain in three of the four rooms, and one wooden Greek Revival mantel remains in a front room. (Photos 10, 11)

Alterations include the following:

- 1) Circa 1925 enclosure of the dogtrot with a transomed door flanked by three over one windows.
- 2) Early twentieth century replacement wood flooring in one of the front rooms.
- 3) Acoustical ceiling tiles in the dogtrot and in one of the front rooms.
- 4) Removal of both chimneys and one mantel.
- 5) Alteration of all windows in one of the rear rooms and of one window in the second rear room.
- 6) Construction of a deck-like porch across part of the rear elevation.
- 7) Enclosure of second story windows in the gable ends.

Although the house has received numerous alterations, most notably the enclosure of the dogtrot, the State Historic Preservation Office feels it is still important enough to merit listing on the National Register. The major Greek Revival features remain. The enclosure of the dogtrot passage is easily seen as an alteration and the original opening can be clearly discerned. Furthermore, that and the other alterations are easily reversible. The house is sufficiently intact that, except for the chimneys, any missing features (i.e., mantel, two ceilings, windows) could easily be copied from existing ones in the building.

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7. Description (Continued)

Adjacent to the house are three outbuildings which are approximately fifty years old--a pumphouse, a garage, and a shed. These are included within the boundaries and are considered contributing elements because, like the well treed .93 acre nominated area, the outbuildings contribute to one's appreciation of the main house's identity as a rural property.

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.1859 **Builder/Architect** John Glassell, Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Wood Park is architecturally significant on the local level because it is one of only a few remaining Greek Revival cottages in the Mansfield vicinity. In addition, although the dogtrot passage has been enclosed, it is the only known frame structure of that type in the area.

During the decade before the Civil War, the Mansfield vicinity underwent a major period of settlement, and the earliest known buildings date from then. Greek Revival architecture was predominant in that era, and the Glassell-Turner House reflects that style through the following features: 1) architrave trim on the gallery frieze; 2) square columns with simple moldings; 3) cornerblocks on the interior and exterior door and window surrounds; and 4) the one remaining mantel.

The residence is one of four known houses of its style within an approximate five-mile radius of Mansfield. Two of these are in the town and their more sophisticated styling reflects their "urban" setting. The other is Cottage Grove, a somewhat larger, though still relatively simple, plantation house. It is probable that, given the existence of these houses and the development and cultural sophistication indicated by the presence of the Mansfield Female College, there were once much more numerous ante-bellum Greek Revival residences in the Mansfield vicinity.

The house has added significance because it is the only known frame dogtrot in the vicinity. This is a common "Upland South" house type that was once most common in north Louisiana. The earliest settlers, and later less affluent families, built log dogtrots, but as areas became more settled, and as local economies improved, frame examples were constructed. Therefore, this structure is a clear link in the architectural development of the area.

Historical Sketch:

The property on which the house stands was purchased by the Glassell family in 1857, but John and Mary Thom Glassell are not thought to have moved from Culpepper County, Virginia to DeSoto Parish until 1859. Mr. Glassell received a degree from Princeton University and was a farmer in Virginia before moving to Louisiana where he continued in that occupation. He served in the Confederate Army, was active in the Presbyterian Church and became a minister in 1884.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Presbyterianism in North Louisiana, 1930.

Goodloe Stuck. Personal communication; September 29, 1982.

DeSoto Parish Conveyance Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @.93 acre

Quadrangle name Pleasant Hill, LA

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to plat map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John S. Turner

organization N/A

date October 1982

street & number P. O. Box 5563

telephone (318) 865-3505

city or town Shreveport

state LA 71105

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 November 30, 1982

For NPS use only

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

Michael B. Boyd

date 1/21/83

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Patrick Andrews*

date 1/17/83

Chief of Registration

Glassell-Turner House (Wood Park)

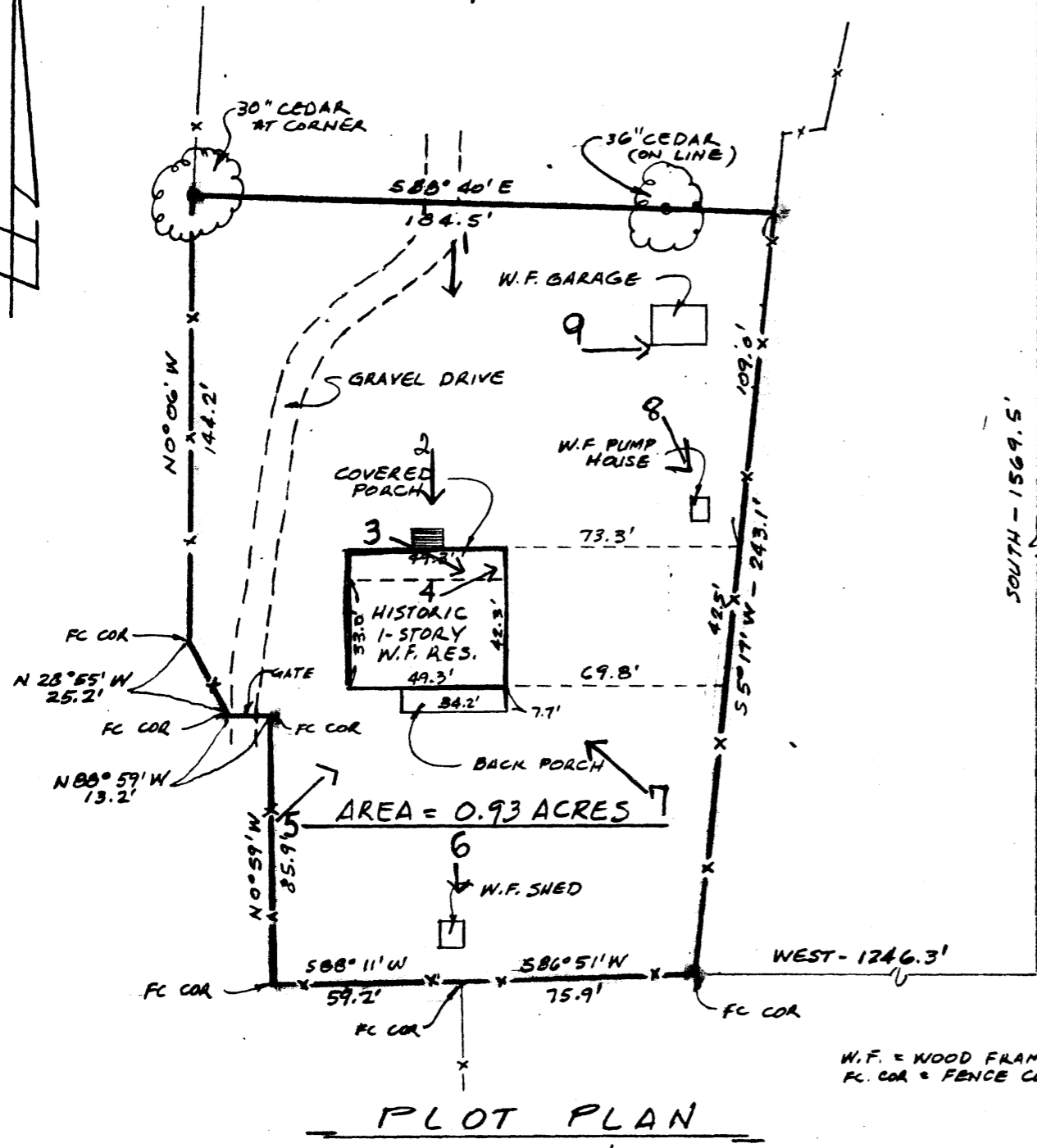
MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA
VICINITY

FIND 1/2" IRON BAR
AT NE COR NW 1/4
SEC 36, T12N-R13W

DESCRIPTION:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 12 North, Range 13 West, De Soto Parish being more particularly described as follows;

From the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, T12N-R13W run South 1569.5 feet, thence West 1246.3 feet to a fence corner and a "POINT OF BEGINNING". From said "POINT" run S 86° 51' W to a fence corner a distance of 75.9 feet, thence run S 88° 11' W to a fence corner a distance of 59.2 feet, thence run N 0° 59' W to a fence corner a distance of 85.9 feet, thence run N 88° 59' W to a fence corner a distance of 13.2 feet, thence run N 28° 55' W to a fence corner a distance of 25.2 feet, thence run N 0° 06' W to a 30" cedar tree a distance of 144.2 feet, thence run S 88° 40' E to a fence a distance of 184.5 feet, thence run S 5° 17' W to the "POINT OF BEGINNING" a distance of 243.1 feet and containing 0.93 acres more or less.



CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the survey shown hereon by heavy lines was made under my supervision and that this plat is a true and correct representation thereof.

E. J. Giering III

E. J. Giering III
Registered Land Surveyor No. 1605
State of Louisiana



S. E. HUEY CO.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS
MANSFIELD, LA.

SCALE: NOTED
DATE: 12-1-81
DRAWN BY: EG
SHEET 1 OF 1
DWG. NO. _____

REQUESTED BY:
MR. R. T. MONTCALM
RIVER ROUGE MINERALS
MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA

IMPROVEMENT & BOUNDARY SURVEY
HISTORIC RESIDENCE - WOODPARK FARM
IN SECTION 36, T12N-R13W
DE SOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA