

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Schexnayder House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1681 Pecan Drive N/A not for publication
city, town Iberville N/A vicinity
state Louisiana code LA county Iberville code 047 zip code 70776

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Leslie Tassin 12/20/88
Signature of certifying official Leslie Tassin, State Historic Preservation Date
Officer, Dept of Culture, Recreation & Tourism
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Alton Byers 1/19/89
Entered in the National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

French Colonial

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brickwalls weatherboard

roof tinother _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Schexnayder House (c.1815) is a single story frame Creole residence located in a rural setting. Despite a recent move and considerable reproduction of original features, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The Move

In its former location near Edgard in St. John Parish, the Schexnayder House was in danger of demolition by neglect. As often happens with plantation houses, it had descended through forced heirship to a proliferation of part owners, none of whom had enough interest in the property to justify maintaining it. Also, as often happens, the numerous part owners could not agree among themselves to sell the land on which the house stood. As a result, the present owner purchased the house on condition that it be moved. In 1987 it was moved intact some forty-four miles to its present rural location in Iberville Parish. The new setting is somewhat different from the old, but it should be noted that the old setting itself had changed considerably over the years. During this century it acquired a large river levee and a state highway right in front of the house. Thus it is arguable that the present setting is closer in character to the house's nineteenth century setting. Of course, the Schexnayder House is still within the area which is the context for its architectural significance -- i.e., southern Louisiana.

Once moved, the house was carefully restored to bring it as close as possible to its c.1815 appearance. It had been modernized in the later nineteenth century, at which time the original Creole plan was bisected with a central hall. Also, a large central front doorway with a transom and sidelights was added, and some other openings were adjusted. Much of this work was done with salvaged materials. When the house was restored notched beams and stud spacing gave evidence of the original plan and fenestration.

The present restored house retains the following original Creole features:

1. About three-fourths of the original bousillage walls (see attached plan).
2. All of the beaded beam-beaded board ceilings.

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3. The entire Norman truss roof structure.
4. All of the lamb's tongue chamfered gallery columns.
5. All of the decoratively cut exposed rafter ends ("outlookers").
6. A few of the board and batten doors, windows, shutters and French doors.

In addition, the house retains the original floorboards in all but one room.

The following features were reproduced from surviving architectural fragments as part of the restoration:

1. The gallery floors and supporting structure.
2. The Creole tongue and groove flush siding.
3. The baseboards, chair rails, doors and windows in most rooms.

The present rear cabinets and gallery were added in the late nineteenth century. Also, the chimney has been rebuilt and will eventually have a stove on one side and a reproduction mantel on the other.

Assessment of Integrity:

Although there has been considerable reproduction of original features, many of the house's Creole character-defining elements are original, as detailed above. Very importantly, the features which establish the house as a superior example of its type are original -- the lamb's tongue chamfered columns and the Norman truss roof.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
_____ architecture _____

Period of Significance
_____ c.1815 _____

Significant Dates
_____ c.1815 _____

Cultural Affiliation
_____ N/A _____

Significant Person
_____ N/A _____

Architect/Builder
_____ unknown _____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Schexnayder House is of local significance in the area of architecture as an important example of a Creole style residence within the context of southern Louisiana, an area regarded as the center of the Creole tradition in the Mississippi Valley.

In its present restored condition, the Schexnayder House is a fairly pure Creole archetype. One sees very little evidence of the Anglo-American influence such as a central hall or symmetrical articulation of the principal elevation. This factor sets the house among a minority of surviving examples of the Creole influence in southern Louisiana.

The house's Norman truss roof marks it as an early and superior Creole building. Most extant examples have a plain roof structure with an intermediate support pole halfway up the rafters.

Finally, the house has columns with lamb's tongue chamfering, a feature which appears on only the finest Creole buildings.

Historical Note:

The house was built for Joseph Schexnayder and remained in the family until 1855, when it was sold to Louis Roussel. The Roussel family sold the house in 1867 to Jean Sentilles, and it remained in the Sentilles family until 1918. Subsequent owners include Dr. Marc Cognevic, Jr. and Wolford and Norman Kroll. It was purchased by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. David Broussard, in 1986.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Civil Abstracts of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # LA 1179 (under name of "Kroll")
- recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property @ 3 acres

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description Boundary lines follow the property lines of the lot on which the house stands, said lot measuring 200' in width by 644' in depth. Please refer to enclosed sketch map.

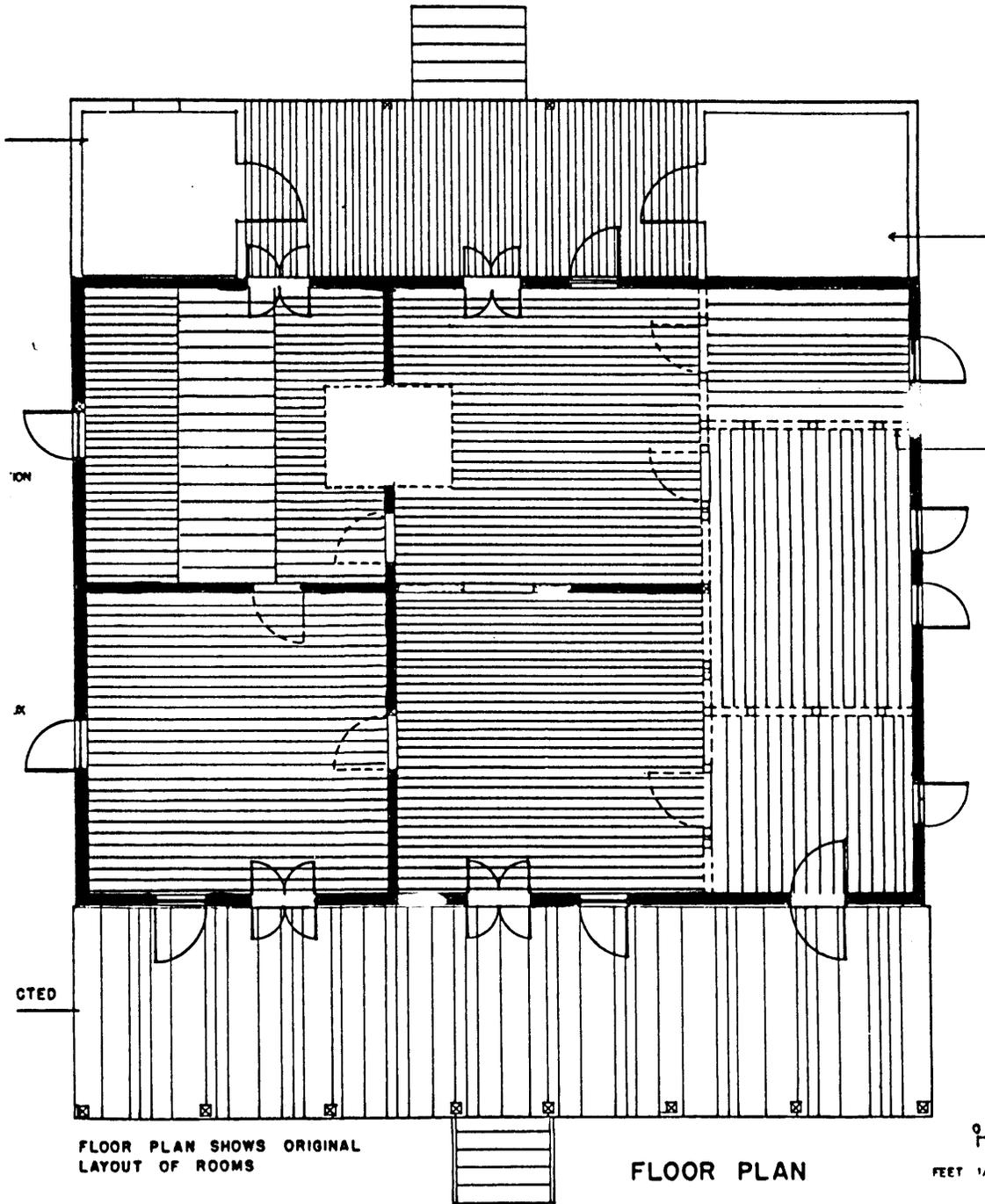
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Boundary Justification Boundary lines follow property lines of the lot on which the house stands.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804
 Current Owner: David P. Broussard & Nancy Tatje-Broussard
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Iberville, LA 70776



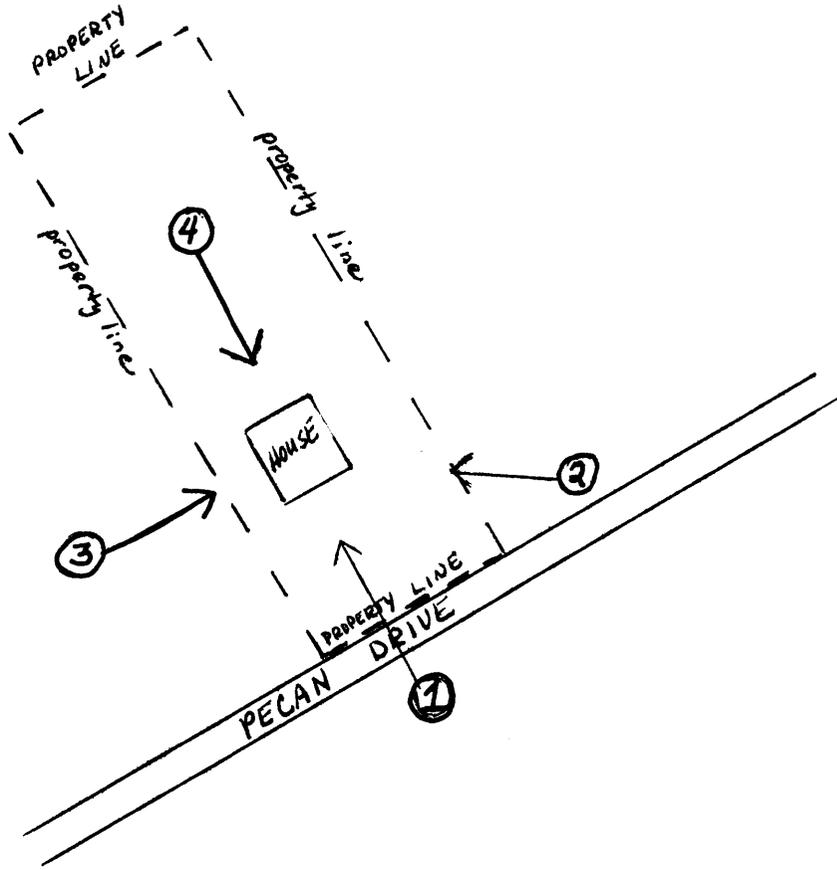
ORIGINAL
BOUSILLAGE
WALLS

Schexnayder House
Iberville Parish, LA

FLOOR PLAN SHOWS ORIGINAL
LAYOUT OF ROOMS

FLOOR PLAN

FEET 1/4"



Schexnayder House.
Iberville Parish, LA



1" = 200'
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