

**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 Duplex House

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 106 Lafayette Street N/A not for publication

city, town Youngsville N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Lafayette code 055

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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Davenport (318) 856-6327

street & number 106 Lafayette Street P. O. Box 490

city, town Youngsville N/A vicinity of state LA 70592

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafayette Parish Courthouse

street & number Buchanan and Main Street (no specific address) P. O. Box 2009

city, town Lafayette state LA 70502

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Lafayette Parish Historical Sites
title Inventory, Section 2 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Lafayette Regional Planning Commission

city, town Lafayette 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 Duplex House (c.1895; enlarged c.1910) is a large two-story frame residence with Queen Anne Revival and Colonial Revival elements. It is located on a large lot in downtown Youngsville. Despite a few alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

Evidently the Duplex House began in about 1895 as a single story cottage with an off-center projecting bay and a front gallery. In about 1910 the house was enlarged to two stories and given a Colonial Revival treatment. The only major visual element in the house which survives from the earlier period is an elaborate Eastlake mantel with burl panels, spindles, six shelves and a mirror. The mantel is located in what is now the dining room. It is not known if this was its original location before the 1910 renovation.

The house has a central hall on each floor with an ample staircase which features an arched window at the landing. The staircase has four newel posts, each of which is surmounted by a molded top and a glass pineapple. The parlor and dining room are connected by pocket doors.

The exterior features an off-center gable with a two-story projecting bay which is articulated with sets of colossal paneled pilasters. The front gallery features colossal pillars on pedestals which match the pilasters on the bay. The house is surmounted by a pyramidal roof with four widely proportioned gabled dormers which serve to enliven the massing. At the rear of the house is a single story one bay porch.

Since the c.1910 renovation, the following changes have been made in the house:

1. Most of the interior doors and all interior door surrounds have been replaced.
2. The front door has been replaced.
3. All but one of the mantels have been lost.
4. Modern cornices have been installed in some of the rooms.

Despite these changes, the house retains the features which contribute to its significance. (See Item 8)

To the rear of the house are two old sheds which are listed as contributing elements because they demonstrate that at one time town residences had outbuildings. The garage located to the side of the house is less than fifty years old and is listed as a non-contributing element. In addition, there is a tractor shed to the rear of the house which is less than fifty years old and is also 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/
<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 c.1910 **Builder/Architect** Builder - c.1910 renovation - Pierre Alcide Dupleix

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Dupleix House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is the architectural landmark of the Youngsville area.

A windshield survey of the historic resources of Youngsville conducted by the National Register staff revealed 154 50+ year old structures. Most of these are bungalows, cottages or unpretentious frame stores. There are also five larger cottages with gables, dormers, and broad galleries.

The Dupleix House is conspicuous among this group because of its size and pretention. It is undoubtedly the largest older residence in Youngsville and it is the only one which is a full two stories high. It also has a certain monumental quality which other contemporaneous buildings lack. This is partly due to the fact that the house is set back from the road on a large well-treed lot. But mainly it is because of its boldly articulated projecting bay, its impressive colossal pillars, and its unusually complex roofline. In summation, the Dupleix House stands as the grand residence of the Youngsville area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Windshield survey of Youngsville and the immediate vicinity conducted by National Register staff, April 1984.
Conveyance Records, Lafayette Parish,
Mamalakis, Mario, "Youngsville Landmark House." If They Could Talk; Acadiana's Buildings and Their Biographies, 1983.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.938 acres

Quadrangle name St. Martinville, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A 15 597250 3329925
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary lines follow property lines. They are highlighted on the enclosed scale 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 National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNERS
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date June 1984

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-6682

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 X 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 August 27, 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 10-4-84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration