

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Breston Plantation House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number approximately five miles above Columbia on the east bank
of the Ouachita River near the community of Riverton not for publication

city, town Columbia vicinity of Columbia congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state La. code 22 county Caldwell Parish code 021

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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Mr. and Mrs. Uriah M. Youngblood

street & number Route 1

city, town Columbia vicinity of Columbia state La. 71418

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Caldwell Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Columbia state La. 71418

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1980 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 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Breston Plantation House is set behind the Ouachita River levee in a grove of oaks approximately two miles north of the settlement of Riverton. Built in the 1830's by a French family, the one and one-half story house is characterized by both the Louisiana Creole tradition and by the Anglo-American Greek Revival.

The main Creole feature is the floor plan with its three front rooms, pair of rear cabinets and front and rear galleries.

Anglo-American Greek Revival features include:

1. the six molded Doric posts and entablature of the front gallery
2. the six matching pilasters along the front wall of the house
3. the five bay articulation with emphasis placed upon the center with a transom side lighted front door
4. location of the three flight staircase in the center room
5. the set of four massive folding faux bois doors which unite the center room with the parlor creating what is in effect a Greek Revival double parlor
6. the pair of deeply sculpted ceiling medallions
7. the Greek key fretwork motif in the two front dormers, which is repeated in the two interior mantels
8. the fluted framing boards around the interior doors

Since the house was built, a late nineteenth century rear kitchen wing has been added. In the twentieth century the rear gallery has been glazed in and a modern kitchen has been installed.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 circa 1835 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Breston is significant in the area of architecture as a superior example of a Greek Revival raised plantation house, embodying as many do both the Creole and Anglo-American traditions. It is superior because it has three unusually pretentious elements:

1. the use of pilasters on the facade to echo gallery columns
2. the unusual fretwork in the dormers and mantels
3. The massive faux bois folding doors between the center room and parlor give the effect of a full double parlor as one might find in one of the great houses of Natchez. The fact that this degree of formality was achieved in such a small house, where a full double parlor would normally have been impossible, is a tribute to the ingenuity of the builder.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .18 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map.

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

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mr. and Mrs. Uriah M. Youngblood

organization _____ date Spring 1980

street & number Route 1 telephone _____

city or town Columbia state La. 71418

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

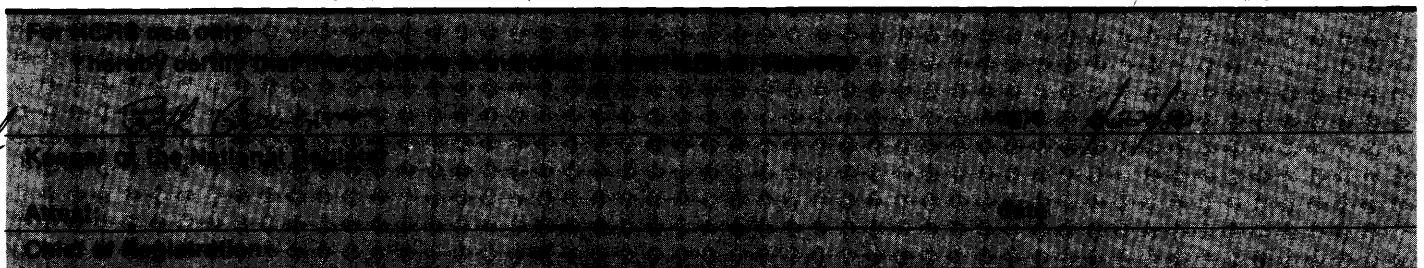
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Chris DeBlen*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9-25-80



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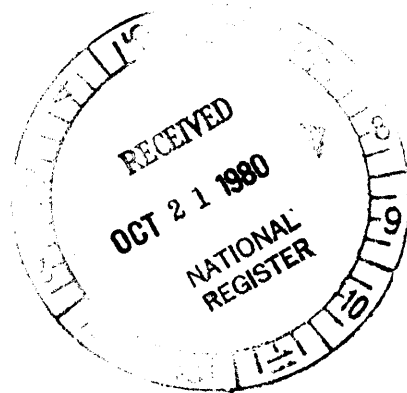
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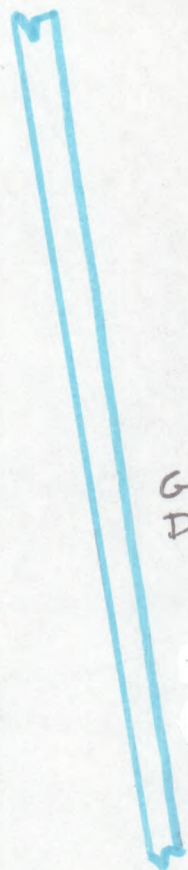
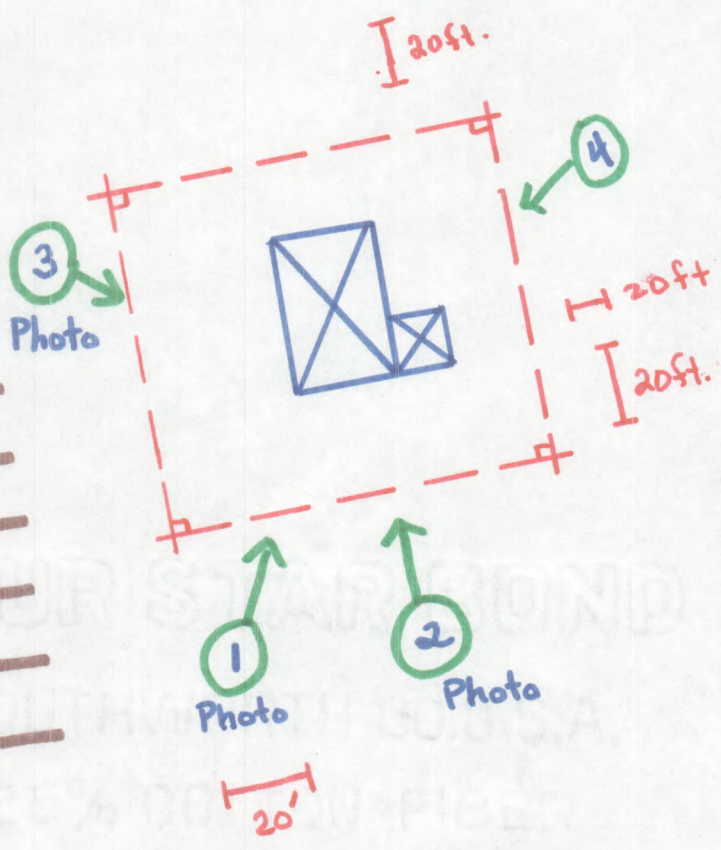
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Levee
Ouachita River



GRAVEL DRIVE

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