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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 LeBEAU HOUSE and KITCHEN

and or common

2. Location

street & number LA HWY 414 N/A not for publication

city, town Jarreau X vicinity of 8th Congressional District

state Louisiana code 22 county Pointe Coupee code 077

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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | N/A in process                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government                   |
|   | N/A 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. STUART W. WOODY

street & number Box 1310

city, town Jarreau N/A vicinity of state Louisiana 70749

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse

street & number Main Street (no specific address)

city, town New Roads state Louisiana 70760

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1984  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

## 7. Description

|   |                                       |   |   |                 |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                 |
| <input 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

The LeBeau House is a classic Creole raised cottage of two and one-half stories with a gable roof and measures 35 feet across the front and 37 feet deep. Its first floor was constructed of heavy solid brick masonry walls and piers to support the bousillage second story and frame attic level above. Originally the two-room ground floor was used only for storage and the main living spaces were at the second story level. The floor plan of this second story level is the typical Creole one of two large rooms to the front on either side of a double, wood-burning fireplace with two small rear corner cabinet rooms with a third, larger room centered between them in the position one more often finds an open gallery. Access to the third or attic level was originally provided only by a narrow set of steps on the front gallery. The attic was originally unfinished, but did contain a six over six light sashed window in each gable end. Further enhancing the house is its original or very early outdoor kitchen of frame construction, built of amazing cypress boards, including some 23½ inch wide floor boards and some 23 inch wide siding.

Architectural details of the house which are typical of Louisiana colonial architecture are:

- 1) Heavy cypress framing, morticed and pegged.
- 2) Bousillage infilling, plastered inside, beaded weatherboarding outside.
- 3) Exposed beaded beams and overboards on second floor.
- 4) Glazed french doors.
- 5) Beaded batten doors and shutters set on parliament hinges on the second and third floor levels.
- 6) Unbeaded batten doors and shutters set on strap hinges on drive pinions on the ground floor.
- 7) Split shingle roofing.
- 8) Wrap-around mantels on large wood-burning fireplaces.
- 9) Six chamfered and lamb's tongued colonnettes.
- 10) Six over six light sash windows.

Twentieth century modifications to the house occurred in 1971 and 1984, to adapt the house for living by the Woody's, a family of four. These modifications included:

- 1) Connection of the outdoor kitchen by glass and lattice connection - (1984)
- 2) Finishing out of the attic interior as two bedrooms and one bath (1984).
- 3) Installation of an interior staircase to service all levels through the rear cabinet area (1984).
- 4) Construction of rear cabinet rooms at the ground floor level (1974).

### ITEM 7 ADDENDUM BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

#### Assessment of Integrity:

Despite the changes mentioned above, the LeBeau House still retains the features which contribute to its architectural significance. (See Item 7 of consultant prepared nomination and Item 8 addendum by State Historic Preservation Office.)

The "kitchen" building is listed as a contributing element because it is roughly contemporaneous with the house, and hence helps establish the identity of the LeBeau House as a plantation house. In addition, outbuildings of this vintage are relatively rare survivors in Point Coupee Parish.

NB: Northeast of the house is a modern cattle pen which, of course, is 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               |
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| <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**      c.1840                      **Builder/Architect**    Builder: St. Ville LeBeau

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

The LeBeau House is significant in that it represents a classic example of a Louisiana Creole Colonial type once common in many areas of the state but, however, now a rare survivor. The house shows creative adaption to Louisiana's pervasive climate conditions by its use of bousillage for insulation, the raising of the main living spaces off the ground by one story, in a response to flooding, insects, and air circulation; the shade of the deep front gallery; the separation of the kitchen, as well as the alignment of doors and windows to aid in ventilation. This house is therefore an expression of Creole creativity balancing a concern for visual beauty with solutions to the pervasive climatic forces of Louisiana.

U.S. Congressional District:                      8th: vacant  
 LA. State Senatorial District:                      17th: State Senator - John E. Jumonville, Jr.  
 LA. State Representative District:                      61th: State Representative - Clyde Kimball

CHAIN OF TITLE AND OCCUPANCY

1819 (?)                      Alexis C. LeBeau (Planter): Purchased property  
 C.1840                      St. Ville LeBeau (Planter): Built house  
 1860-1883                      Pierre Oliver LeBeau (Planter, attorney, school teacher)  
 1883-1941                      Florian LeBeau (Planter)  
 1941-1969                      Children and grandchildren of Florian LeBeau  
    Stanley St. Romain (Tenant Farmer) - occupied house  
 1969-1971                      House unoccupied  
 1971-Present                      Stuart and Betty Wooddy (Realtor)

PLEASE REFER TO CONTINUATION SHEET FOR ITEM 8 ADDENDUM BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana: Its Land and People, Fred B. Kniffen, page 131

Conveyance Records, Pointe Coupee Parish

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property @ 2 acres

Quadrangle name Erwinville, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Please refer to attached sketch map. Two acres was chosen as the nominated area in order to encompass the significant resource and its immediate setting. To have listed all the land under single ownership would have meant nominating 65 acres, which we considered excessive.

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

| state | code | county | code |
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| N/A   |      |        |      |

| state | code | county | code |
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title ROBERT E. SMITH, Historical Restoration Consultant

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date January 3, 1985

street & number Route 6, Box 1220 telephone (318) 332 2852

city or town Breaux Bridge state Louisiana 70517

## 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 March 28, 1985

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

*John A. Murrell* Entered in the date 5-9-85  
Keeper of the National Register National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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ITEM 8 ADDENDUM BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The LeBeau House and Kitchen Complex is locally significant in the area of architecture as one of the landmarks in the Creole heritage of Pointe Coupee Parish.

The Louisiana Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey has identified 799 50+ year old buildings in Pointe Coupee Parish. Of these, 193 are in the Creole style and hence reflect, at least in a general sense, the French origins of the parish. The LeBeau House is one of a distinct group of eight Creole plantation houses which, architecturally speaking, represent the apex of the style in the parish. This can be seen in the following: (1) It is a full two stories high, unlike the normal one story Creole cottages found in the parish. (2) It features bousillage construction. (The vast majority of the parish's Creole houses have plain frame walls with no infill.) (3) It has noteworthy Creole details such as lamb's tongue chamfered columns and wraparound mantels. These details which are associated with the Creole style do not occur often in the parish. Most of the so-called "Creole" buildings of Pointe Coupee Parish are Creole in plan and configuration only. Typically they feature Victorian or later details. Many are hardly detailed at all.

LeBeau House & Kitchen  
Pointe Coupee Parish  
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BOUNDARY

