



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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name North Bend

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy 1 N/A  not for publication

city or town Oscar  vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Pointe Coupee code 077 zip code 70762

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Gerri Hobdy*

September 1, 1992

Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, Date  
LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

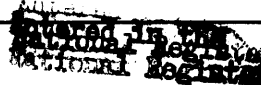
4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

*Allova Ryan*



Date of Action

7/8/92

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Pointe Coupee Parish, LA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Louisiana's French Creole Architecture

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/not in use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: French Creole

Federal

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

weatherboard

roof metal

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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North Bend is a large raised Creole plantation house which stands on the south bank of the False River in a rural section of Pointe Coupee Parish. Originally constructed around 1835, the two story brick and frame structure was enlarged twice before 1900. Although the house has experienced some changes since its final expansion and is currently being renovated, its National Register eligibility remains intact.

North Bend achieved its current configuration in three stages. The c. 1835 house consisted of two floors, one a brick lower story and the other a bousillage upper floor which served as the premier etage, or primary living space. Each floor was four rooms wide and one room deep with front and rear galleries. Some time around 1850 the owners added one room to each floor on the western side of the structure. The lower room was brick, while the upper room was constructed of bricks between posts. Each room had a fireplace and shared an end chimney. As a result of this addition, the front and rear galleries were also expanded and the roof was replaced. Architectural evidence shows that the owners also replaced the home's original doors and windows and added new window openings as part of the c. 1850 improvement scheme, for all the surviving door and window frames on the upper floor match. The upper front gallery's flush board siding also was added at this time. The third stage in North Bend's growth occurred during the late nineteenth century, when the upper rear gallery was converted into a cabinet/loggia range. This expansion strongly reinforced the Creole character of the structure.

In addition to the hall-less Creole floorplan described above, characteristics of Creole architecture found in North Bend include the following:

- 1) a gabled umbrella roof,
- 2) exterior staircases,
- 3) four sets of French doors,
- 4) exposed beaded ceiling beams on the lower gallery, loggia and within all interior spaces,
- 5) original chamfered gallery columns with lamb's tongue stops, and
- 6) four wraparound mantels, all of which are located on the upper floor. Three of these mantels are late examples of the Federal style. The fourth consists of a bracketed shelf which wraps around the flue. An additional Federal mantel is found within the lower floor dining room, but it does not wrap around the flue in the French manner.

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Other features of interest found in the home include:

- 1) original brick front and rear lower gallery piers with corbelled bases,
- 2) four-light transoms above all upper floor exterior doors,
- 3) interior doors and some exterior shutters composed of thick, beaded battens, and
- 4) cornices found in two upper floor rooms. The older of the two is located in the second room from the east, which apparently served as the original salle or parlor. It probably dates to c. 1835 and is formed by a wide plank encircling the room. Added at a later date, a vernacular stepped cornice ornaments the middle room of the second floor.

In addition to the alterations associated with the two expansions, North Bend experienced a few additional changes after the final late nineteenth century enlargement of the home. These include:

- 1) the addition of a new floor atop the salle's original flooring and a change in one of the salle's original interior doors. It was first widened and later reduced in size.
- 2) the replacement of two exterior doors leading into the first floor dining room, the placement of a thick chamfered column in this room in an effort to support a sagging ceiling, and the pouring of concrete over the first floor's original brick flooring,
- 3) a change in the location of the front gallery's staircase, the enclosure of the rear upper loggia, and the replacement of the original windows in the two cabinets,
- 4) the replacement of the siding on the home's two end walls and the replacement of the original roof covering. During the latter process the interior chimneys were cut off at the roofline.
- 5) an in-progress renovation which has resulted in the replacement of windows in the two upper floor end rooms and the conversion of one upper floor cabinet into a bath.

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With the exception of the enclosed rear loggia, the above mentioned changes have had minimal impact upon North Bend's Creole character. Even with the changes, the house still looks much as it did after the late nineteenth century expansion. As one of Louisiana's rare surviving raised Creole plantation houses, North Bend is a strong candidate for National Register listing.

Non-contributing Element

A twentieth century two-car garage is also located on the property. Its roof and three sides are covered with metal. The fourth side is open. The garage is being counted as a non-contributing element for the purposes of this nomination because it is not contemporary with the plantation house and does not contribute to its architectural significance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** N/A  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture  
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**Period of Significance**

c. 1835; c.1850; c.1890  
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**Significant Dates**

c.1835; c.1850; c.1890  
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**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
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**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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County and State

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** 3.013 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See attached sketch map.

**Boundary Justification** Boundaries follow the property lines of the parcel of land upon which North Bend is located.  
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date June 1992

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gummow

street & number 2100 College Drive #21 telephone 1-800-737-6519

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70808

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North Bend is significant in the area of architecture at the state level because it is a rare surviving example of a large, fully raised Creole plantation house. Creole dwellings once dominated the rural landscape of central and southern Louisiana, but today perhaps only 300 - 400 examples of these buildings remain standing outside New Orleans. Of these, the majority are small or moderately sized one story houses, while only approximately thirty (30) are members of the distinct group of substantial, fully raised plantation houses which are regarded as the apex of the Creole style. North Bend is one of these rare survivors.



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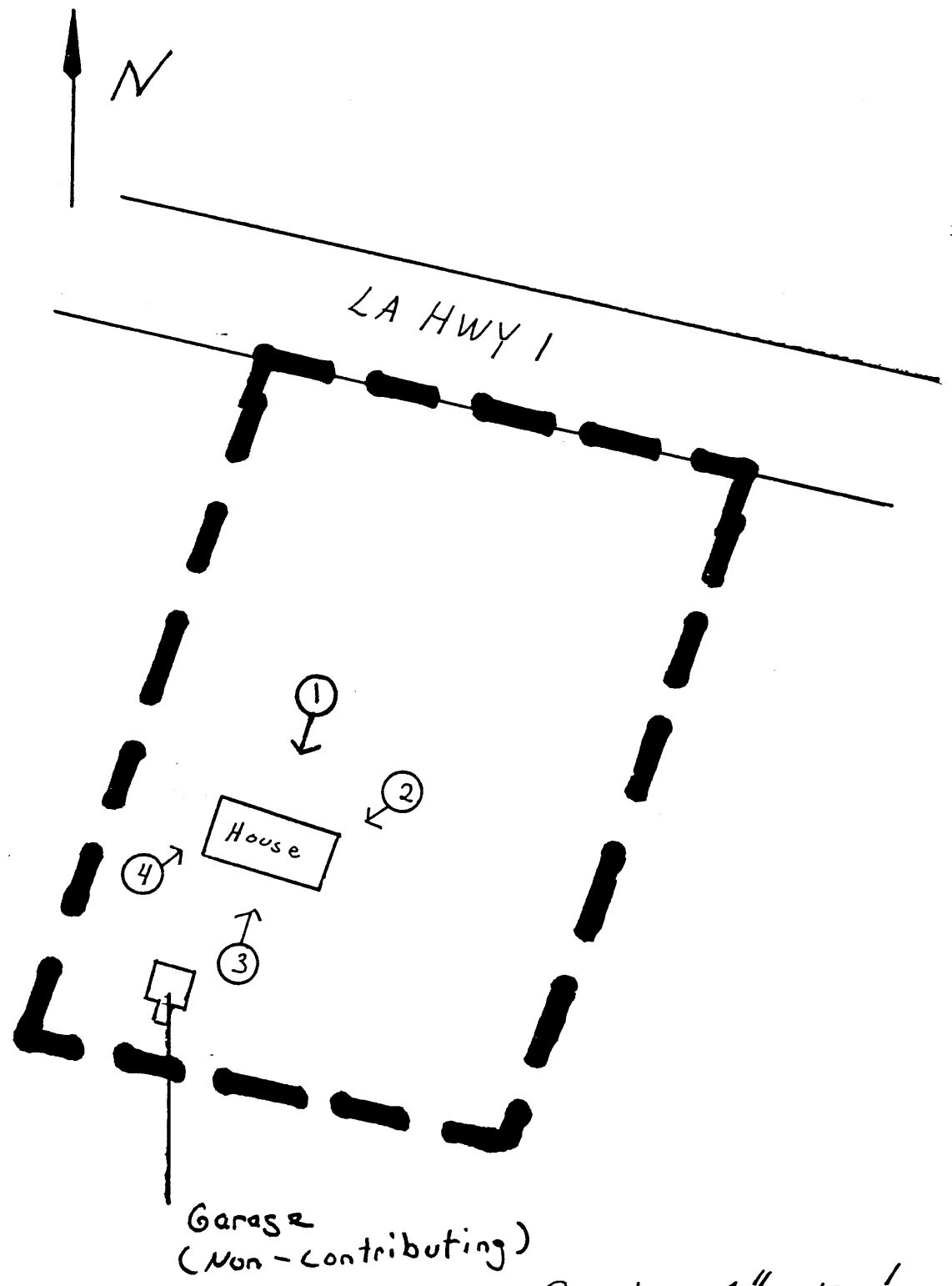
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National Register site visit, Division of Historic Preservation.

Division of Historic Preservation staff knowledge of Louisiana's Creole architecture.

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Scale: 1" = 100'

Boundary: **———**