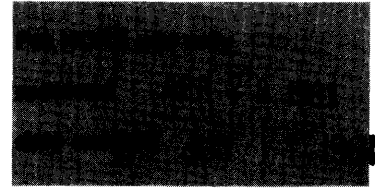


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Southern University Archives Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Southern University campus not for publication

city, town Scotlandville vicinity of congressional district 6th-Henson Moore

state La. code 22 county East Baton Rouge Parish code 033

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 State of Louisiana
Contact: Dr. Jessie N. Stone, President

street & number Southern University System
Southern Branch Post Office

city, town Baton Rouge vicinity of state La. 70813

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Baton Rouge state La.

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

The Southern University Archives Building began in about 1840 as a raised cottage with pit sawn framing. It was 3 rooms wide and 1 room deep with a pitched roof, a 5 bay front gallery and no rear gallery. Each of the 3 rooms had a front door and window, all with shoulder molded frames. The gallery had a full entablature and posts with simple molded capitals. The plan suggests that it was originally a support building for a larger plantation house.

In the early twentieth century the following additions and changes were made:

1. 3 rear rooms were added and a rear corridor was added under a separate gable roof.
2. New 2 over 2 plate glass windows were installed.
3. Floorboards were replaced.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) black history

Specific dates c. 1840, c. 1914 **Builder/Architect** not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion A

The Southern University Archives Building is significant in the areas of education and black history because it was the first building on the Southern University, Baton Rouge campus and as such is a visual reminder of the institution's establishment in Scotlandville in 1914.

In 1879, Pinckney B. S. Pinchback, T. T. Allain, and Henry Demas sponsored the movement in the Louisiana State Constitutional Convention that resulted in the establishment, in the city of New Orleans, of an institution "for the education of persons of color." This institution was chartered as Southern University in January 1880 by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana. A 1912 legislative act authorized the closing and sale of the university and its reestablishment on a new site.

On March 9, 1914, Southern University was opened in Scotlandville, Louisiana under the presidency of Dr. Joseph Samuel Clark. What is now called the Southern University Archives Building was the only habitable building on the site. This structure served many functions, including a home for the president and his family, conference center, office of the president and his assistants, girls' dormitory, dining hall, hospital, social center, and meeting place for the University Council. As such it was the focus of campus activity for several years. When Dr. G. Leon Netterville, President Emeritus of Southern University, came to the school in 1921, he remembers the house as being the "busiest place" on campus.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property APPROXIMATELY 1/8 ACRE

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Scotlandville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Jessie N. Stone, President
Southern University System

organization Southern University System date December 1980

street & number Southern Branch Post Office telephone 504-771-4680

city or town Baton Rouge state La. 70813

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

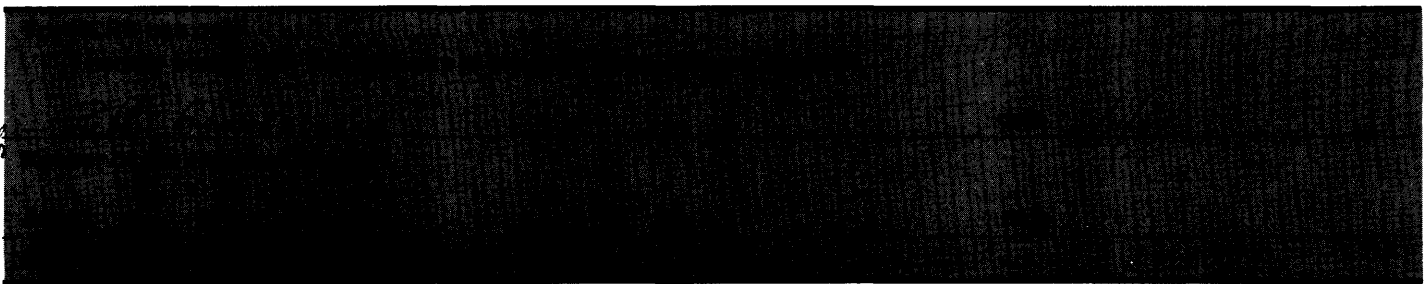
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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 Robert B. DeBlieux
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date April 20, 1981



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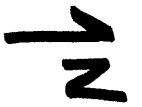
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