

**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

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1. Name

historic Calhoun Farmhouse

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number La. Hwy. 821 @ 5 miles northeast of Ruston on LA 821
 N/A not for publication

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

state LA code 22 parish Lincoln code 061

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
X building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	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 Colonel and Mrs. John D. Calhoun

street & number 117 Llanfair Drive

city, town Ruston vicinity of state LA 71270

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lincoln Parish Courthouse

street & number P.O. Box 924 Trenton St. (no specific address)

city, town Ruston state LA 71270

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition			Check one		
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Calhoun Farmhouse is a c.1880 rambling, provincial Italianate, frame house located in rolling farm country north of the town of Ruston. Although there have been additions to the house, none can be considered a loss of integrity.

The house is essentially an expanded and elaborately detailed version of a standard late-nineteenth century farm cottage. The house originally consisted of an off-center hall with two rooms to the east and four rooms to the south. This gave it an "L" shaped plan with two arms, each of which was one room deep. The asymmetrical floor plan was actually a composite of three symmetrical two-room units, each with a central chimney and back-to-back fireplaces in the manner of the folk "saddlebag." In about 1890 a kitchen service wing was added at the rear, which gave the house a "U" shaped plan. With the exception of the protruding front parlor, the entire front of the house is encompassed by a gallery. Galleries also encompass portions of the rear of the house. In 1952 the rear galleries were enclosed to form a hallway. In addition, a rear carport was added. (See attached sketch of floor plan.)

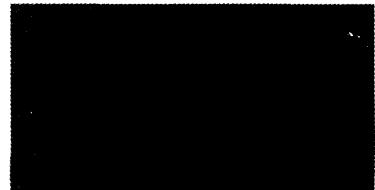
The most noteworthy aspect of the house is its ornamentation. Ornamental features associated with the Italianate tradition include:

1. The front gallery with its delicately proportioned chamfered columns, scroll brackets, molded capitals, and multiple cornice formed of moldings, dentils, and guilloche work.
2. The rounded panes of glass set in the transoms and side lights.
3. The front doorway surrounded with its guilloche work, denticular cornice, and elaborately paneled pilasters.
4. The relatively low pitched gables with their inset oeil-de-boeuf motif ventilators.
5. The mantels in the front rooms of the house. These take the form of heavy and richly molded aedicule motifs articulated with pairs of panels which have diamond knobs set between them.
6. The cornices which surmount the major windows and doors.

The interior features unusually heavy and complex baseboards and ceiling moldings. In addition, most of the doors in the original portion of the house have oak faux bois with burl panels.

The front rooms feature floor-length four over four windows. All shutters are of the movable louver type.

In addition to the previously described changes, the front gallery has lost its original balustrade. Also, in about 1960 a new roof was put on and chimneys were demolished above the roofline. However, it should be noted that all of the changes in the house are minor. The 1952 gallery enclosure is easily removable.

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7. Description (cont'd)

because the old posts and brackets still remain. In any case, neither the enclosure or the 1952 carport are visible from the front of the house. Also, the lost balustrade was of minor importance compared to the other elaborate woodwork in the house. Finally, the removal of the chimney tops is a change which is easily reversible.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
— prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion				
— 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science				
— 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture				
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/				
— 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian				
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater				
— 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.1880 Builder/Architect Uncertain

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Calhoun Farmhouse is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is an architectural landmark in Lincoln Parish. Of the 717 fifty-plus year old buildings in Lincoln Parish identified in the Louisiana Comprehensive Standing Structures Survey, only six stylistically or typologically pre-date the Queen Anne Revival. Of these, the Calhoun Farmhouse is by far the largest and most pretentious. Moreover, in a several parish area whose patrimony is almost entirely given over to the Queen Anne Revival, the Colonial Revival, and the bungalow style, the Calhoun Farmhouse is a rare example of the Italianate influence.

Historical Sketch:

The Calhoun Farmhouse was built c.1880 near the center of a 160 acre tract of land acquired by Mrs. John D. Calhoun in January 1879. It was the headquarters for the extensive farming operations of John D. Calhoun, which included about 2,000 acres by the turn-of-the-century. The house was occupied by members of the Calhoun family until 1965, and since that time by the Sherrill family as caretakers for the Calhoun family. The present owners, Colonel and Mrs. John D. Calhoun, are planning to restore the house to its original c.1880 appearance and reside there.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Family History Supplied by Applicants. Copy in Calhoun Farmhouse National Register File. Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.
 Lincoln Parish Conveyance Records
 Louisiana Comprehensive Standing Structures Survey, Lincoln Parish

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. .2 acres

Quadrangle name Ruston, La.

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

UMT References

A	1 5	5 4 0 3 7 5	3 6 0 4 8 5 0
Zone	Easting	Northing	<i>950 B13 18</i>
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to sketch map.

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

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

name/title	Colonel and Mrs. John D. Calhoun
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organization	N/A	date	February 1982
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street & number	117 Llanfair Drive	telephone	(318) 255-2916 or 255-5362
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city or town	Ruston	state	LA 71270
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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

title	State Historic Preservation Officer	date	March 22, 1982
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date *3/22/82*

Bill Gossman
Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Charles

CALHOUN FARMHOUSE
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

