#### 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

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| street & number   | Lake Cocodrie Road   | G  | <u>nile_east_of</u> -<br>lenmora   | not for publication  |
| city, town  | Glenmora mc.   | vicinity of  | congressional district   | 8th-Gillis Long  |
| state   | La code  | 22 county  | Rapides Parish   | <b>code</b> 079  |
| 3. Clas   | sification   |  |  |  |
| Category<br>district<br>_X building(s)<br>structure<br>site<br>object | Ownership<br>public<br>X private<br>both<br>Public Acquisition<br>in process<br>being considered | Status<br>_X occupied<br>unoccupied<br>work in progress<br>Accessible<br>_X yes: restricted<br>yes: unrestricted<br>no | Present Use<br>agriculture<br>commercial<br>educational<br>entertainment<br>government<br>industrial<br>military | museum<br>park<br>X private residence<br>religious<br>scientific<br>transportation<br>other: |
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| city, town  | <u>Alexandria</u>  |  | state  | La   |
| 6. Rep  | resentation  | in Existing  | Surveys  |  |
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| depository for su   | urvey records La. Stat   | <u>e Historic Preserva</u>   | ation Office   |  |
| city, town  | Baton Rouge  | ·  | state  | La   |

# 7. Description

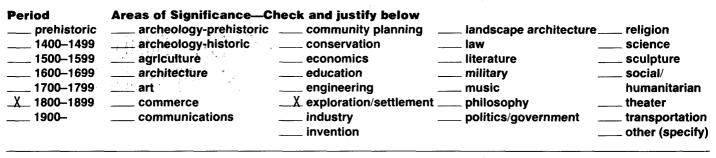
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old Britt Place is located on Lake Cocodrie Road amid second growth forest approximately half a mile east of the town of Glenmora.

Records indicate that the house began as a one room log cabin in 1867. The construction was of half round logs with notching. Today the log walls are chinked with gray plaster. The present chimney is a modern replacement. In 1868 four small frame rooms were added, each with a 7'3" ceiling. The dining room windows were replaced by a group of 3 sash windows in the 1920's. In addition, these rooms were treated with narrow guage wainscotting in the late nineteenth century. In the 1940's 4 more rooms were added, creating an "L" shaped plan. Most of the old windows and floor boards remain. The present porch posts are modern.

## 8. Significance



Specific dates 1867, 1868, 1940's Builder/Architect Builder--Webster VanBuren Britt

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion B

The Old Britt Place is significant in the area of exploration and settlement because it embodies the beginnings of settlement in the vicinity of present-day Glenmora. The home was begun in 1867 by Webster VanBuren Britt, the first man to permanently settle in the area. It is presently owned and lived in by his granddaughter, Frances Britt Irvine.

The Old Britt Place is by far the oldest structure in the vicinity and is an important local tie with the past. Moreover, the house still conveys a sense of pioneer beginnings with its log walls, small rooms and low ceilings.

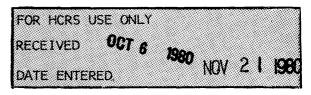
# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Webster VanBuren Britt's Application For Homesteading, Entitled "Homestead Proof," copy located in Old Britt Place National Register File, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

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| 10.                      | <b>Geographical Data</b>  | a ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  |
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|                          | g to the criteria and procedures set forth a  | by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.  |
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