

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



1982

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hodges House

and/or common same

2. Location W of Cotton Valley off LA 7 and 160

street & number near intersection of LA Highways 7 and 160 N/A not for publication

city, town Cotton Valley *vic.* vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state LA code 22 county Webster Parish code 119

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Michael Anthony and Gail Boyd Lamendola

street & number P. O. Box 48

city, town Cotton Valley N/A vicinity of state LA 71018

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Webster Parish Courthouse

street & number 410 Main Street, P. O. Box 370

city, town Minden state LA 71058

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 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 moveddate N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hodges House (c.1872) is a frame single story Greek Revival plantation house located in a semirural setting a quarter of a mile west of the village of Cotton Valley in northern Webster Parish. Despite numerous changes, the house retains its identity as a provincial Greek Revival structure, which is the basis for its significance.

The Hodges House is raised approximately two feet above grade on brick piers. It has a central hall plan, two rooms deep with a rear kitchen/dining room wing. There is also a finished garret which is reached by means of a staircase in the central hall.

The house is provincial Greek Revival in style. This can be seen in the following features:

- (1) the five bay facade
- (2) the transomed side lighted front door.
- (3) the Doric post front gallery with its full entablature

Other noteworthy original features include:

- (1) the four panel doors
- (2) the six inch wide floorboards
- (3) the cove molding cornice around the central hall
- (4) the flush board wall behind the front gallery.

Assessment of Integrity:

Since construction, the following changes have been made:

- (1) The front gallery shutters appear to have been installed at about the turn-of-the-century.
- (2) The rear gallery was enclosed in the twentieth century, and a window was added to the rear wing.
- (3) The front gallery floor has been surrounded by low brick walls. When this was done, the present front gallery partial balustrade was added.
- (4) The present cypress mantels (2) were added c.1960.
- (5) One of the chimneys is a c.1960 addition. The other is the original, but as rebuilt c.1960.
- (6) Most of the present 9 over 9 window sashes are c.1960 in kind replacements of the originals.

The Hodges House is architecturally significant because of the described features which establish its identity as a provincial Greek Revival structure, and because of the gallery, which establishes it as a locally superior example. These features, of course, remain intact.

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
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<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.1872 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Floyd Crawford Hodges

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Hodges House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is the finest of the few remaining Greek Revival structures in Webster Parish.

The Louisiana Comprehensive Standing Structures Survey has inventoried a total of sixty-four 50+ year old structures in the rural parts of Webster Parish.* Although the survey is not complete, it gives a good indication of the importance of the Hodges House. The vast majority of Webster Parish's older structures date from the late-nineteenth century or later. Indications are strong that the parish contains only five structures which can be legitimately described as Greek Revival. Of these, the Hodges House is undoubtedly the finest. It is the only one which has a properly proportioned gallery with a full entablature. The other examples have much cruder exterior features.

*This does not include the parish seat of Minden.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Comprehensive Standing Structures Survey, Webster Parish.

Conveyance Records, Bossier and Webster Parishes.

Research Report Prepared by Applicants. Copy in Hodges House National Register File,
Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .15 acre

Quadrangle name Cotton Valley, La.

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to map.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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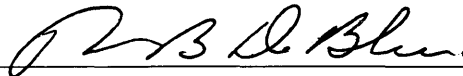
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



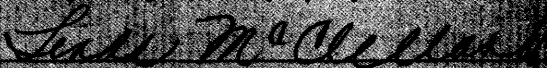
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date November 23, 1982


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



date 1-12-83

Keeper of the National Register



date 1/20/83

Chief of Registration

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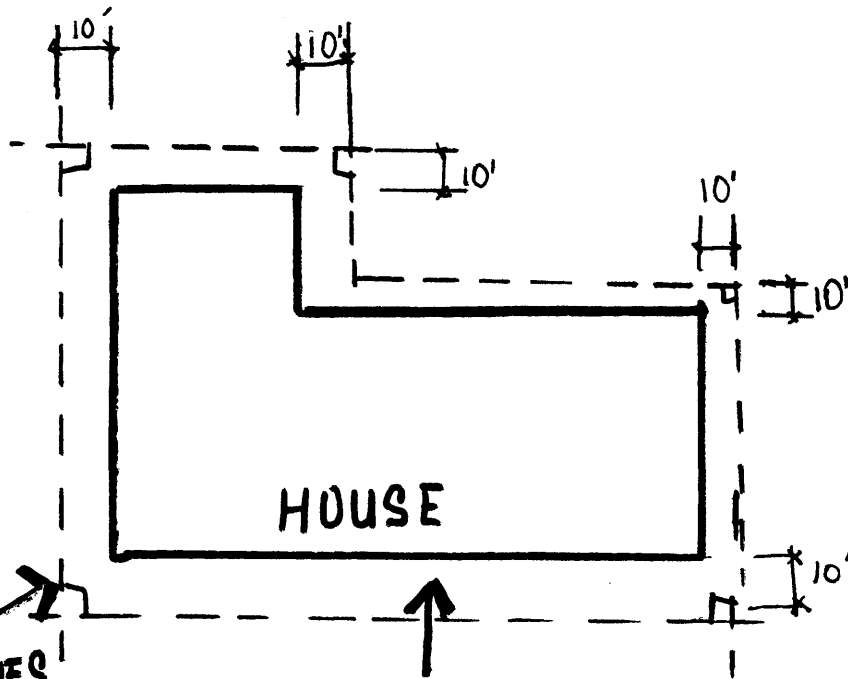


PHOTO # 1
SITE BOUNDARIES
ARE PARALLEL TO THE
BLDG. FACADES

PHOTO # 2

(NOT TO SCALE)

HODGES HOUSE
COTTON VALLEY, LA.