

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Avondale Plantation Home

and/or common same

2. Location *E of Clinton off LA 10*

street & number @ 2 miles east of Clinton & @ 1 mile south of LA 10 *N/A* not for publication
(reached via a dirt road)

city, town Clinton *vic.* vicinity of congressional district 6th-Henson Moore

state LA code 22 county East Feliciana Parish code 037

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 Bob and Wesley Ann Jordan

street & number Route 2, Box 117

city, town Clinton vicinity of state LA 70722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Feliciana Parish Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square (bounded by St. Helena, Liberty, Bank, & Woodville) P.O. Box 427

city, town Clinton state LA 70722

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>1980</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Avondale Plantation Home (early to mid-nineteenth century) is a story and a half, frame, Greek Revival, raised residence which is presently located in an open, hilltop setting near the town of Clinton. Despite a recent move and numerous alterations, the house retains enough integrity to merit listing on the National Register.

In 1980 Avondale was moved 1 3/4 miles ("as the crow flies") from its original location. The move was undertaken in order to save the house. The old Avondale Plantation had long since become Camp Avondale, a Boy Scout summer camp. The Boy Scouts were concerned about the old house, but had no money with which to restore it and no practical use for it even if it could be restored. Prior to the move the house was badly deteriorated and was a potential prey for vandals. It would probably not have stood another ten years on its original site. Fortunately the present owners reached an agreement with the Boy Scouts to purchase the house, move it, and restore it.

Avondale is an early to mid-nineteenth century structure with a central hall with one large room on each side, a pair of end wall exterior chimneys, and a finished attic. It originally had two unusually wide aedicule motif mantels.

Since construction the house has undergone numerous changes. Surviving Greek Revival features include: (1) the five bay facade with its central front door which has a transom and side lights; (2) the large two panel doors; (3) the front gallery posts with their molded capitals; (4) a single mantel; and (5) the basic form and plan of the original house.

In its former location the house acquired two side wings beginning in the late nineteenth century. These were completely replaced after the move. Also, in the early twentieth century the front facade acquired three large dormers and the original flushboard front was replaced with clapboard. These features remain intact.

Assessment of Integrity:

- (1) The Move: The distance involved (1 3/4 miles) is so short that the local context for the property's significance (the Clinton area) has not been violated.
- (2) The Changes: Although the house has undergone numerous changes and has lost some of its original architectural fabric, it retains enough significant features to establish its identity as a Greek Revival raised plantation house. These features include: (a) the basic form of the house with its galleried front and pitched roof; (b) the five bay facade; (c) the central doorway with its transom and side lights; (d) the six pillar front gallery with its full entablature; and (e) the central hall plan. These features easily establish Avondale as a particular house type. This type is sufficiently rare in the Clinton area that the losses of fabric and the changes have not significantly diminished Avondale's value as an example.

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 type="checkbox"/> 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 early to mid-19th century **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Avondale Plantation Home is locally significant in the area of architecture because, despite the changes, the form and essential characteristics of a Greek Revival raised plantation house are still recognizable. Houses of this type are all but gone from the eastern part of East Feliciana Parish. Although Clinton is close by, it does not have any significant cultural resources of the type represented by Avondale.

Clinton and the surrounding eastern half of East Feliciana Parish is an area which is known primarily for its grand two-story Greek Revival plantation houses with their colossal order columns and pedimented porticoes. The humbler, single story raised plantation houses represented by Avondale were at one time more predominant in the area. However, the type has all but disappeared, leaving Avondale as the sole surviving example.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chain of Title, Researched by Mamie Austin Rouzan, East Feliciana Parish Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @1/3 acre

Quadrangle name Felixville, LA

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

UMT References

A

1	5	6	9	12	3	6	10	3	4	1	5	9	17	15
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B

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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
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bob and Wesley Ann Jordan

organization N/A

date June 1981

street & number Route 2, Box 117

telephone 504-387-4330

city or town Clinton

state LA 70722

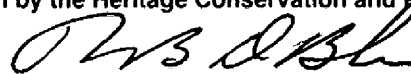
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

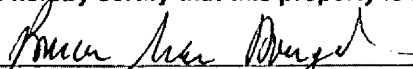

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 29, 1982

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



date 12/17/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrus

date 12/7/82

Chief of Registration

AVONDALE PLANTATION HOUSE
CLINTON, LOUISIANA.

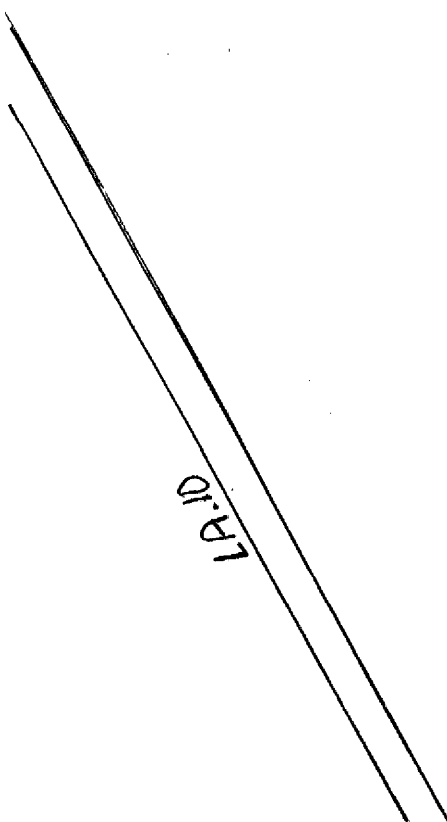
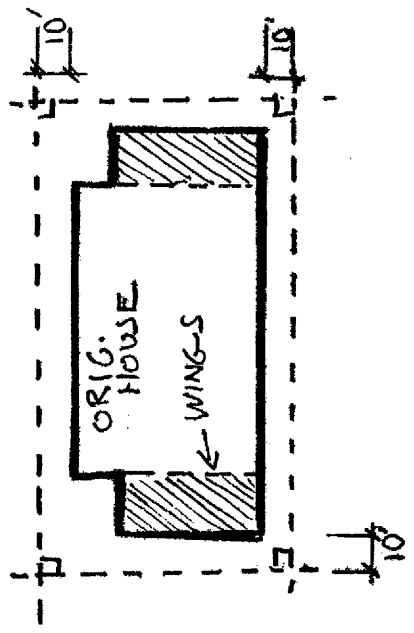


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PHOTO #2

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PHOTO #4



APPROX. 1"=50'

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