

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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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 Morgan Walker House

~~not~~ or common Evergreen Plantation

2. Location

street & number 2400 Horseshoe Drive N/A not for publication

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 ~~county~~ parish Rapides code 079

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Mansour, Jr.

street & number 2400 Horseshoe Drive

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of state LA 71301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number 701 Murray Street P. O. Box 952

city, town Alexandria state LA 71301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1986  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

## 7. Description

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

### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Morgan Walker House (1932) is a two-and-a-half story frame Colonial Revival house located in a park-like setting on the outskirts of Alexandria. Despite some alteration, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The Walker House consists of a main block, two flanking side porches, and a rear "L" wing. The plan is anchored by a wide central hall which culminates in a graceful staircase leading to the second and third stories. The hall is flanked by a living room and a dining room. The rear "L" wing contains a library and the kitchen and butler's pantry. One of the side columnar porches is a solarium; the other is screened.

Although the style of the house is nominally "Colonial," its features are derived from over a century of Anglo-American architecture. Its design reflects a period of scholarship and taste in which all styles from seventeenth century Wren-Baroque to the Greek Revival were collectively termed "Colonial" and freely mixed. For example, the colossal semicircular Tuscan entrance portico is derived from the late eighteenth century Neo-Classical style, while the swan-neck pedimented front doorway is derived from the English Baroque. The twin Palladian windows are derived from the English Palladian Revival of the early eighteenth century, as are the balustrades atop the porches and portico.

The interior features Adams mantels, elliptical arched doorways, scalloped niche-style cabinets, and arched niches with pronounced keystones. The staircase has a delicate iron balustrade. Other interior appointments include six panel doors, chair rails, and cove cornices.

### Assessment of Integrity:

The only noteworthy change in the house since construction has been the installation of vinyl siding. This was done by a previous owner about ten years ago. Although the substitute siding matched the original clapboarding, installing it required removing various window moldings. The only place where this had a significant visual impact was the facade. Fortunately, the present owner has removed the substitute siding from the facade and has replaced the missing moldings in-kind. (This work was done in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.)

To the rear of the house is a contemporaneous garage. It is listed as a contributing element because it illustrates the type of support structures a pretentious house of this period would have had.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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**      1932                      **Builder/Architect**      Builder: Morgan Walker

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**      Criterion C

The Walker House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a very superior example of a Colonial Revival residence within the context of the City of Alexandria.

The recently completed comprehensive historic structures survey has identified 3,182 50+ year old buildings in the City of Alexandria, most of which date from the early twentieth century. The Colonial Revival is well represented among this group, at least numerically. But the overwhelming majority of the examples are fairly plain galleried cottages or boxy pyramidal roof houses. There are few two story examples. There are twenty-one Colonial Revival houses in the city that feature colossal columns, and of these, the Walker House is one of only eight with a separately articulated portico. Of these, it is the only one with a curving (White House style) portico. In addition, the Walker House facade features two Palladian windows, which is very unusual among Alexandria's stock of Colonial Revival houses. Virtually all other examples in the city have simple square head windows.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Rapides Parish Historic Structures Survey, LA State Historic Preservation Office.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 6 acres

Quadrangle name Alexandria, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	5	5	5	10	2	6	10	3	14	5	18	0	16	10
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B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see enclosed property plat map. Boundaries follow property lines.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNERS  
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date November 1986

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city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

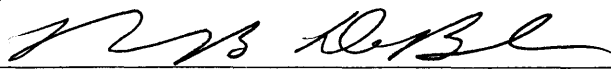
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

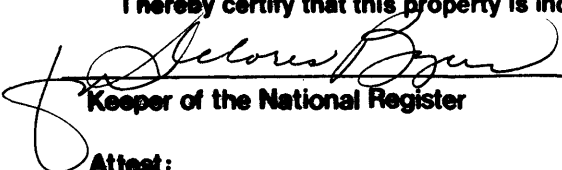
  
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date December 15, 1986

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

  
Keeper of the National Register

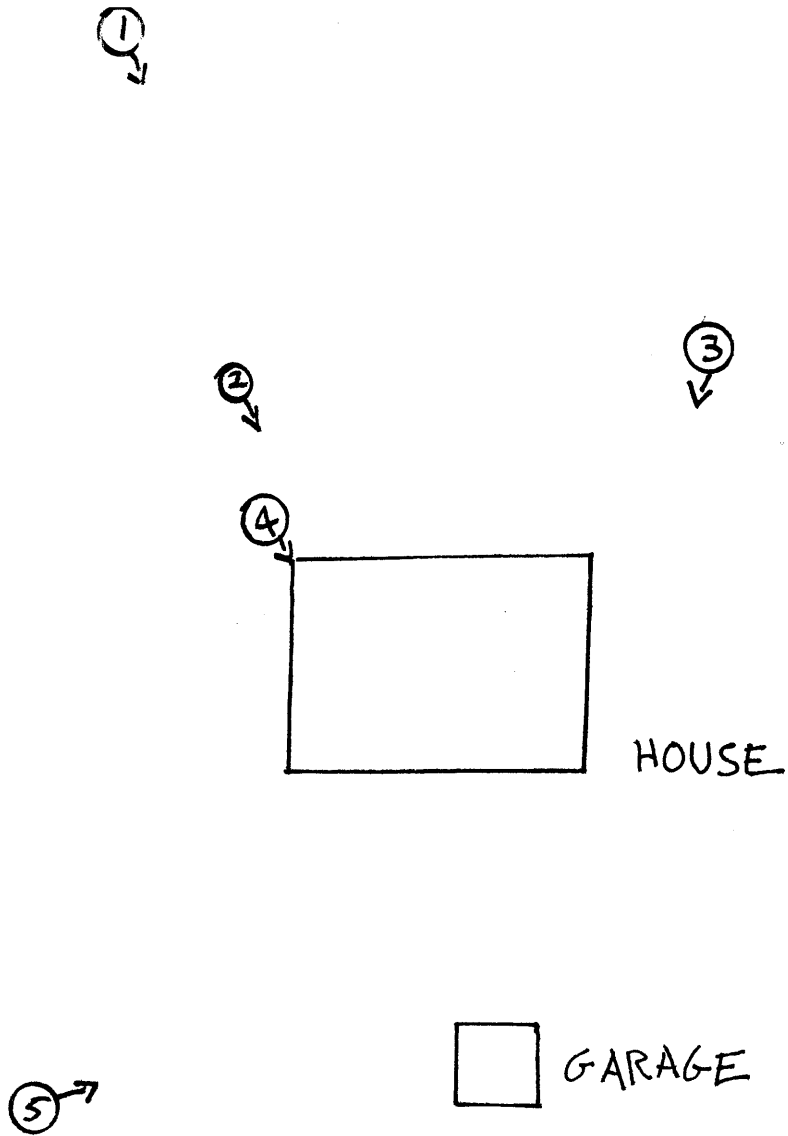
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National Register

date 1-22-87

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



MORGAN WALKER HOUSE  
RAPIDES PARISH, LA.  
PHOTO DIRECTION MAP  
(NOT TO SCALE)

SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY  
PLAT MAP FOR BOUNDARIES

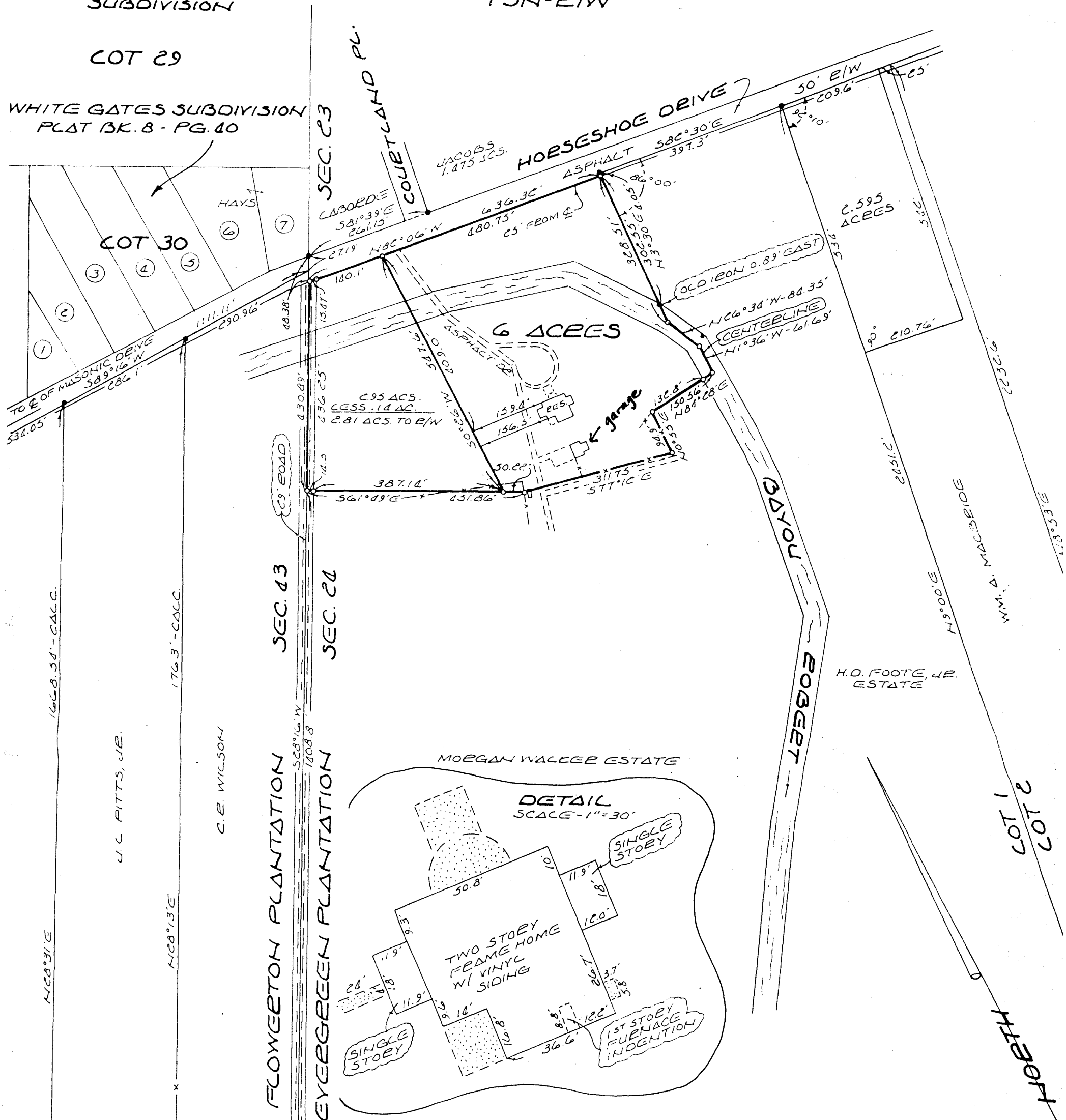


COOK-ALEXANDER  
SUBDIVISION

T3N-E1W

COT 29

WHITE GATES SUBDIVISION  
PLAT BK. 8 - PG. 10



PART OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24,  
T3N-E1W AND PART OF THE  
BED OF BAYOU ROBERT, NEAR  
ALEXANDRIA, RAPIDES PARISH,  
LOUISIANA.

**MORGAN WALKER  
HOUSE**  
Rapides Parish, LA

FOR... M.W. WALKER ESTATE  
REQ... BILL STEPHENS  
DATE... 12/15/83  
SCALE... 1" = 200'  
O... SET 120N  
F... FND. 120N  
- - - - - FENCE

- REFERENCES...
- G.C.O. PLAT DATED APRIL 13, 1839.
  - PLATS BY H.J. DAIGRE DATED 1/7/35 & 9/5/36.
  - PLAT BY LEON LAFARGE DATED 2/12/48.
  - PLATS BY DANIEL D. SANDEFUR DATED 6/27/69, 2/17/72, AND 1/16/73.
  - PLAT BY HOWARD L'HEUREUX DATED 2/1/50.
  - PLAT BY BARRETT GREMILLION DATED 5/13/75.

NOTES... SUBJECT TO ALL RECORDED RIGHT OF WAYS AND EASEMENTS.  
... NO SEARCH WAS MADE FOR UNDERGROUND LINES.



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