

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Name of Property

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County and State

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Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 73000868

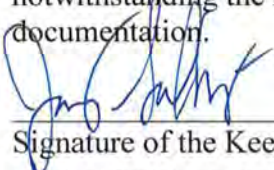
Date Listed: 3/26/1973

Property Name: Darby Plantation

Parish: New Iberia

State: LA

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
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Signature of the Keeper

1.31.2019  
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Date of Action

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The Darby Plantation has lost the characteristics that made it eligible for the National Register.

The plantation house was demolished sometime around 1980.

The property is hereby removed from the National Register.

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The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

### DISTRIBUTION:

**National Register property file**

**Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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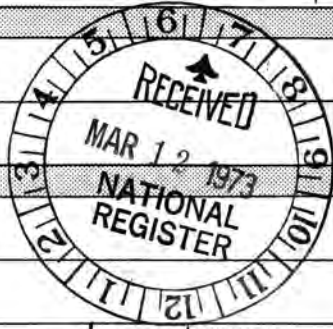
STATE:  
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COUNTY:  
Iberia

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1. NAME

COMMON:  
Darby Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
New Iberia on Darby Lane

CITY OR TOWN:  
New Iberia

STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22 COUNTY: Iberia CODE: 045

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Bob F. Wright, Perry J. Segura & James, Domengeaux

STREET AND NUMBER:  
320 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lafayette STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Iberia Parish Court House, Clerk of Court's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Iberia Street

CITY OR TOWN: New Iberia STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Darby is a two-story house with open galleries on two sides. The plan of both levels is typical in that a central hall transects the building from front to rear with two generously dimensioned rooms flanking either side of the hall. The house, inhabited until the late 1960s, has recently been adjudged to be in a structurally sound condition.

The lower floor of Darby (basement level), constructed at ground level, is of solid native brick, originally plastered on both inner and outer faces. Interior partitions of this level are similarly constructed. The original flooring here was of black and white marble tile, but, today, bare ground serves as the only floor.

The upper floor reflects the early Louisiana French style of building referred to as briqueté entre poteaux. This means of construction incorporates heavy cypress structural members, to effect stability, with full brick or broken brick filling the spaces between the "posts." This combination of brick and wood is layered over with plaster on inner surfaces and cypress siding on the exterior upper surface.

The roof is gabled and extends over the front gallery. A modified hip roof on the east gable projects over the side gallery. Of the three original galleries only two remain. The front gallery is in a state of dilapidation. The side gallery is in fair condition, and the rear gallery has been removed. The roof of the upper front and side galleries is apparently supported by a colonnade composed of masonry columns on the ground floor and wooden ones on the upper level of a turned, classical design. There is no evidence of the original rear gallery design, but it is believed to have approximated that of the front gallery.

Other notable features include a substantial flight of wooden steps which climb along the front face of the house to connect the upper gallery. There are also three underground cisterns, built in the shape of a jar, projecting approximately four feet above grade.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |  |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Darby, one of the oldest structures in Iberia Parish, is located on Darby Lane approximately one-tenth mile outside the New Iberia city limits. The home is an excellent example of rural Louisiana colonial architecture, particularly that found in the Teche region of the state. Because of this rural character the house possesses less elaborate detailing, but remains a fine compliment to its setting amid giant live oaks and sugar-cane fields.

The immigrant ancestor, Jonathan Darby, an Englishman, sailed from France to Pensacola in 1719. In 1737, he married Demoiselle Marie Corbin Bachemin, a native of France. His grandson, Francois St. Marc Darby, inherited the Darby plantation from his father Jean-Baptiste St. Marc Darby. Darby House was built between 1813 and 1820 for François and his wife, Félicité de St.-Amant, and remained in the possession of their pioneer family for more than 150 years.

The Attakapas Historical Association is in the process of acquiring the property in the hope of fostering a renovation program. Immediate steps have already been initiated to prevent further deterioration to the building.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS





**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Kane, Harnett T. Bayous of Louisiana. New York, William Morrow & Co., 1943. pp.224, 266-270.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Hazel S. Duchamp, President

ORGANIZATION: Attakapas Historical Association DATE: 03 01 73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 105 S. New Market Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Martinville STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

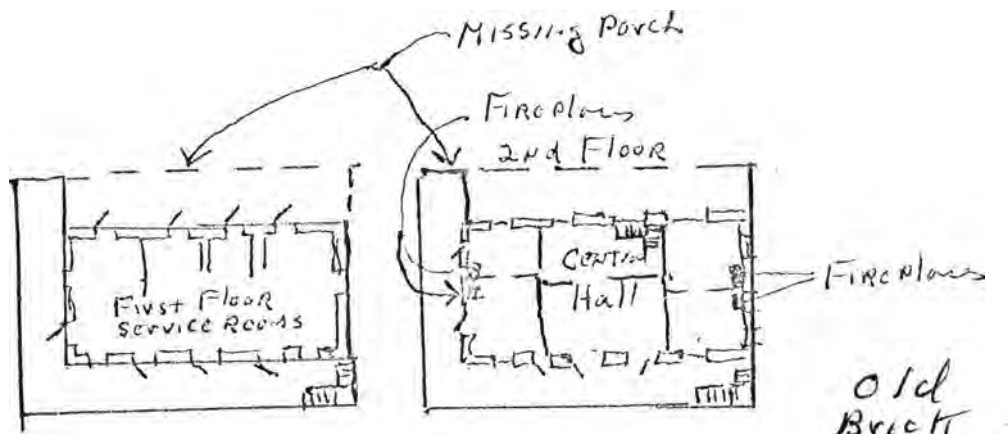
Name: Jay B. Bond  
 Director, Department of Art,  
 Title: Historical and Cultural Preservation  
 Date: March 9, 1973

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

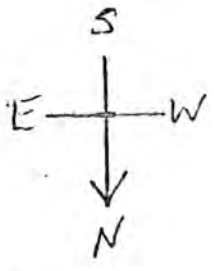
Robert W. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/26/73

ATTEST:  
Marion Forey  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 3/21/73



Old  
Brick  
Cisterns  
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Sketch Plan of  
Darby Plantation House,  
New Iberia, Louisiana

C.W. Snell - 5/13/68



# New Iberia, Louisiana



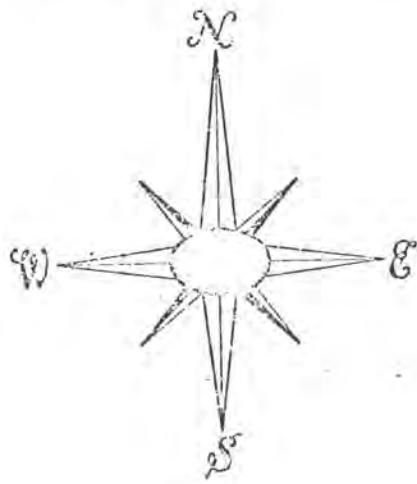
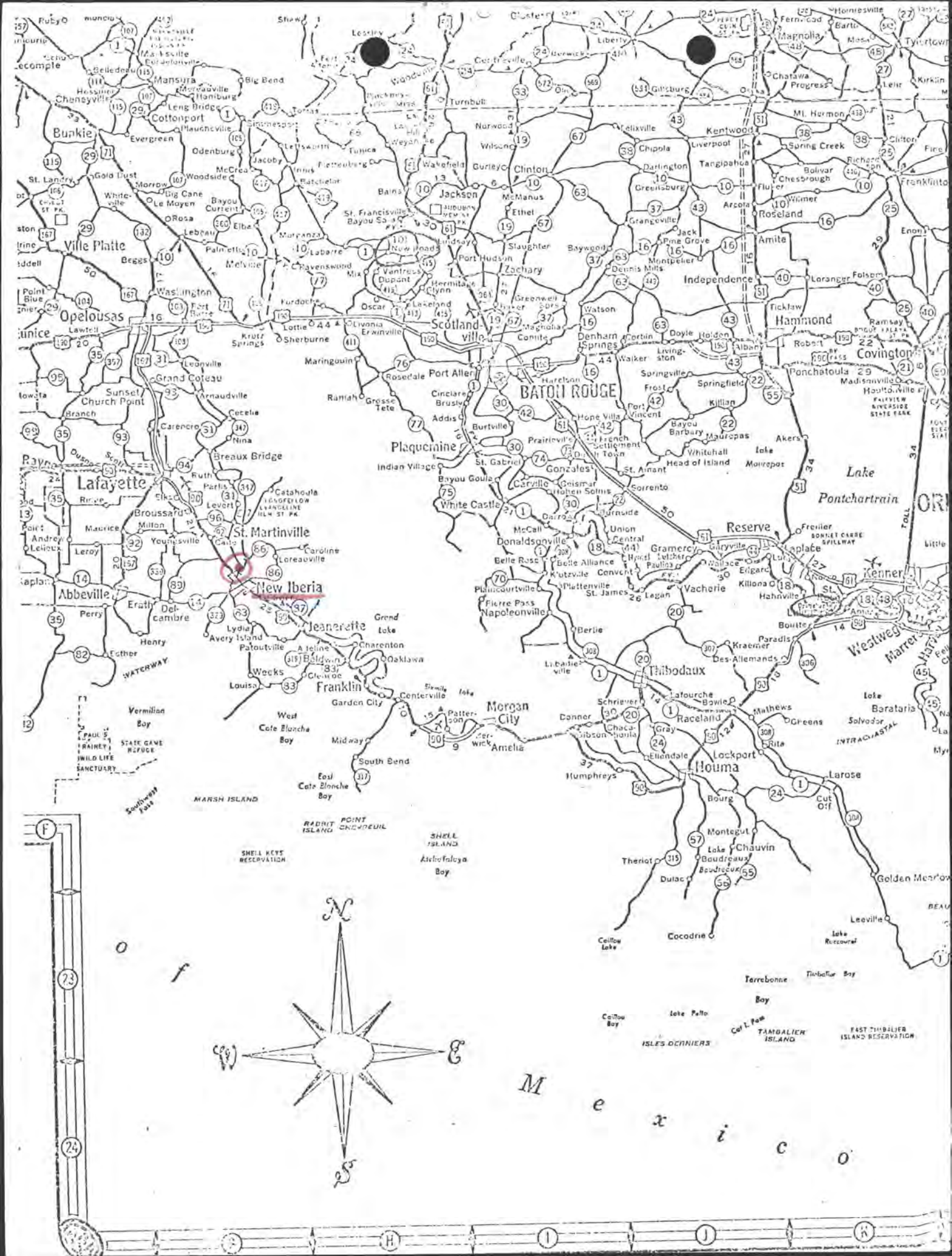
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Points of Interest

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Darby Plantation House, c. 1800

On La 31 near New Iberia, Louisiana

March 20, 1968

Charles W. Snell

Western Reg. Neg. 4697



Darby Plantation House, c. 1800

on La 31 near New Iberia, Louisiana

March 20, 1968

Charles W. Snell

Western Reg. Neg. 4698





Darby Plantation House, c. 1800

on La. 31 near New Iberia, Louisiana

March 20, 1968

Charles W. Snell

Western Reg. Neg. 4700





Darby Plantation House, c. 1800 (Rear)

On La. 31 near New Iberia, Louisiana

March 20, 1968

Charles W. Snell

Western Reg. Neg. 4699

### Other Sites Considered

#### Darby Plantation House, Louisiana

Location: 1.8 miles north of New Iberia via State 31  
and Darby Lane, Iberia Parish.

Ownership: Private.

#### History and Condition

Built about 1800-1810 and once a fine example of a French Colonial house of the "raised cottage" type, the Darby Plantation House is now in a complete state of delapidation and about ready to collapse.

Constructed by Francois St. Marr Darby sometime between 1800 and 1810, the Darby House is a large hipped roof two-story structure of the raised cottage type, with two-story veranda or galerie across the front, around one end and part of the back. The rear galerie has fallen and the remainder remains in place largely out of habit. A set of rickety stairs at the northwest front corner lead from the ground level to the second floor veranda. The first story is of brick and the second of wood. A line of round, moderately sized columns, of stucco-covered brick, support the first floor of the galerie, while above a row of round wooden columns with capitals support the roof. The existing roof is metal.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Louisiana	
COUNTY Iberia	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 26 1973

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Darby Plantation			
AND/OR HISTORIC: same			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Darby Lane			
CITY OR TOWN: New Iberia			
STATE: Louisiana	CODE 22	COUNTY: Iberia	CODE 045
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Ruth Lefkovits			
DATE OF PHOTO: February, 1973			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Iberia Parish Library, Main St., New Iberia, La. 70560			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Northeast, side view			





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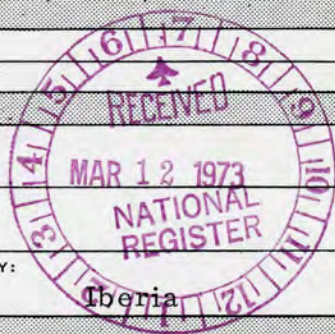
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North, Front view







Derby Plantation House, New Iberia, Louisiana



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4698      Darby Plantation House, c. 1800,  
New Iberia, Louisiana.

N.P.S. Photo, 1968



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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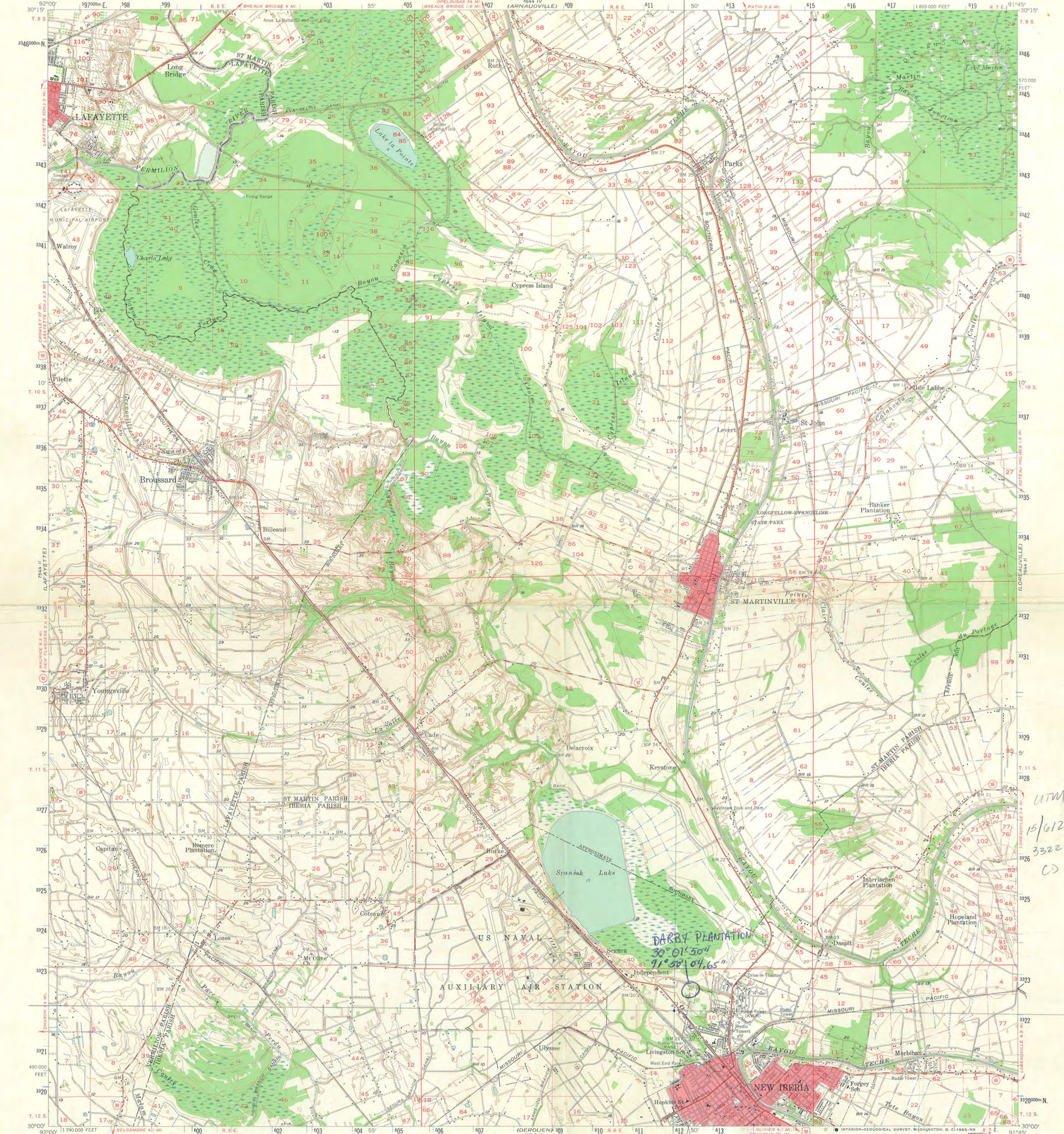
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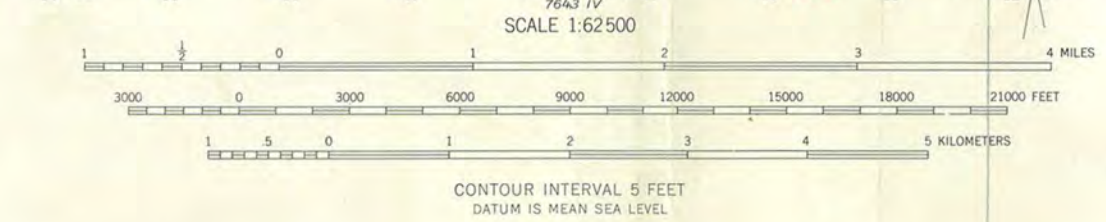
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- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
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 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
 U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

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**NATIONAL SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS**

1. STATE Louisiana	2. THEME(S). IF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE, WRITE "ARCH" BEFORE THEME NO. Theme XX - Colonial Architecture, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. NAME(S) OF SITE Darby Plantation	4. APPROX. ACREAGE 10 acres
5. EXACT LOCATION (County, township, roads, etc. If difficult to find, sketch on Supplementary Sheet) 1.8 miles north of New Iberia via State 31 and Darby Lane, Iberia Parish.	
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT OWNER (Also administrator if different from owner) Private.	
7. IMPORTANCE AND DESCRIPTION (Describe briefly what makes site important and what remains are extant)	

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8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Give best sources: give location of manuscripts and rare works)

See page 2.

9. REPORTS AND STUDIES (Mention best reports and studies, as, NPS study, IIABS, etc.)

Historic American Building Survey:

10. PHOTOGRAPHS* 4697-4700 ATTACHED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	11. CONDITION Very poor	12. PRESENT USE (Museum, farm, etc.) farm house	13. DATE OF VISIT March 20, 1968
14. NAME OF RECORDER (Signature) <i>Charles W. Snell</i> Charles W. Snell	15. TITLE Historian	16. DATE May 14, 1968	

\* DRY MOUNT ON AN 8 X 10 1/4 SHEET OF FAIRLY HEAVY PAPER. IDENTIFY BY VIEW AND NAME OF THE SITE, DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH, AND NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER. GIVE LOCATION OF NEGATIVE. IF ATTACHED, ENCLOSE IN PROPER NEGATIVE ENVELOPES.

(IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED USE SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET, 10-317a, AND REFER TO ITEM NUMBER)



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SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

This sheet is to be used for giving additional information or comments, for more space for any item on the regular form, and for recording pertinent data from future studies, visitations, etc. Be brief, but use as many Supplement Sheets as necessary. When items are continued they should be listed, if possible, in numerical order of the items. All information given should be headed by the item number, its name, and the word (cont'd), as, 6. Description and Importance (cont'd) . . .

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STATE Louisiana	NAME(S) OF SITE Darby Plantation
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8. References:

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Mississippi Valley Country (New York, 1941), ; Louisiana, A Guide to  
the State (American Guide Series) (New York, 1947), 626 ; William P.  
Spratling and Natalie Scott, Old Plantation Houses in Louisiana (New York,  
1927), 111-117; James G. VanDerpool, "Historical Development of Architecture  
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PROPERTY

*Darby Plantation*

STATE

*LA.*

~~*Iberia*~~

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*3.12.73.2542*

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TECH REVIEW

Photos 4

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CONTROL REVIEW

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*3-13-73*

HISTORIAN

*Accept - AML*  
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*Accept*  
*3-20-73*  
*OK*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN *How do they dare call this "Fair" condition? In medicine this would be "critical"!! If they want to restore, good.*

*Accept*  
*KH*  
*3/19/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

*OK*  
*3/21/73*

KEEPER

*OK*  
*3/21/73*

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register entry *5-1-73*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Ref. # 73000868

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Darby Plantation  
New Iberia Vicinity  
Iberia Parish  
LOUISIANA

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:  ACCEPT 03-26-73

RETURN \_\_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



STATE OF LOUISIANA

*Department of Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation*

OLD STATE CAPITOL, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70801  
(504) 389-5086

EDWIN EDWARDS  
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DIRECTOR

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

March 9, 1973



Mr. Jerry Rogers  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of Interior  
18th and C Streets N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are the Inventory-Nomination forms for the following sites:

Darby Plantation, Iberia Parish  
Destrehan Plantation, St. Charles Parish  
St. Alphonsus Church (Roman Catholic), Orleans Parish  
Old Arsenal Museum, East Baton Rouge Parish  
The St. Charles Line Streetcar, Orleans Parish  
Rip Van Winkle House and Gardens, Iberia Parish  
Cherokee Plantation, Natchitoches Parish

You will note that Darby Plantation and Destrehan Plantation will be requesting funds during the coming fiscal year.

With regard to the St. Charles Line Streetcar nomination, the State Review Committee had the following comments:

"The quality of streets in the St. Charles area depends on the street size, parking, the neutral ground, etc. It is this quality that should be preserved rather than just the Streetcar Line."

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth S. LeCompte  
Administrator, Department of Art, Historical  
and Cultural Preservation, H&CP Section

RL/bc

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE    **LOUISIANA**

Date Entered    **MAR 26 1973**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Darby Plantation</b>	<b>New Iberia Iberia Parish</b>
<b>Propinquity</b>	<b>St. Francisville West Feliciana Parish</b>

Also Notified

Hon. J. Bennett Johnston  
Hon. Russell B. Long  
Hon. David Treen  
Hon. Otto E. Passman  
Director, Southeast Region

Mr. Jay R. Broussard, Chairman  
Louisiana Historical Preservation and  
Cultural Commission  
Old State Capitol, North Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801  
NRowland:Imp 3-27-73

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# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Correspondence related to proposed move



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 19, 2018

SR Golf LLC  
PO Box 10064  
New Iberia, LA 70562-0064

RE: Delisting of Darby Plantation, Iberia Parish, LA

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria. In many cases, buildings were destroyed many years ago and the official delisting paperwork was not completed. We have made this task a priority for 2018. Per information from the Ascension Parish Tax Assessor, you are the current owner of the land where the listed resource once stood. As part of this process, we are required to notify the current owner of this action.

Darby Plantation was listed on the National Register on 3/26/1973. According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Per a 1979 newspaper article, the building was destroyed by fire and is no longer standing. Because the building, and its qualities that caused it to have been listed, are destroyed, this property will be proposed for removal from the National Register. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] require that the property's owner be given an opportunity to comment and the chief elected official notified of the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **November 26, 2018** to the following address:

Kristin Sanders  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation  
PO Box 44247  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov), or by phone at 225-219-4595.

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October 19, 2018

The Honorable Freddie Decourt  
457 E. Main St, Ste 300  
New Iberia, LA 70560-3700

RE: Delisting of Darby Plantation, Iberia Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Decourt:

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October 19, 2018

Larry Richard, Parish-President  
Iberia Parish Government  
300 Iberia St, Ste 410  
New Iberia, LA 70560-4543

RE: Delisting of Darby Plantation, Iberia Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Richard:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristin P. Sanders".

Kristin P. Sanders  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Because house burned

# Darby House land reverts to owners

By VICKI FERSTEL

Members of the Attakapas Historical Association board of directors voted unanimously to return the five acres of Darby House land to owners Perry Segura, James Domengeaux and Robert Wright.

The early 19th century house, the last remaining one of its kind according to local architect John Albert Landry, burned to the ground on Feb. 6, the morning after funds were approved for its restoration.

THERE HAS BEEN no word yet from the state Office of Fire Prevention on whether the fire was set by an arsonist.

When asked about the status of the Darby House, the federal money appropriated for its restoration and the land which was donated under the stipulation that the restoration be completed in 10 years, historical association President Tom Arceneaux said, "I have no statement to make. I don't have to give an ac-

count to you of anything."

The association is a private, non-profit organization.

However, Ruth Lefkovits, chairman of the Attakapas Historical Association's Darby House restoration committee, today said the association still does not know what it will do with the \$50,000 in federal and state funds.

The Department of Interior had given the money to the state Department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, which in turn was to pay the bills for the project as it went along, according to Miss Lefkovits.

Dennis Gibson, association secretary-treasurer, will be meeting with department officials soon to discuss the situation, Miss Lefkovits said.

ALSO TO BE hashed out are the expenses incurred by the association on the building, such as installation of the fence and a light, and cutting the grass on the property.

Miss Lefkovits said the association board also voted to conduct further archeological work at the site. She mentioned that Bill Spencer and Jean Perry of Southern Archeological Researchers of Baton Rouge had done some work at the house in September, especially in locating the kitchen and another gallery.

She says the archeologists are interested in looking at the underground cisterns of the house, which was built in 1813.

The data and finds from the work will be turned over to a museum, Miss Lefkovits says.

The house, appraised at \$160,000, was not covered by insurance.

Miss Lefkovitz explained that the company which had been insuring the house for both liability and fire had a few months ago decided to cancel the insurance because it was such a long time since anyone lived in the home.



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December 11, 2018



James Gabbert  
National Register of Historic Places  
1849 C St, NW  
Mail Stop 7228  
Washington, D.C., 20240

RE: Delisting of Darby Plantation, Iberia Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to delist the above property from the National Register of Historic Places. Originally listed on the Register on 3/26/1973. A 1979 newspaper article confirms that the building was destroyed by fire and is no longer standing. Per 36 CFR 60, Sec. 60.15 (a)(1), we are requesting that the above property be officially delisted based on the fact that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been destroyed. We have included a newspaper article and to support this claim. We have also included an email with comments from our state archaeologist about whether the property has archaeological significance.

We have notified the property owner and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. No responses were received.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact our National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson via email at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov) or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

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They are:

*delist*

- Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge: my initial hunch is this site is likely far too disturbed to remain eligible under D; it's the site of a new neighborhood at 14444 Perkins Rd in Baton Rouge. It was where Ruelle De Grace Dr is. I think this one is pretty straight forward. From what I can tell, it was subdivided in 2003. There are no existing site forms associated with this site.

If there has been no investigation of the property, there is no way to assess eligibility. It can certainly be delisted for the structure, but nothing can be said whether an archaeological component exists or not. And even if a site form exists, the level of investigation often does not provide sufficient data for our office to make a recommendation of eligibility. IN those instances, we consider the archaeological component "undetermined" and requiring further work before a determination of eligible or ineligible can be made.

- Acadia Plantation, Lafourche: Building was torn down in 2014. Site has had one new house built to the southeast of the original house, but a large piece of the land is still open as it was historically. I imagine there was some site disturbance but not sure how much is too much, etc. I didn't see anywhere on the site form that said it is eligible under D or not (the NRHP eligibility database just says listed b/c the house technically still is)

Based on what is stated in the NRHP form, I would consider the archaeological site(s) to be eligible under D; they found sufficient intact deposits in several places back then; whether they still exist today is unknown, but based on available data, we would assume parts of the site are eligible.

*delist house, look at keeping listed under D  
- figure out research questions*

- Land's End Plantation, DeSoto: No site for associated with this site; house burned in 1989. There were ruins still there at least in 2006. I have one name I can try to contact to see if the site has been disturbed.

Like for Gracelane, no archaeological investigation so no assessment is possible.

*delist*

- St. Maurice Plantation, Winn: No site forms associated with this site; house burned down in 1981 and chimneys and a foundation remained; it now appears that all of that is gone as well based on the current property description of "marked by a rock." It's a heavily wooded area.

*delist*

See Gracelane and Land's End

- Tezcuco Plantation, Ascension: site form 16AN30 – says the site is disturbed and that there is no research potential. House burned in 2002 and foundation and chimneys remain as well as oak allee. 16AN31 also covers the area where the house was and site form says Monroe Plantation. 16AN31 says unknown research potential and notes disturbance. This would make me think it can't say listed under D.

*delist*

The specific data for Tezcuco is that it is currently undetermined for its archaeological eligibility. The one recent site form only addresses the location of a cell tower which is only a small part of the site. There hasn't been any good systematic survey and testing of the house grounds to assess eligibility.

*delist*

- Darby Plantation, Iberia: 16IB120 – said it was highly vandalized at the time in 1976 (house burned in 1979 just before a rehab project started), form says that the site was potentially significant at the time, but didn't have a recommendation. It is now a golf course with houses and such so I'd err towards too disturbed to be archaeologically significant for NR.

Like the others, we don't have enough archaeological data to assess its eligibility.

Based on what I know about the NR and Criterion D, there needs to have been some sort of actual excavation done at the site or even shovel tests that have revealed any sort of importance, which is documented through site forms. So for those above that have been disturbed or do not have any site work associated with them, they would not be individually eligible under D. Would you concur on that? If at a later date, site work was done and artifacts found, they could potentially be relisted at a later date.

You are correct that there has to be some level of survey and then test excavations (in most cases) for a determination of eligibility to be made. In those cases where we lack those investigations, our office does not make an eligibility assessment other than to say "undetermined" (i.e., needing work to make an assessment). For these properties, they can certainly be delisted if the original nomination was based principally on the structure; it appears in most cases that the archaeology was not considered a contributing element to the nomination. The one exception is Acadia, where there has been enough work to recommend the archaeological component of the site eligible.

Thoughts? Advice? Am I on the right track in thinking these are all not eligible under D? I wanted to at least get your input before starting the paperwork.

Thanks!

Jessica

**Jessica G. Richardson, MSHP**

National Register Coordinator

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