

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 N/A  
and or common "A La Bonne Veillee"

2. Location

street & number Grounds of LeBlanc House, a National Register property N/A not for publication  
Route 2, Box 2270  
city, town Abbeville vic.  vicinity of  
state LA code 22 parish Vermilion code 113

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ron Ray and Carolyn Doerle  
street & number Route 2, Box 2270  
city, town Abbeville vic.  vicinity of state LA 70510

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Iberia Parish Courthouse  
street & number Iberia Street (no specific address) P. O. Drawer 1208  
city, town New Iberia state LA 70560

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>November 1983</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Sturdily built of heavy hand-cut cypress timbers, mortised and pegged together, this one and one-half story cottage measures 26 feet by 30 feet, and typifies mid-nineteenth century domestic architecture once so common throughout southwest Louisiana. Its steep gable and wood shingled roof, front gallery, four-room hall-less floor plan centered around an interior double woodburning fireplace, sturdy beaded batten shutters, wide cypress plank floors, exposed beam ceilings, and wavy handmade window glass are all features which denote its Louisiana French style, as well as the charm of this example. Leaning toward more sophisticated Neo-Classical tastes seen in this modest structure would be its rectangular colonnettes with molded capitals as well as its Adam's type pilastered fireplace mantels,

Another refinement surprising to some is the use of wallpapers throughout. Paint coloration is based on original paint layers on the interior and exterior - four colors on the exterior and four additional colors on the interior. Reproduction wallpapers installed in the restoration were chosen to match in style those fragments found in the house.

### ITEM 7 ADDENDUM BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

In 1983 the "A La Bonne Veillee" House was moved from Iberia Parish approximately fifteen miles ("as the crow flies") to its present location on the grounds of the LeBlanc House (N. R.) in Vermilion Parish. The setting has changed from urban to rural, although the original setting was semi-rural before the town of New Iberia grew up. The house retains its National Register eligibility because it has not been moved out of southwestern Louisiana, which is the context of its architectural significance. Because the house retains virtually all of its vital architectural features, it is in a good state of integrity.

Note from SHPO: Minor alterations to the house include the replacement of the foundation piers (necessitated by the move), the replacement of the front and rear steps, and the installation of air conditioning.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 19th century **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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

The "A La Bonne Veillee" is significant for its status as a rare survivor and as a classic example of an early 19th century Louisiana French cottage.

At one time, many such cottages existed in southwest Louisiana, as well as in New Orleans. It typifies size and style of structure built as a principal dwelling for a modest income family or a second home away from home for a more prosperous family--i.e., "a Maison Dimanche." Because of this cottage's original position on the St. Peter's Church square in New Iberia, as well as the social and economic prominence of several of its 19th century owners, one would be encouraged to believe it may have functioned as a "Maison Dimanche." Few structures of this type and age survive. In New Iberia, only three similar structures survive; in St. Martinville, only two survive.

Though originally built as a residence of modest size, today our 20th Century eyes see it as an artistic achievement of a 19th century man's creativity guided by his French heritage and traditions, and tailored to southwest Louisiana's environmental forces and materials available.

Reason for relocation: The building was sold to a demolisher in 1983, and was in the early stages of demolition when it was purchased from the demolisher to be moved and restored.

ITEM 8 ADDENDUM BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The "A La Bonne Veillee" House is locally significant in the area of architecture within the context of southwestern Louisiana. It is an example of a small Creole cottage, a type which is rapidly disappearing in the region. At one time there must have been many hundreds of them, but relatively few remain. For example, the Louisiana Historic Standing Structures Surevey reveals that in all of Iberia Parish there are only seven remaining examples, most of which are either dilapidated or have suffered considerable loss of integrity--i.e., replaced columns, replaced windows, etc. The "A La Bonne Veillee" House is in good condition and is thought to retain more of its architectural integrity than the majority of surviving examples in the region.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Iberia Parish Conveyance Records

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property \_\_\_ @ 1/10th of an acre

Quadrangle name Lafayette, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A 

1	5	5	9	3	7	0	0	3	3	2	3	2	2	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Please refer to sketch map and Item 10 continuation sheet.

**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 Robert E. Smith, Restoration Consultant

organization N/A

date June 1, 1984

street & number Route 2, Box 1220

telephone (318) 332-2852

city or town Breaux Bridge

state LA 70517

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state X 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 September 20, 1984

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

Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 10-25-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet A La Bonne Veillee

Item number 10

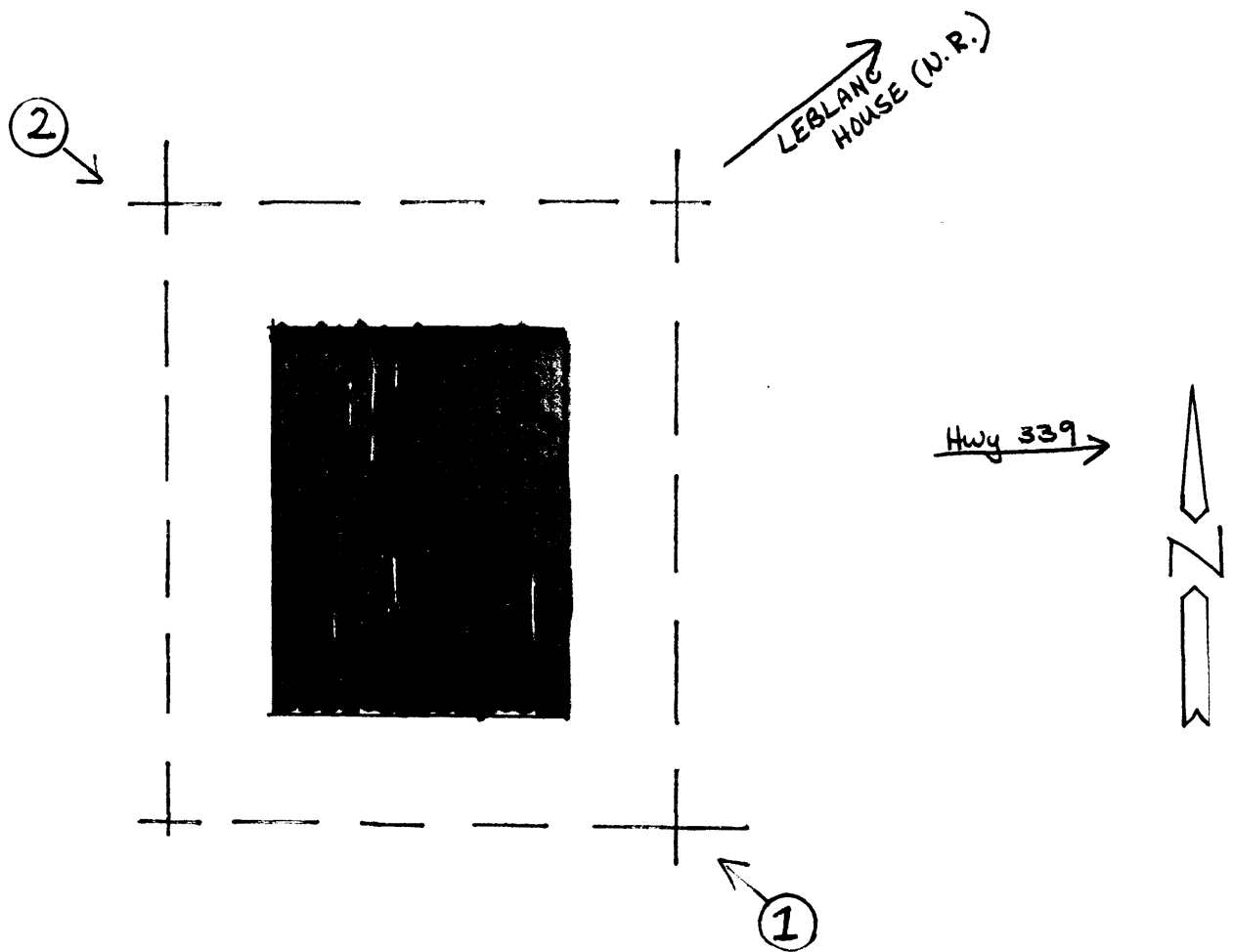
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10. Boundary Justification: (from State Historic Preservation Office)

The boundaries were chosen to discretely encompass the significant resource. The building has been moved onto the grounds of an existing National Register property (the LeBlanc House). The choice of a small, discrete nominated area in such cases was confirmed as the correct choice of action in a telephone conversation with our reviewer, Carol Duby, on 3/13/84.

NB: The nominated area does not encompass the already listed LeBlanc House.

À LA BONNE VEILLÉE  
VERMILION PARISH, LA.



BOUNDARIES PARALLEL THE HOUSE  
FACADES AT A DISTANCE OF 10 FT. EACH

(NOT TO SCALE)