

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK 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

Ovide LaCour Store

AND/OR COMMON

same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

La. 419, one quarter mi. SE of intersection with La. 972

CITY, TOWN

LaCour

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th - Gillis Long

STATE

Louisiana

CODE

022

COUNTY

Pointe Coupee

CODE

077

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ovide B. LaCour Trust, c/o Mr. John Adkins

STREET & NUMBER

Trust Department, Louisiana National Bank

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

VICINITY OF

STATE

Louisiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Roads

STATE

Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ovide LaCour plantation store is set behind the Raccourci River levee, amid the deteriorating and dilapidated quarters buildings once associated with the LaCour plantation. The boundaries of the nominated area encompass the store and the adjacent, attached warehouse. The quarters buildings were excluded because they are largely beyond hope in terms of restoration possibilities.

The store is enormous, with two stories, each of which has an overall floor area measuring 40 feet by 99 feet. The store has a side elevator, mounted in a pyramid roof tower. The original elevator mechanism, with its large, 19th century, serpentine spoke wheels, can still be seen at the top of the tower.

Adjacent to the store is a large one-story, gable-fronted warehouse, with a front gallery. A rear enclosed passageway connects the warehouse with the store.

Both buildings are raised three and a half feet above the ground on brick piers, and both have frame construction and clapboard siding.

The ground floor of the store consists of two rows of counters which run from front to rear of the building. The original Victorian glass display cabinets remain, as do the original shelves with their turned baluster supports. At the rear of the store is a walled-off office area which contains a heavy Queen Anne style staircase leading to the storage area and the meeting room on the second floor. Each story is bisected by a row of Eastlake columns which run front to rear of the building.

The most significant aspect of the store is its Renaissance Revival Facade. Consisting of three bays, the facade has plate glass windows and a wooden first floor awning which rests upon stick style brackets. The second floor has a central double arch window inscribed in a larger arch with wooden vousoirs. This great central arch is flanked by a pair of windows which are ornamented with cornices. The facade is surmounted by a double bracketed cornice which is surmounted in turn by a parapet. The parapet has a central segmental pediment and carved scroll volutes at each end.

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 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	1870's	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Builder: Ovide LaCour
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ovide LaCour store is an outstanding example of a plantation store, a fact which can be fully appreciated when one considers old plantation stores. These are typically one-story, gable fronted, unpretentious structures, measuring about 20 feet wide and 40 to 60 feet deep. By contrast the LaCour store is many times this size with two full stories, an elevator, and a separate warehouse building.

The elevator is of great interest to students of industrial archaeology, being one of the oldest extant, wholly original, commercial elevators in the state.

The most important aspect of the LaCour store is its facade. Whereas most plantation stores received no ornamentation at all, the LaCour store received an extensive Renaissance Revival treatment including a double bracketted cornice, a double arched window with voussoirs, a segmental pediment, and a parapet with carved volute scrolls.

The store was owned and run by Ovide LaCour (1850-1929), and his son Ovide B. LaCour (1889-1964) and the latter's wife from the early 1870's until 1970. Ovide LaCour through his diligence overcame the poor education and limited means that characterized his early years to become a prominent businessman in both Pointe Coupee Parish and in New Orleans. His two sons joined their father in the management of his business interests after the completion of their education. The younger son, Ovide Burton LaCour, concentrated on his father's interests in Pointe Coupee Parish, including the store. These businesses suffered some major setbacks in the 1920's, and by the time of Ovide LaCour's death in 1929, most of his holdings were in the hands of receivers. But Ovide B. LaCour ultimately regained his father's Pointe Coupee properties, including the store, and added to them. He and, following his death in 1964, his wife continued to operate the store until 1970.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bradley, Jared W., Research Report on "Old Hickory" Plantation and the Ovide LaCour Store (1978), unpublished typescript located in National Register file for Old Hickory Plantation, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 1/2 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	6 3 2 9 0 0	3 4 1 1 1 5 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The boundaries were designed merely to encompass the nominated buildings. The boundaries consist of a rectangle fronting on the levee road 100 ft. wide and 130 ft. deep, centering laterally on the buildings.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dr. H. K. Miller

ORGANIZATION

3876 Chatfield Ave.

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

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

E. Bernard Amis

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5-14-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

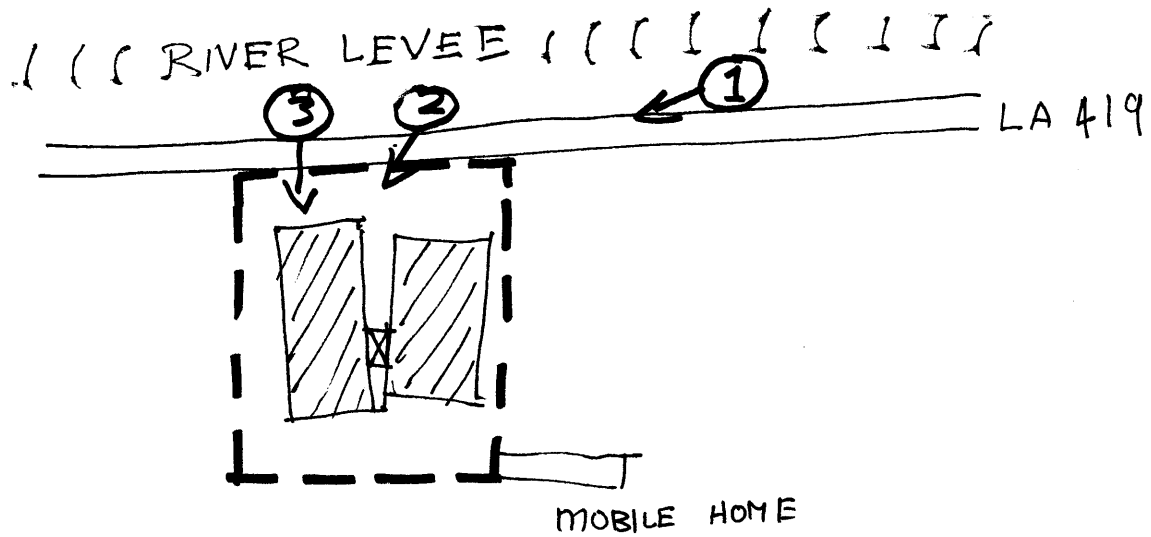
ATTEST: *Charles G. ...*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

7-27-79

DATE

7/26/79



LA COUR
PLANTATION
STORE

