

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

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

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

1. Name

historic Claiborne Parish Courthouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Courthouse Square _____ not for publication

city, town Homer _____ vicinity of congressional district 4th--Buddy Leach

state LA code 22 county Claiborne Parish code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Claiborne Parish Police Jury

street & number P.O. Box 270

city, town Homer _____ vicinity of state LA 71040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Claiborne Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Homer _____ state LA

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

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

The Claiborne Parish Courthouse is set on a square near the center of the small town of Homer. Only two of the original live oak trees remain on the square.

Although the building dates from 1860, it has been substantially reworked numerous times over the years. A 1964 renovation obliterated any evidence of the original appearance of the interiors. Sources suggest that at one time the courtroom was downstairs, but in the early-twentieth century it was moved upstairs. In any case, after 1964, the historic fabric of the courthouse consisted largely of a shell.

The following features remain intact from the original building:

1. the common bond brick walls
2. most of the original window and door openings
3. the brick Doric colonnade which surrounds the building
4. the pyramid roof
5. the cupola.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1860 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria A and C

The Claiborne Parish Courthouse is significant on the state level in the area of architecture because, despite the loss of much of the original architectural fabric, the remaining building is still the only example of a two-story Greek Revival peripteral style structure in the northern part of the state. In addition, it is one of four extant antebellum courthouses in Louisiana.

The Claiborne Parish Courthouse is significant in the area of politics/government because it has been the seat of parish government since its construction in 1860.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brasseaux, Carl A., Conrad, Glenn R., and Robison, R. Warren. The Courthouses of Louisiana. USL Architecture Series No. 1, Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, 1977.

Conveyance Records, Claiborne Parish Courthouse (CONTINUED)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property approx. 1 acre
 Quadrangle name Homer, Louisiana
 Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

A	715	491481510	31621791510	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

organization _____ date _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____

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 *Chris DeBlanc*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date August 27, 1981

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>Bob Grosocena</i>	date 10/2/81
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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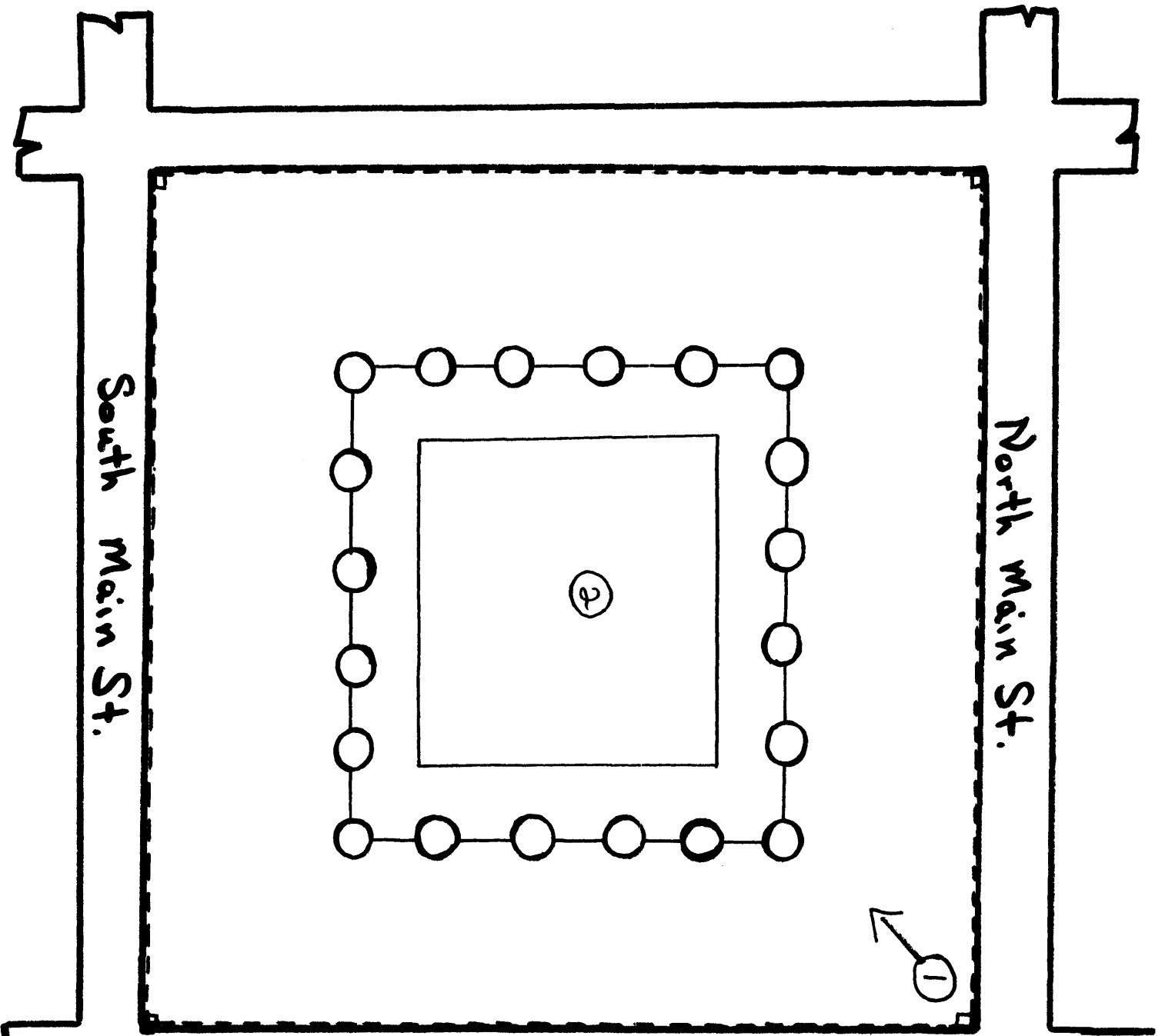
Research for this nomination was done by:

Claiborne Parish Police Jury
The Honorable Malcolm R. Brown, President
P. O. Box 270
Homer, LA 71040

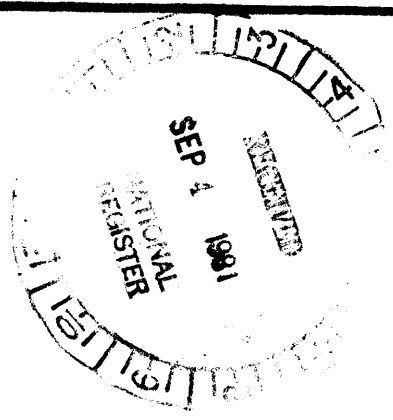
Betty A. Gladney, Claiborne Parish Clerk of Court 318-927-9601

Fannie W. Greene, DAR Historian

Mattie Lee Watson, Claiborne Chapter DAR, Regent



Claiborne
 Parish Courthouse
 Homer, Louisiana



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