

**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 Charles H. Mouton House
and/or common Shady Oaks

2. Location

street & number 338 North Sterling not for publication
city, town Lafayette vicinity of congressional district 7th-John Breaux
state La. code 022 county Lafayette Parish code 055

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen
street & number 338 North Sterling
city, town Lafayette vicinity of state La. 70501

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafayette Parish Courthouse
street & number
city, town Lafayette state La.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Louisiana Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1979 federal state county local
depository for survey records 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

Although Shady Oaks once enjoyed a rural setting, it is now a landmark within a twentieth century neighborhood of Lafayette.

The house itself is a two and one-half story, gallery fronted building with a brick ground floor, a frame second floor, and a pitched roof. It reflects the English influence brought to bear upon a French architectural tradition. English features include the central hall plan on the second and attic stories, the emphasis upon the center with transomed, sidelighted front doors, Federal dormers, 9 over 6 sash windows, and simple aedicule motif mantels. French features include the colombage second floor, the four room, hall-less plan on the ground floor, the French doors, and the diamond point paneling set in the ear molded door frames. The house is also noteworthy for its beaded beam ceilings and for its handsome molded Doric posts on both stories of the front gallery.

The house is well-preserved. The only changes are bathrooms, closets, and a rear extension.

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 c. 1848 **Builder/Architect** Builder-Charles H. Mouton

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Shady Oaks is significant in the area of architecture as a fine regional example of Greek Revival residential architecture. There are only 3 or 4 stylistically comparable houses in the area which achieve the pretention of two-story galleries. In addition, the house is an important part of Louisiana's architectural history because it illustrates the blending of English and French architectural traditions.

Shady Oaks was built in 1848 as the residence of Charles Homere Mouton, a prominent local jurist who served as lieutenant governor in 1856. The Moutons lived at Shady Oaks until the Civil War. The house changed hands several times before being acquired by its present owners, Mayor and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lafayette Parish Historical Sites Inventory, prepared by the Lafayette Regional Planning Commission, 1976.
 Louisiana Almanac, 1979-1980.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 1-3/4 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

1	5	5	9	5	2	7	0	3	3	4	4	7	2	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

F

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G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached.

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OFFICE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen

organization _____ date December 1979

street & number 338 North Sterling telephone _____

city or town Lafayette state La. 70501

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 [Signature]

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/28/80

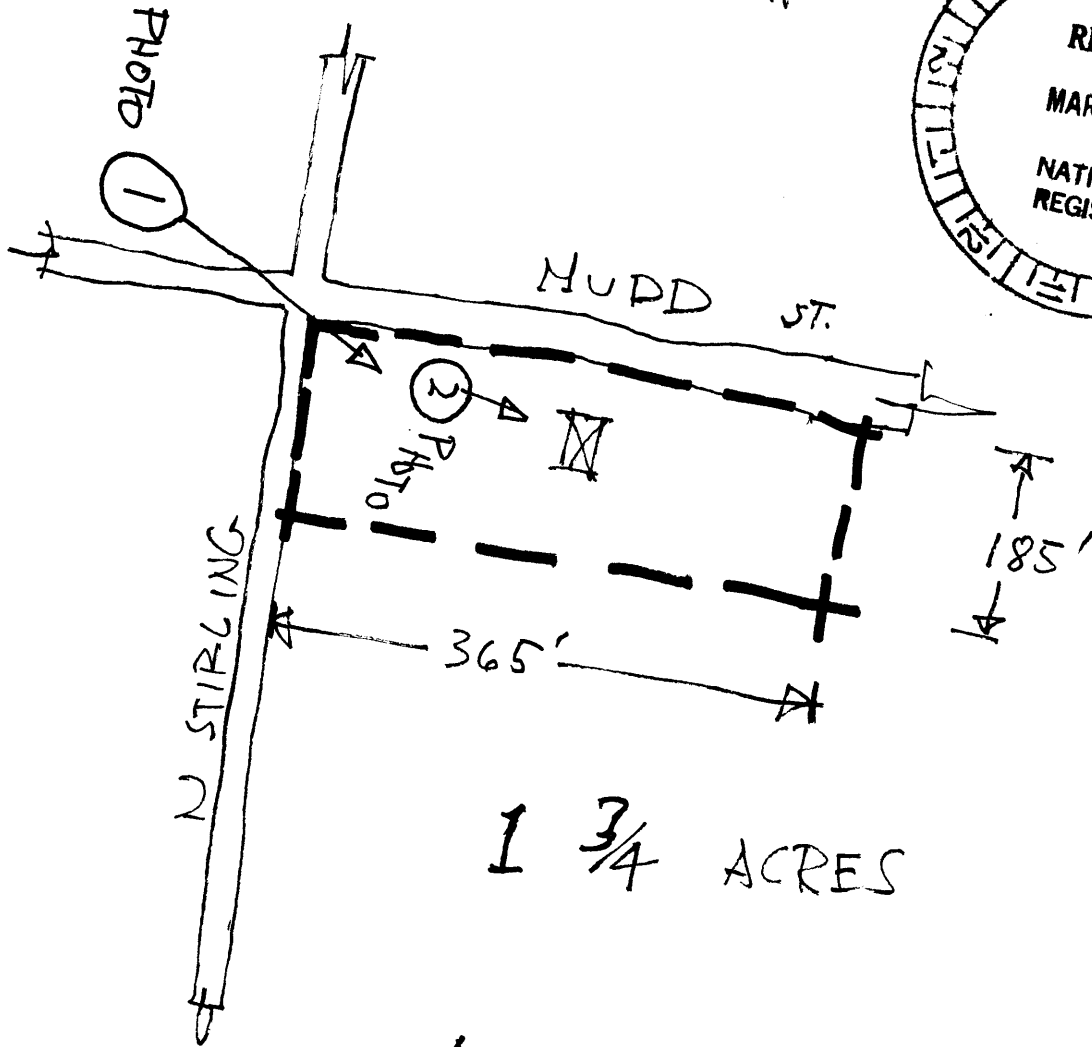
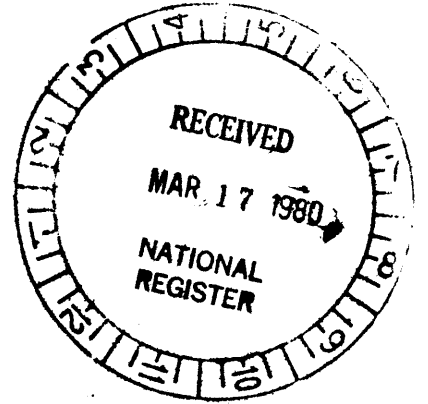
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 6/9/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: [Signature] date 6/6/80
 Chief Registrar

SKETCH
MAP



1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ACRES

