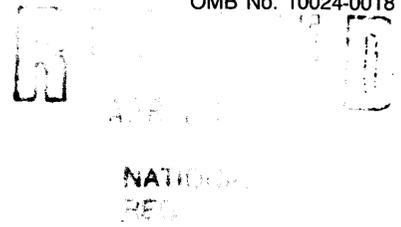


United States Department of the Interior  
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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lobell, Adam House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 15715 LA Hwy 16 N/A  not for publication

city or town French Settlement N/A  vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Livingston code 063 zip code 70733

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gerri Hobdy 4/13/92  
Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, Date  
LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action 5/14/92  
Helena Byers

Adam Lobell House  
Name of Property

Livingston Parish, LA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	4	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	4	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Louisiana's French Creole Architecture

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: French Creole  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick  
walls weatherboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof metal  
other  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Adam Lobell House (c. 1862) is a one story frame cottage in the French Creole style. It stands within a large fenced yard facing Louisiana Highway 16 in the Village of French Settlement. Although it has experienced changes and additions over the years, its National Register eligibility remains intact.

Creole features found in the Adam Lobell House include the following:

- 1) a Class III gabled roof with central chimney,
- 2) two wraparound mantels with plain detailing,
- 3) a full length front gallery with exposed unbeaded ceiling beams, and
- 4) a floorplan displaying Creole geometry. This plan consists of two equal sized rooms facing the front gallery, two rooms of unequal size behind the front rooms, and a very narrow rear gallery.

The alterations to the original Creole structure are as follows:

- 1) A large pitched roof addition was appended to the rear of the home. Its exact date is unknown. As a result of this addition, the original narrow rear gallery was enclosed. The addition itself consisted of one large room with an accompanying new rear gallery. Later this new gallery was enclosed to create a modern kitchen and a shed roof porch was attached behind it. A second shed roof porch was built on one side of the rear addition. It has subsequently been partly enclosed to serve as a utility room and pantry.
- 2) New sheathing materials were installed throughout the original four room cottage. For example, each room received a new floor and a new acoustic tile ceiling which covered the original exposed ceiling beams. Sheetrock walls, double windows and new entrance doors were installed in the two front rooms. The walls of the rear rooms received pine paneling.
- 3) The smaller of the rear rooms was converted into a bath, the narrow enclosed gallery was subdivided to create two closets, and the stairway which once connected this area to the attic was removed.
- 4) Half of the front gallery was screened, and a lattice balustrade was installed on the gallery's other side.

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- 5) A false gallery was added to the main gallery roof.

Despite these changes, the cottage retains its Creole identity. Its massing, French wraparound mantels, exposed gallery ceiling beams, and Creole floorplan survive relatively intact. The interior's ceiling beams also survive above the acoustic tiles. The false gallery changes the roof shape slightly but is easily dominated by the large and pronounced original Creole roofline. The visual impact of the partially screened gallery and lattice balustrade is minimal, and the additions at the side and rear do not impact the facade. With its c. 1862 construction date, the Adam Lobell House is the earliest known Creole home in French Settlement. As such, it is a legitimate candidate for National Register listing.

Non-Contributing Elements

There are four frame sheds within the nominated acreage that are substantial enough in size and scale to be counted. While they are over fifty years old, they were not present during the period of significance and do not relate to the significance of the Lobell House. Nor are they individually eligible for the Register. For these reasons, they are being counted as non-contributing elements.

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Name of Property

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) N/A

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

**Period of Significance**

c.1862

**Significant Dates**

c.1862

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** @ 1 acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Please refer to enclosed sketch map.

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title National Register Staff (based on draft nomination prepared by Dr. Jay Edwards, as referenced in bibliography)  
organization Division of Historic Preservation date March 1992  
street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160  
city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Robert and Florita Denny  
street & number 15715 LA Hwy 16 telephone (504) 698-3615  
city or town French Settlement state LA zip code 70733

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The Adam Lobell House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a rare example of the French Creole style within the context of Livingston Parish. It is also the oldest known example of the Creole building tradition in the area.

A Historic Structures Survey has not yet been implemented for Livingston Parish. However, the area was settled primarily by persons of Anglo descent, and few structures influenced by the Creole building tradition were erected there. Just one French enclave--the Village of French Settlement--is known to exist. A windshield survey of French Settlement has identified only twenty surviving houses which can be classified as Creole. Almost all of these dwellings are the result of a lumber boom which occurred between 1880 and 1915. Many French Settlement men worked in the lumber mills and had access to inexpensive or free lumber, which they used to build new houses for their families. Almost all of French Settlement's older homes were replaced at this time. The Adam Lobell House is one of only two know survivors of the village's earlier Creole patrimony. With its c. 1862 construction date, it is the earlier of the two. As a rare and old example of a style not generally associated with Livingston Parish, the Adam Lobell House is a legitimate candidate for National Register listing.

Historical Note

The cottage was built for the Adam Lobell family in 1862 and remained in their hands for three generations until it was purchased by the current owners.

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Windshield Survey of French Settlement, LA by Dr. Jay Edwards, Department of  
Geography and Anthropology, LSU, Baton Rouge.

Site visit by National Register staff.

Edwards, Jay. Draft National Register Nomination, Department of Geography and  
Anthropology, LSU, Baton Rouge.

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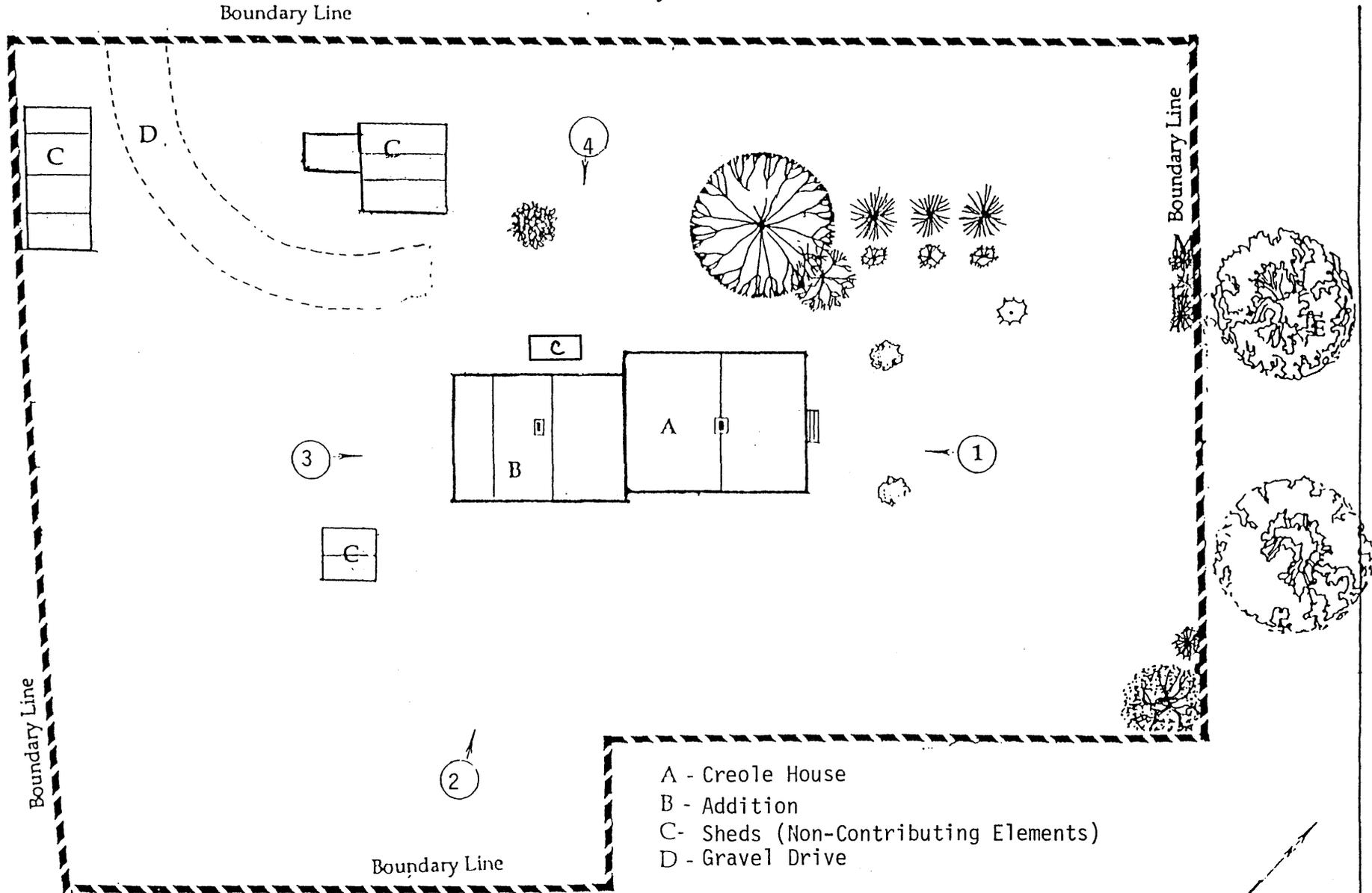
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## Boundary Justification

Boundary lines follow the fence lines enclosing the yard, encompassing the nominated house and its immediate setting.

Cemetery Road



- A - Creole House
- B - Addition
- C - Sheds (Non-Contributing Elements)
- D - Gravel Drive

MAP OF THE ADAM LOBELL HOUSE  
 Located in French Settlement,  
 Livingston Parish, Louisiana



1" = 30'

LA Highway 16

