

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 N/A  
and/or common Hopkins House

2. Location

street & number Hopkins Lane N/A not for publication  
city, town Marion N/A vicinity of congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby  
state LA code 22 county Union Parish code 111

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Alice Frellsen Farrar SEE CONTINUATION SHEET  
street & number 2908 Paynter Drive  
city, town Ruston N/A vicinity of state LA 71270

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Union Parish Courthouse  
street & number Bayou Street (no specific address) Courthouse Building (mailing address)  
city, town Farmerville state LA 71241

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

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

The Hopkins House is set on hilly terrain near the center of the town of Marion. Despite the in-town setting, the house is secluded from other buildings by several hundred feet of trees. The property is approached by means of a nearly axial gravel road which is lined with cedars. The front yard is encompassed by an old picket fence.

The Hopkins House is of the so-called "Carolina I" type. It is unusual in that it has a pair of small cabinet rooms set at the ends of both the front and rear galleries. Other examples have cabinets only at the rear. The floor plan is dominated by the 13 foot wide central hall, which is entered through an 8 foot set of folding paneled doors with a continuous 8 1/2 foot transom.

Certain features appear to have been milled elsewhere and brought to the site. These include the elaborate Federal mantel in the parlor, the moldings used in the other mantels, and the Greek Revival double panel doors. Other features such as the door jambs, the staircase, the majority of the mantels, and the panels below the chair rail in the parlor and upstairs bedroom, are crude and simple and appear to have been made locally. Much of the woodwork (doors, mantels, and paneling below the chair rail) has faux bois treatment. In all cases the panel surrounds are grained to resemble walnut while the panels themselves are grained to resemble maple.

To the rear is a c. 1910 kitchen and dining room wing. The old rear gallery was glazed in c. 1950. The present roof of the house dates from c. 1910. An additional change is the loss of four of the original six chimneys, although the mantels remain.

### Assessment of Integrity:

Despite these changes, the Hopkins House retains the essential characteristics of a Carolina I house. These vital characteristics include: (1) a plan which consists of essentially two rooms placed side by side or with a hall between; (2) a basic form which is two stories high surmounted by an end-gabled roof; (3) a one story gallery across the front; and (4) a one story shed across the rear.

### SUMMARY PARAGRAPH:

The Hopkins House (c.1850) is a frame Carolina I house with an unusually wide central hall. It is located in the small north Louisiana community of Marion. Despite a few alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** c. 1850 **Builder/Architect** Elias George, John Thomas (see below)

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

The Hopkins House is significant at the state level in the area of architecture as an example of the "Carolina I" house type. These houses are significant as indicators of the migration of the planter and upper middle classes from the region of South Carolina. Dr. Fred Kniffen states in his article on Folk Housing: "Early in its movement southward the "I" house became symbolic of economic attainment by agriculturists and remained so associated throughout the Upland South and its peripheral extensions." Elias George, the builder of Hopkins House, originally came from South Carolina before settling in Alabama. Most of the other known extant "Carolina I" houses in Louisiana are in the Feliciana Parishes. The SHPO is currently aware of less than ten "Carolina I" houses that remain in Louisiana. It stands, therefore as an unusual and important example of a substrain of the British vernacular architectural tradition in Louisiana.

### History of the Property:

The builder of the Hopkins House, the Reverend Elias George, moved to the Marion area in 1848 from Alabama. He and his family moved into their new home, built by an artisan slave named John Thomas, in 1850. In 1866 Elias George sold his home to his daughter Susan and her husband Lewis M. Powell. In 1884 the Powells sold the property to J. W. Frellsen. The Frellsen and Powell families intermarried and the house was eventually occupied by Miss Mary Hopkins, who remained there until her death in 1975 at the age of 84. It is presently owned by Mrs. Alice Frellsen Farrar.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical Sketch of Hopkins House Prepared by Danny H. Magee, Located in Hopkins House  
 National Register File, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.  
 Kniffen, Fred. "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion." Annals of the Association of American Geographers 55 (Dec. 1965): 549-77.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 2.1 acres

Quadrangle name Haile, Louisiana

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to sketch map.

### 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 Alice Frelsen Farrar

organization N/A

date June 1981

street & number 2908 Paynter Drive

telephone 318-255-6310

city or town Ruston

state LA 71270 (CONTINUED)

## 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

*Robert B. DeBlieux*  
 Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date January 26, 1983

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

*Linda McClelland*

date 3/14/83

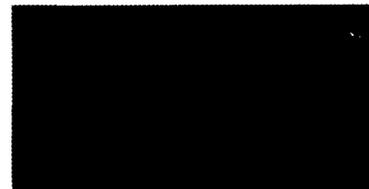
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Patrick Andrews*

date 3/14/83

Chief of Registration

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4. Owners (continued)

Max E. Frellsen  
3801 Westminister  
Monroe, LA 71201

Mrs. Mary Elise Frellsen Barraza  
2717 Bayou Lane  
Monroe, LA 71201

Mrs. Laura Alice Hopkins Criss  
Apt. 1209  
2301 South Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202

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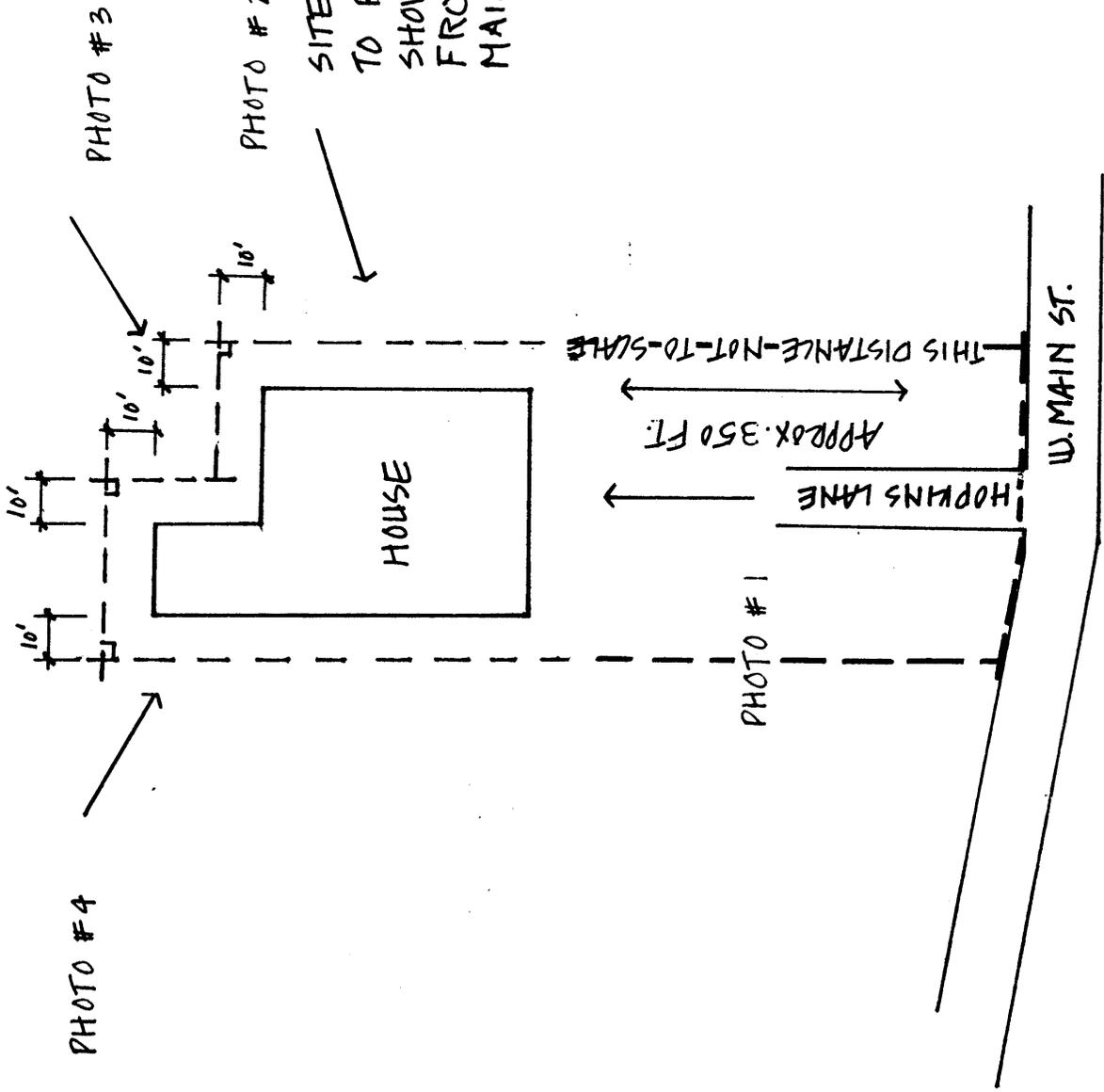
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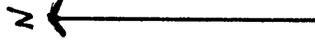
Danny H. Magee  
604 Kinloch St.  
1 Professional Place  
Winnsboro, LA 71295

# HOPKINS HOUSE

MARION, LOUISIANA



SITE BOUNDARIES ARE PARALLEL TO BLDG. FACADES, DISTANCES AS SHOWN, EXCEPT FOR THE FRONT BOUNDARY ALONG MAIN ST.



SCALE 1" = 50' APPROX.