

**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 Oakland Plantation House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number La. State Hwy 963 between La. 68 and La. 19 not for publication

city, town Gurley X vicinity of 6th-Henson Moore congressional district

state La code 22 county East Feliciana Parish code 037

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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. W. H. McClendon III

street & number Oakland at Gurley

city, town Ethel \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of Louisiana state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Feliciana Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Clinton state La

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  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**

Oakland plantation house and kitchen is located off Louisiana Highway 963 in the rolling farm country of western East Feliciana Parish. The immediate setting is characterized by lawns and irregularly placed mature live oaks. The nearby swimming pool is on a lower level than the house and is not conspicuous.

The house itself is a two-story frame structure, one room deep, with a central hall and front and rear one-story galleries. The hall is completely open with wide double doors at each end. The staircase is set unobtrusively in one of the front rooms. At one time there was a pair of small rooms set at the ends of the rear gallery. These spaces still exist, but the remainder of the rear gallery has been enclosed. Other changes have included the moving of the old plantation office to form a side room (ca 1900) and the recent finishing of the attic.

Noteworthy details include:

- (1) the wide panel front and rear doors
- (2) the 12 over 12 windows in the moved office portion of the house
- (3) the elaborately molded chair rails
- (4) the interior window frames with corner blocks and bull's eyes
- (5) the molded Adams mantels which have unusually fine features including carved sunburst panels, single and double free standing fluted side columns, and one with tiny free standing Doric columns inscribed within the corner panels
- (6) gable end returns
- (7) exterior chimneys
- (8) scoop based chamfered gallery columns
- (9) 6 over 6 windows, eight of which are set in a row across the front second story

Connected to the house by a modern frame hyphen wing is a brick kitchen contemporary with the house. It has three bays with 12 over 12 windows. The kitchen building contains three rooms including a long dining room with chair rails and a fireplace at one end. The kitchen roof is replaced.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1827 **Builder/Architect** Thomas W. Scott

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

Oakland plantation house is significant in the area of architecture as a fine Louisiana example of a two-story East Coast farm house type commonly known as the "Carolina I." This can be seen in its irregular bay pattern, its single room depth, its one-story galleries front and rear, its exterior chimneys, and its Federal details. It is one of only 5 known examples in the Feliciana parishes, and is an excellent representation of the distinctly Anglo-American (non-French) heritage for which the Felicianas are known. Oakland is also noteworthy for its elaborate Federal woodwork, particularly the parlor mantel which has panels with inset free standing columns that are probably unique in the state.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Title Search, East Feliciana Parish Courthouse  
 Reeves, Miriam G., The Felicianas of Louisiana, Baton Rouge: Claitor's Book Store, 1967.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property approx. 4 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

### UMT References

A 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

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### 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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Eugenia Slaughter McClendon

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date April 1980

street & number Oakland at Gurley

telephone 654-9507

city or town Ethel

state La

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local *per copies plus call from state 89*

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

*D. Bernard Amer*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/23/80

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

*Beth Busman* date 1/3/80

Keeper of the National Register

Chief of Registration

