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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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 Morel-Nott House

AND/OR COMMON  
Hanisee House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *La Re Coeur Dr*  
On lakefront at Mandeville

CITY, TOWN Mandeville VICINITY OF 1st - Robert L. Livingston  
STATE Louisiana CODE 022 COUNTY St. Tammany CODE 103

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Robert Q. Hanisee - Office of State Parks

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1111

CITY, TOWN Baton Rouge VICINITY OF STATE Louisiana 70821

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Tammany Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Covington STATE Louisiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1979 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN State Historic Preservation Office STATE Louisiana  
Baton Rouge

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1965</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Morel-Nott House was moved in 1965 from within the town of Mandeville to the edge of the town on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The present owners purchased and moved the house in order to preserve it. The former owner was intent upon demolishing the house and redeveloping the land on which it stood.

The house has a typically Creole plan which consists of two large rooms with a central chimney, a full front gallery, and a small rear gallery set between cabinets. The house is constructed of pit sawn lumber with brick nogging and a clapboard exterior. The pitch of the roof is unusually high. Much of the original slate remains. Four French doors open to the front gallery and two French doors open to each side of the house. Shutters are composed of vertical boards and horizontal slats. The shutters on the front have been fitted with panes of etched and colored glass.

When the house was moved the following changes were made:

1. The house was raised somewhat above its original height to provide against flooding.
2. The chimney was replaced and the two main rooms united.
3. An iron helix stair was installed to provide access to the newly finished attic.
4. A rear kitchen and bathroom extension was built.
5. The front gallery was screened in.
6. Plaster on the inside to the two end walls was removed due to decay. As a result the structure is exposed.

# 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

1840's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Morel-Nott House is significant in the area of architecture as one of the oldest structures in the town of Mandeville. It is also very probably the town's only extant example of a Creole raised cottage and one of the few in St. Tammany Parish.

Architectural evidence suggests that the house was built sometimes in the 1830's or 1840's. Its original site was part of the future site of the town of Mandeville, bought in 1829-1831 by Bernard Marigny (1785-1868), founder of the town. Marigny purchased the home site from the heirs of Morgan Edwards in January 1829. The property remained in the Marigny holdings until 1843, when it was sold by Sophronie Louise Claiborne Marigny (wife of Bernard Marigny) to Christopher Morel. Morel sold the house to William A. and Emma C. Nott in 1848. It seems unlikely that Marigny, who was the town's developer and resided elsewhere, would have built this type of house on the site. Thus the house was probably built in the 1840's by Morel or the Notts.

The house passed through the hands of numerous owners until 1964 when Anna L. Johnson sold the property to Elizabeth Malloy Prieto, who sold the house only to the present owner. He moved the house approximately one mile west and restored it.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chain of Title on original site of Morel-Nott House, located in National Register file for Morel-Nott House, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge. Students of Restoration Architectural Studio, LSU Department of Architecture, "Historical Survey: Mandeville, Louisiana," July 1973, copy in Louisiana Room, LSU Library, Baton Rouge, pp. 4-7.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. .34 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 78,076,0 3,316,196,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B \_\_\_\_\_  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(SEE ATTACHED PLAT)

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 Robert Q. Hanisee

ORGANIZATION Office of State Parks

DATE August 1979

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1111

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Baton Rouge

STATE Louisiana 70821

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL x

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*E. Bernard Carver*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10/5/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

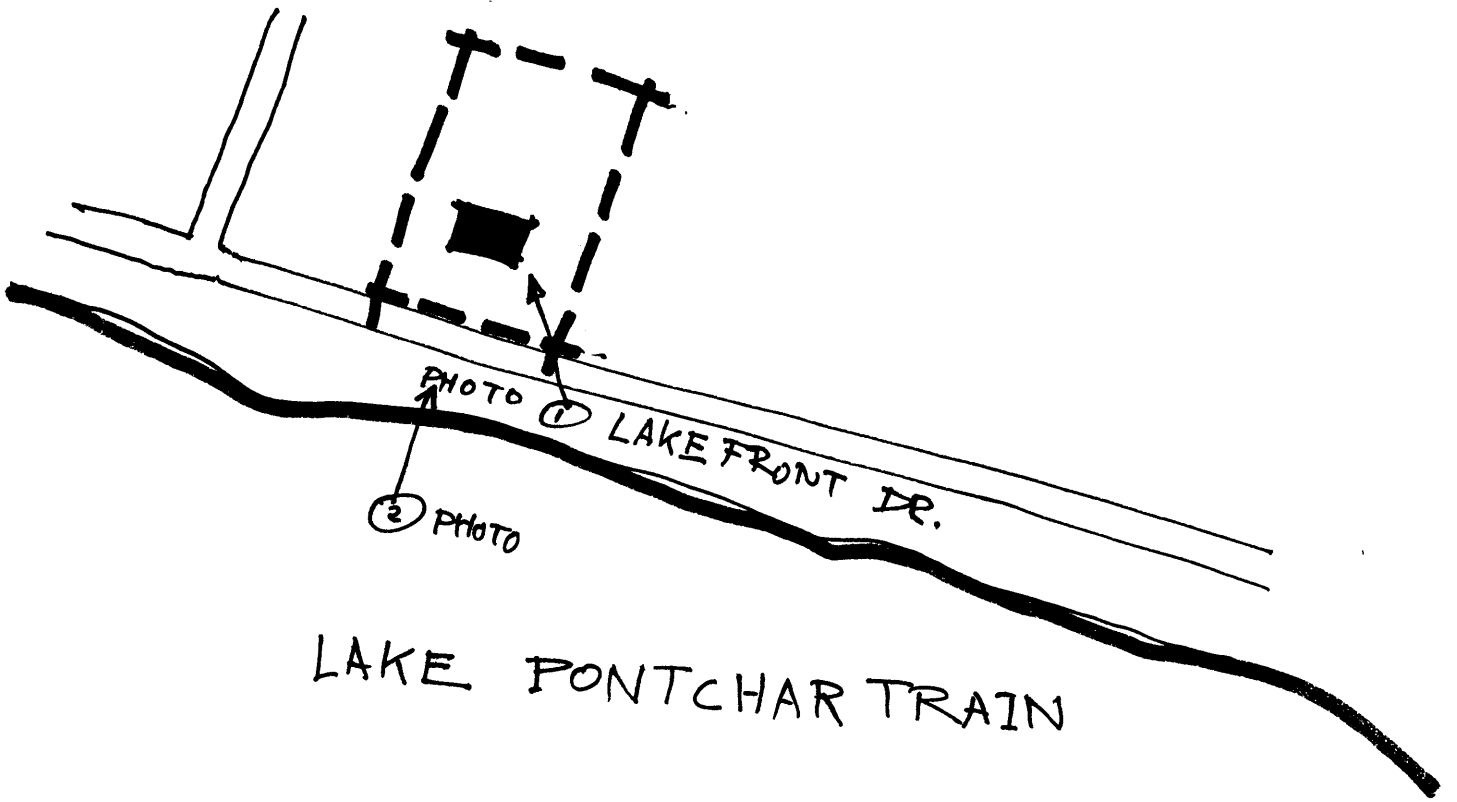
*Sally J. Oldh*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/6/80

ATTEST: *Bob Gravena*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 5/29/80





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