

**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 Olivier Store

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number La. ~~Hwy.~~ 83 (no specific address) N/A not for publication

city, town Lydia N/A vicinity of congressional district 3rd--W.J. Tauzin

state LA code 22 county Iberia Parish code 045

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

**4. Owner of Property**

name Gregory R. deKeyzer

street & number P.O. Box 314

city, town New Iberia N/A vicinity of state LA 70560

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Iberia Parish Courthouse

street & number Iberia St. (no specific address) P. O. Drawer 1208

city, town New Iberia state LA 70560

**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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Olivier Store is located in the rural community of Lydia approximately half a mile southeast of Jacks Coulee. The two story frame clapboard building dates from the late-nineteenth century. It has a three bay front which is entered at the center. The staircase to the second floor is set in a rear corner of the main shopping space. The first floor has an impressive two story space in the center. The second floor wraps around this space with balustraded balconies.

The false front features a three bay porch with square paneled posts and scroll sawn ornamental capitals. The arched front doorway is flanked by a larger pair of arched plate glass windows which have double folding shutters with raised panels. The second story has three plate glass arched windows with raised paneled shutters. All shutters are shaped to close flush with the arches.

In about 1930 a one story rear wing was added, into which the store office was moved. In addition, a new top was installed on the false front and several horizontal windows were installed.

Until recently the store had a small adjacent warehouse which was connected to it by a covered breezeway. This has been lost, but it shows in Photo #3, which dates from c.1975.

### Assessment of Integrity:

The Olivier Store is significant because of the features cited in Item 8, all of which remain intact.

### SUMMARY PARAGRAPH:

The Olivier Store (c.1890) is an unusually large two-story frame plantation store located in a flat agrarian setting. Despite several changes, the building retains its architectural integrity. As noted elsewhere, it retains the features which make it significant.

NB: We were not able to get any interior views of the store because there is no electricity and little available natural light.

# 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
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<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** c. 1890 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Jules Olivier

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

The Olivier Store is architecturally significant on the state level as a superior example of a rural plantation store for the following reasons:

1. It has a full two stories in contrast to the average example in the state which has only one.
2. It has a two story space which is encompassed by balustraded balconies. This is a feature customarily found only in more pretentious urban stores of the period in Louisiana.
3. It has a well proportioned three bay facade and unusually fine craftsmanship (for example, arched windows, rounded shutters, and scroll saw ornamentation). The round head fenestration is particularly unusual for a plantation store in Louisiana.

In short, very few old plantation store in the state can boast such a degree of pretention as found in the Olivier Store.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Chain of Title, Iberia Parish Courthouse

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .29 acres

Quadrangle name New Iberia South, La.

Quadrangle scale 1=24000

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 Gregory R. deKeyzer (CONTINUED)

organization N/A date June 1981

street & number P. O. Box 314 telephone 318-235-2405 (work)

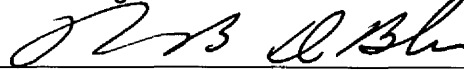
city or town New Iberia state LA 70560

# 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


title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 7, 1982

**For HCRS use only**

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

 date 10/25/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:  date 10/21/82

Chief of Registration

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