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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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 *Isaiah Garrett Law Office*

AND/OR COMMON
Little Red Brick House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *520 South Grand Street (Rue Rio)*

CITY, TOWN	Monroe	VICINITY OF	5th - Otto Passman	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	5th - Otto Passman
STATE	Louisiana	CODE	22	COUNTY	Ouachita
				CODE	073

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Ouachita Parish School Board*

STREET & NUMBER
100 Bry

CITY, TOWN *Monroe* VICINITY OF _____ STATE *Louisiana*

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Ouachita Parish Court House*

STREET & NUMBER
300 St. John Street

CITY, TOWN *Monroe* STATE *Louisiana*

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None known

DATE
_____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Little Red Brick House was built in 1840 by Samuel Kirby. The one-story building originally consisted of a 36' x 18' rectangle containing two rooms and a 21' x 18' ell on the left rear which served as a kitchen.

The soft red brick of the exterior has not weathered well and has had to be repaired or replaced at various locations around the building. Although the basic form of the building and most of the original materials have remained intact, a number of changes have taken place. The gable roof and the front porch have been replaced. The wall partition which once divided the front part of the building into two rooms has been removed. To provide for present-day needs, electrical wiring and bath facilities were installed by adding a 5' frame addition along the north wall of the ell on the rear of the structure. Although the fireplace mantel remains in the ell room, the chimney itself has been removed. The two fireplaces in the front of the building remain and have simple Greek Revival mantels. Along the right rear wall one window and one door have been filled in with brick.

The Little Red Brick House is located on the east bank of the Ouachita River about two hundred yards from the site of the original Fort Miro on the right and close to the I-20 overpass on the left. Under the present Urban Renewal Plan of the City of Monroe, this will be the only building to remain on the Ouachita River Bank in the five blocks south of DeSiard Street.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Little Red Brick House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places because of its local significance to the City of Monroe in the area of architecture and political history.

This building is architecturally significant to Mornoe, because although it has undergone some modifications through the years and at present is not in excellent physical condition, it is nevertheless the last remaining frontier structure of its type in the city. It is also one of the earliest buildings in the area of any type.

The Little Red Brick House gains its political significance and its historic name through its use by the lawyer Isaiah Garrett.

On October 12, 1839 Samuel Kirby bought the property and on September 15, 1840 he gave a mortgage on the property which was described as "a house made of brick and the lot on which it stands in the Town of Monroe being the same lot of ground that the said Kirby purchased of Dr. C. H. Dobbs lately put upon said lot and not entirely completed to stand mortgage as aforesaid..." (Mortgage Book B, page 146). Although Samuel Kirby built the house, he transferred the property to Isaiah Garrett on March 5, 1842, when it was described as "the new brick dwelling house, kitchen and out houses and all improvements."

Isaiah Garrett was a young lawyer and West Point graduate who had recently moved to Monroe from Missouri. He later became one of the most eminent lawyers in Louisiana. Garrett was a member of the Constitutional Convention for the State in 1845 and was elected to the Secession Convention in 1860. He was one of the seven members of the Convention who refused to sign the ordinance of secession as it would have violated his oath of allegiance to the United States. Garrett used the little brick house as a law office and practiced there for many years.

After Isaiah Garrett's death the house was used for many purposes until the Monroe Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana was granted the right to use it as a museum to house material and objects relating to the history of Louisiana and the United States. As a museum it serves an educational purpose, mainly for groups of school children who visit the house and its exhibits.

The Little Red Brick House (Isaiah Garret Law Office) is significant enough to the people of Monroe for its architectural and political history and its symbolic value that it was spared by the City's Urban Renewal Plan and will be the only building to remain on the Ouachita River Bank in the five blocks

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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The Ouachita Citizen. West Monroe, Louisiana: June 25, 1971.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	5,8,3,0,6,10	3,5,9,5,6,7,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. William King Stubbs

ORGANIZATION Monroe Committee - National Society of the

DATE

Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana

October 1974

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

2106 Island Drive

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Monroe

Louisiana

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 National Park Service.

SIGNATURE

Robert S. LeCompte

TITLE

Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

March 18, 1976

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

ATTEST: *Cheryl...*

DATE

7/12/96

DATE

6-25-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ROR for WJM 7/8/76

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8. Significance

south of DeSiard Street.

11. Form Prepared By

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and

The Ouachita Valley Bicentennial Commission

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