

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property _____

County and State _____

Section number _____ Page _____

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable) _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97000967

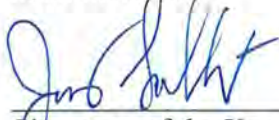
Date Listed: 8/29/1997

Property Name: Gracelane Plantation House

Parish: East Baton Rouge

State: LA

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper1.31.2019

Date of Action

Qualities which caused the property to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed.

The Gracelane Plantation House has been demolished.

The property is hereby removed from the National Register.

The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Gracelane Plantation
East Baton Rouge Parish, LA
Delisting Maps



Original boundary of Gracelane showing it as tract B-2 with new construction underneath

Plats of Kensington Estates and Court, which has been built all around, and on top of Tract B-2

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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gracelane Plantation House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 14444 Perkins Road

N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Baton Rouge

N/A ☐ vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county E. Baton Rouge code 033 zip code 70810

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jon Fricker 7/28/97
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan Fricker, Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain): _____

Edson R. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

8/29/97

Gracelane Plantation House
Name of Property

East Baton Rouge Parish, LA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 (carport) | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
| | | objects |
| 1 | 1 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Work in progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Mixed

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls weatherboard
roof metal
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Located in East Baton Rouge Parish, Gracelane Plantation House is a one-and-one-half-story galleried cottage constructed between 1862 and 1871 and remodeled c. 1890. A date of c. 1870 will be used as the original construction date for the purposes of this nomination. The house stands on its original site, which was formerly a rural plantation of moderate size. It is now a smaller yet still spacious undeveloped tract sandwiched between two developing subdivisions on an extremely busy street on the outskirts of Baton Rouge. The building's architectural style must be categorized as "mixed" because it displays the influence of the French Creole, Greek Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne styles as well as of the Louisiana galleried cottage tradition. In addition to the historic remodeling, the house has experienced subsequent alterations and is currently undergoing rehabilitation. However, Gracelane remains eligible for National Register listing.

Gracelane consists of two parts: 1) a main block dating to c. 1870 and 2) a previously separate kitchen which was attached to the rear of the main block around 1890. This addition gave the home the "T" shaped footprint which it displays today. It is the treatment of the main block's front gallery which gives the building its status as a galleried cottage. This gallery is undercut beneath an all encompassing gable roof and is divided into five bays. The gallery received a false gallery, whose under side is sheathed in narrow beaded board, some time before approximately 1930.

The plan of the main block reflects Creole influence. It consists of a front range with two rooms, a rear range containing three rooms, and front and rear galleries. The kitchen consists of one large room. The two ends of the rear gallery were enclosed by walls containing French doors when the kitchen was joined to the main house. In addition, the kitchen's interior was upgraded and the former exterior walls of the rear gallery and kitchen were sheathed in narrow flush boards.

In addition to the previously described floorplan, Creole features found in the house include exposed beaded ceiling beams on the front gallery and in all original first floor rooms. The Greek Revival style is represented in the home's surviving vernacular mantel, which appears to date to the home's original construction. It features simply molded bases and capitals, smooth shafts and a smooth entablature supporting a simple mantel shelf. Italianate motifs distinguish the gallery columns and the home's two dormers. The columns are composed of rectangular shafts with boxed bases and heavily molded capitals. The dormers feature Italianate segmental arches surmounted by fishscale shingles in the gable peaks. These shingles, which provide a suggestion of the texture which was a hallmark of the Queen Anne Revival style, are the home's

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only Queen Anne motif. Because of the combination of Italianate and Queen Anne motifs on the dormers, the most likely scenario is that they, along with the columns, were added during a c. 1890 remodeling (perhaps at the time when the kitchen was connected to the rear). Although not an element of a particular style, the roof's covering material is unusual. It consists of pressed metal shingles similar to the pressed metal siding sometimes used on buildings during the late nineteenth century.

In addition to the Creole beaded beams and the Greek Revival mantel previously mentioned, the following woodwork features are found on Gracelane's interior: 1) a plain cornice with a large bead or mold at the bottom, 2) tall molded baseboards and wide wooden floorboards, 3) several four panel doors with molded panels on one side and plain panels on the other, and 4) simple door surrounds. The main block retains some of its original plaster walls; others have been sheetrocked. A door formed of beaded planks separates the kitchen from the enclosed rear gallery.

Gracelane experienced the following changes at some point after it attained its current configuration: 1) the addition of a modern door on one side of the kitchen, the piercing of the kitchen's end wall by a set of early twentieth century double windows, and the installation of an awning on the kitchen's east side, 2) the construction of a metal carport adjacent to but not actually touching the home's west side and the construction of a metal covered walk connecting the house to the carport, and 3) the installation of iron bars over all exterior doors. In addition, the current rehabilitation has initiated the following changes to the building:

- a) the replacement of 20-25 percent of the clapboards on the home's west side due to rot, the replacement of one stolen mantel with a replica of the home's surviving Greek Revival mantel, and the replacement of the original steep straight stair by a winder stair. (This stair accessing the attic was located in the middle room of the rear range, as is the replacement.)
- b) the subdivision of the formerly unfinished attic to create a small landing, two rooms and a bath, and the subdivision of one original rear room for use as a bath and closet.
- c) the repair of the home's shutters, the repair of the bottom portions of some gallery columns, the replacement of the front steps and railing, and the installation of carved pineapple shaped newel posts at the bottom of the gallery's steps.

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Despite the changes the house has received since its c. 1870 construction and c. 1890 remodeling, the building's architectural integrity and significance remain intact. With the exception of one lost Greek Revival mantel (which has been replicated), it retains its important French Creole, Greek Revival, and Italianate features. As explained in Part 8, houses displaying these stylistic elements are very rare in East Baton Rouge Parish. This rarity makes Gracelane Plantation House a legitimate candidate for National Register listing.

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) N/A

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1870

c. 1890

Significant Dates

c. 1870, c. 1890

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Michael & Joseph Smith (builders)

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Gracelane Plantation House
Name of Property

East Baton Rouge Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.67 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date May 1997

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Gracelane Historical Foundation, Inc., Nils Herlitz, President

street & number 14444 Perkins Road telephone 504-751-0704

city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70810

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Gracelane Plantation House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare surviving example of the pre-Queen Anne Revival taste within the context of East Baton Rouge Parish.

The area which would become East Baton Rouge was first settled during Louisiana's colonial era. Known for its French Creole plantation holdings, the locale later served as a military outpost for both the Spanish and the British. Thus, although its population at first remained small, settlement within the region was well established by the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. With the official creation of East Baton Rouge Parish in 1811 and the incorporation of the City of Baton Rouge in 1817, a slow but relatively steady period of growth began. Fueled in the nineteenth century by a prosperous river trade and in the twentieth by an equally important petrochemical industry, the city has expanded ever outward until its boundaries basically encompass most of the parish. This continual process of urbanization, and more recent problems of decay, have resulted in the destruction of many of the parish's early historic structures. As a result, almost all of the historic buildings remaining date to the Queen Anne Revival period and after.

Although the parish has never been surveyed comprehensively, the historic preservation staff is very familiar with its patrimony. Although the parish probably retains close to 2,000 buildings which are fifty years old or older, most of these are bungalows, twentieth century eclectic residences, or twentieth century commercial buildings. It retains few examples of Creole, Greek Revival, and Italianate styled buildings, and equally few numbers of the vernacular Louisiana galleried cottages which would have been constructed during the late eighteenth and throughout the nineteenth centuries.

Against this absence of early building types and styles, Gracelane stands out because it contains rare examples of these early stylistic elements and the vernacular building form under discussion. The State Historic Preservation Office estimates that there are only 25-30 buildings in the entire parish which represent the pre-Queen Anne Revival (i.e., Creole, Greek Revival and Italianate) taste, and Gracelane has motifs from each. The presence of Creole features in Gracelane is especially important because, in addition to their rarity, these motifs reflect the popularity and longevity of that building tradition in South Louisiana. Finally, Gracelane is important because of its status as a Louisiana galleried cottage, the features of which are seen in its story-and-a-half pitched roof form and its five bay symmetrical facade. This now rare vernacular house type in East Baton Rouge Parish was once far more common than the grand, two-story mansions which are considered the state's architectural stereotype.

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Historical Note

The land upon which Gracelane would be built was purchased by brothers Michael and Joseph Smith in 1862. Carpenters as well as agriculturalists, the brothers apparently built the house together between that year and 1871, when Michael purchased Joseph's interest in the property. The house appears to have been named for Grace Olive Lane, who married into the extended family associated with the property. The house has passed through the hands of various family members but still remains in the possession of a Smith family descendant, who is spearheading the building's current rehabilitation.

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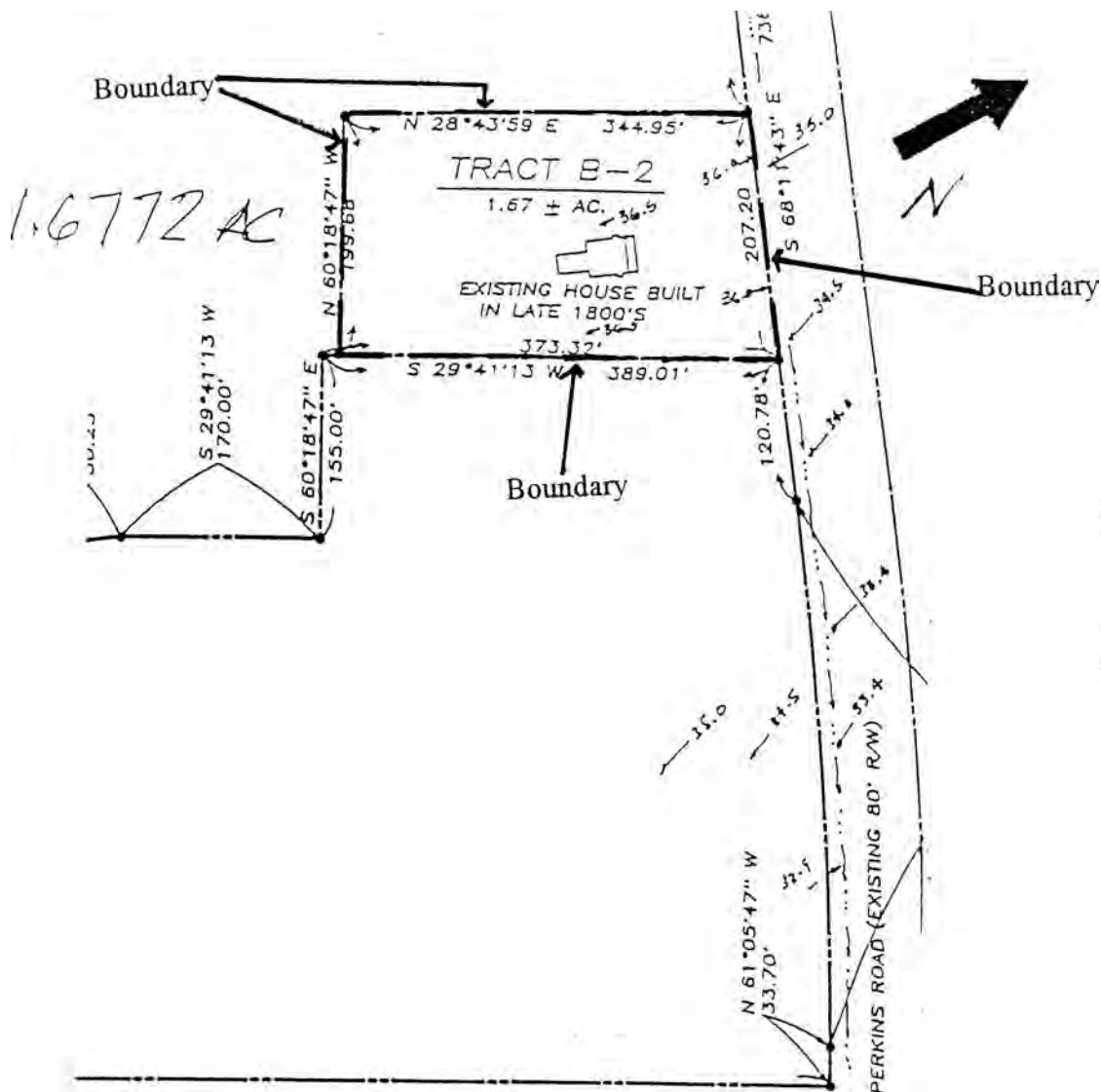
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Boundary Description: See attached property plat map.

Justification: Boundaries follow the property lines of the 1.67 acre parcel of land upon which the nominated house is located.



MAP SHOWING RESUBDIVISION OF
TRACT B OF THE MONTAN TRACT
LOCATED IN SECTIONS 38 & 39,
T-8-S, R-1-E AND SECTIONS 61 & 62,
T-8-S, R-2-E, GREENSBURG LAND
DISTRICT EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
LOUISIANA INTO TRACTS
B-1, B-2 & B-3
FOR
LOWERY SMITH

SCALE: 1" = 170'

BOUNDARY: — —

CATION: The streets and rights-of-way shown hereon, if not previously dedicated, are hereby dedicated to the perpetual use of the Public. All areas shown as servitudes are granted to the Public for use of utilities, drainage, sewage removal, or other proper purpose for the general use of the Public. No building, structure, or fence shall be constructed, nor shrubbery planted within the limits of any servitude or right-of-way so as to prevent or unreasonably interfere with any purpose for which the servitude or right-of-way is granted.

ICE DISPOSAL: No person shall provide a method of sewage treatment or disposal, except connection to an approved sanitary sewer system, until the method of sewage treatment or disposal has been approved by the East Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit.

DATE



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Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA
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LASHPO

West/SW

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Graceland Plantation House
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North

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Gracelane Plantation House
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LA SHPO

NE

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LA SHPO

Gallery Detail

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Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

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LA SHPO

Sample Interior (original mantel)

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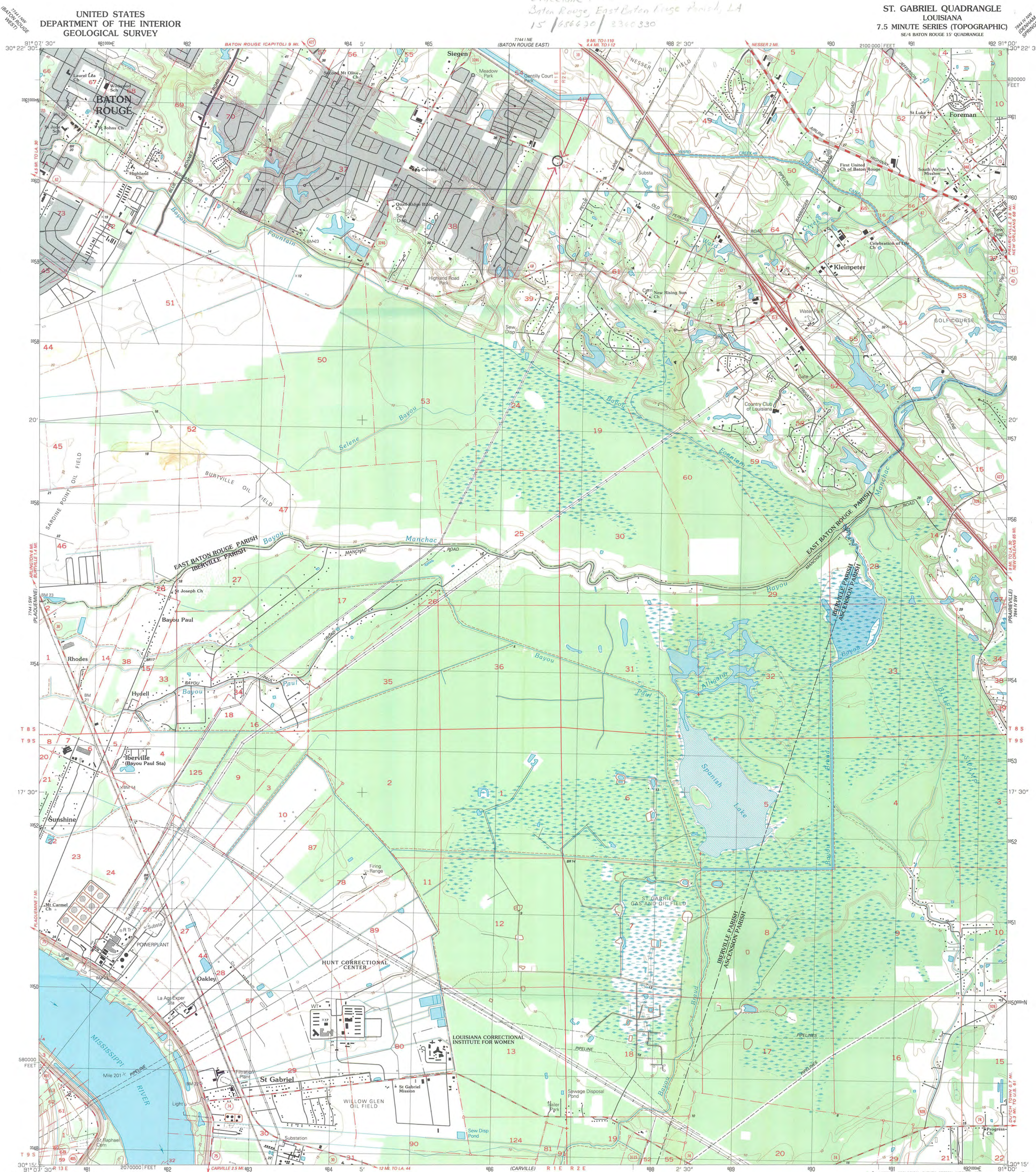
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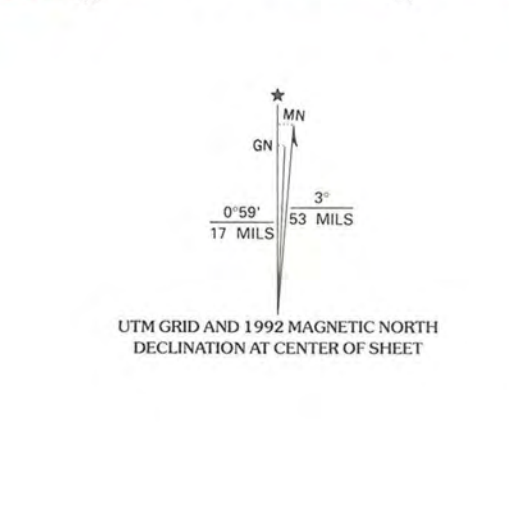
LA SHPO

Original mantel

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dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map
Gray tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
All or part of this quadrangle lies within a subsidence area
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24 000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route
ST. GABRIEL, LA.
SE 1/4 BATON ROUGE 15' QUADRANGLE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gracelane Plantation House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, East Baton Rouge

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/11/97
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/27/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000967

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/29/97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



State of Louisiana

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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PHILLIP J. JONES
SECRETARY

GERRI HOB DY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

July 28, 1997

Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
P. O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Re: Gracelane Plantation House, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a nomination with supporting materials for the above referenced property. Should there be any questions, please call me at 504-342-8160.

Sincerely,

Donna Fricker

Donna Fricker
National Register Coordinator

DF/df

Enclosure

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Correspondence related to removal

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Gracelane Plantation House

Multiple Name:

State & County: LOUISIANA, East Baton Rouge

Date Received: 12/17/2018 Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: 1/31/2019 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT97000967

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

X Accept Return Reject 1/31/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments: Property has been demolished

Recommendation/
Criteria Remove

Reviewer Jim Gabbert  Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
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October 18, 2018

Luis F. Colon
1612 Ruelle De Grace Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Colon:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria. In many cases, buildings were destroyed many years ago and the official delisting paperwork was not completed. We have made this task a priority for 2018. Per information from the East Baton Rouge Parish Tax Assessor, you are the current owner of a portion of the land where the listed resource once stood. As part of this process, we are required to notify the current owner of this action.

Gracelane Plantation was listed on the National Register on 8/29/1997. According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Per current aerial photos of the site, the building is no longer standing and has been replaced with subdivisions. Because the building, and its qualities that caused it to have been listed, are destroyed, this property will be proposed for removal from the National Register. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] require that the property's owner be given an opportunity to comment and the chief elected official notified of the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **November 26, 2018** to the following address:

Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at jrichardson@crt.la.gov, or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer



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October 18, 2018

Agnes J. Smith
1652 Ruelle De Grace Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Smith:

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Ruth Courtney Gonzalez
1632 Ruelle De Grace Dr
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1622 Ruelle De Grace Dr
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1602 Ruelle De Grace Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

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Virginia Jean Weston
1601 Ruelle De Grace Dr
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1611 Ruelle De Grace Dr
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Marcella G. Costner
1621 Ruelle De Grace Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

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Larry Ray Coker
1651 Ruelle De Grace Dr
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RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

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October 18, 2018

The Honorable Sharon Weston-Broome
PO Box 1471
Baton Rouge, LA 70821



RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

Dear Mayor-President Broome:

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December 11, 2018



James Gabbert
National Register of Historic Places
1849 C St, NW
Mail Stop 7228
Washington, D.C., 20240

RE: Delisting of Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to delist the above property from the National Register of Historic Places. Originally listed on the Register on 8/29/1997. Current aerial photos of the site, the building is no longer standing and has been replaced with subdivisions. Per 36 CFR 60, Sec. 60.15 (a)(1), we are requesting that the above property be officially delisted based on the fact that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been destroyed. We have included a current map with the subdivision overlay to show that the house is gone to support this claim. We have also included an email with comments from our state archaeologist about whether the property has archaeological significance.

We have notified the property owners and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. No responses were received.

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Enclosures

They are:

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- Gracelane Plantation, East Baton Rouge: my initial hunch is this site is likely far too disturbed to remain eligible under D; it's the site of a new neighborhood at 14444 Perkins Rd in Baton Rouge. It was where Ruelle De Grace Dr is. I think this one is pretty straight forward. From what I can tell, it was subdivided in 2003. There are no existing site forms associated with this site.

If there has been no investigation of the property, there is no way to assess eligibility. It can certainly be delisted for the structure, but nothing can be said whether an archaeological component exists or not. And even if a site form exists, the level of investigation often does not provide sufficient data for our office to make a recommendation of eligibility. IN those instances, we consider the archaeological component "undetermined" and requiring further work before a determination of eligible or ineligible can be made.

- Acadia Plantation, Lafourche: Building was torn down in 2014. Site has had one new house built to the southeast of the original house, but a large piece of the land is still open as it was historically. I imagine there was some site disturbance but not sure how much is too much, etc. I didn't see anywhere on the site form that said it is eligible under D or not (the NRHP eligibility database just says listed b/c the house technically still is)

Based on what is stated in the NRHP form, I would consider the archaeological site(s) to be eligible under D. they found sufficient intact deposits in several places back then; whether they still exist today is unknown, but based on available data, we would assume parts of the site are eligible.

*delist house, look at keeping listed under D
- figure out research questions*

- Land's End Plantation, DeSoto: No site form associated with this site; house burned in 1989. There were ruins still there at least in 2006. I have one name I can try to contact to see if the site has been disturbed.

Like for Gracelane, no archaeological investigation so no assessment is possible.

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- St. Maurice Plantation, Winn: No site forms associated with this site; house burned down in 1981 and chimneys and a foundation remained; it now appears that all of that is gone as well based on the current property description of "marked by a rock." It's a heavily wooded area.

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See Gracelane and Land's End

- Tezcuco Plantation, Ascension: site form 16AN30 – says the site is disturbed and that there is no research potential. House burned in 2002 and foundation and chimneys remain as well as oak allee. 16AN31 also covers the area where the house was and site form says Monroe Plantation. 16AN31 says unknown research potential and notes disturbance. This would make me think it can't say listed under D.

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The specific data for Tezcuco is that it is currently undetermined for its archaeological eligibility. The one recent site form only addresses the location of a cell tower which is only a small part of the site. There hasn't been any good systematic survey and testing of the house grounds to assess eligibility.

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- Darby Plantation, Iberia: 16IB120 – said it was highly vandalized at the time in 1976 (house burned in 1979 just before a rehab project started), form says that the site was potentially significant at the time, but didn't have a recommendation. It is now a golf course with houses and such so I'd err towards too disturbed to be archaeologically significant for NR.

Like the others, we don't have enough archaeological data to assess its eligibility.

Based on what I know about the NR and Criterion D, there needs to have been some sort of actual excavation done at the site or even shovel tests that have revealed any sort of importance, which is documented through site forms. So for those above that have been disturbed or do not have any site work associated with them, they would not be individually eligible under D. Would you concur on that? If at a later date, site work was done and artifacts found, they could potentially be relisted at a later date.

You are correct that there has to be some level of survey and then test excavations (in most cases) for a determination of eligibility to be made. In those cases where we lack those investigations, our office does not make an eligibility assessment other than to say "undetermined" (i.e., needing work to make an assessment). For these properties, they can certainly be delisted if the original nomination was based principally on the structure; it appears in most cases that the archaeology was not considered a contributing element to the nomination. The one exception is Acadia, where there has been enough work to recommend the archaeological component of the site eligible.

Thoughts? Advice? Am I on the right track in thinking these are all not eligible under D? I wanted to at least get your input before starting the paperwork.

Thanks!

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