

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Conerly House

MULTIPLE NAME: Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides TR

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Rapides

DATE RECEIVED: 5/01/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/16/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84000534

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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT 6-11-2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Moved w/out prior permission.*

*Lacks integrity of location, setting & feeling*

*Diminished integrity of design, materials, & workmanship*

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Rapides Parish, LA

County and State

Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides  
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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1. Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides (Conerly House) Additional Documentation
2. State/Federal Agency Certification
3. As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets, 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.

*Pam Breau*

4-22-15

Signature of certifying official/Title: Pam Breau, State Historic Preservation Officer Date

Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

The purpose of this additional documentation is to remove Rapides Parish's Conerly House from the National Register of Historic Places. The property was added to the National Register on December 5, 1984. It was listed as a component of "The Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides" nomination. The houses, including Conerly, that were listed under this nomination (10 total) represented the architectural mainstream during much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the area.

According to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 [36 CFR 60.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Sadly, this is the case for the Conerly House, which lost its significance and integrity when, it was moved from its original location to a new location approximately 2 miles away to 2129 Jackson Street, in Alexandria's Garden District (NRHP 2001), which is a residential neighborhood developed from 1910-1930. Styles in the neighborhood include a few Queen Anne holdovers, Colonial Revival, Craftsman/Bungalow, English Cottage, Mediterranean Revival, and French Eclectic. At the time of the district's listing, the lot where the Conerly House now stands was empty. The Conerly House was constructed c. 1890 and predates the majority of buildings within its new setting of Alexandria's Garden District.

The Conerly House has lost its integrity of location and setting as it no longer sits in on Bayou Rapides, where it was constructed c. 1890 by the S.L. Conerly. The move from a rural setting on Bayou Rapides to a more suburban setting within a residential neighborhood placed the building in a setting that does not reflect its original setting (most of which has been subdivided and built on with modern businesses and homes now).

From notes in our files, it appears the house was relocated c. 2004. Our National Register and Tax Incentives staff were both asked to reconsider the house for relisting following its move. Our National Register staff at the time had concerns about a new handicapped ramp built on the side elevation. Additionally, some of the completed interior work did not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which leads us to believe that in addition to negative impacts on integrity of location and setting, the integrity of design, materials, and

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craftsmanship have also been negatively impacted. Finally and perhaps most importantly, the house was listed under a larger nomination for "Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides." The house no longer has a setting on Bayou Rapides or a direct association with the waterway.

While moving a National Register property from its original site in effect delists a property, this document serves to officially remove the Adams House from the Register because of a loss of integrity .

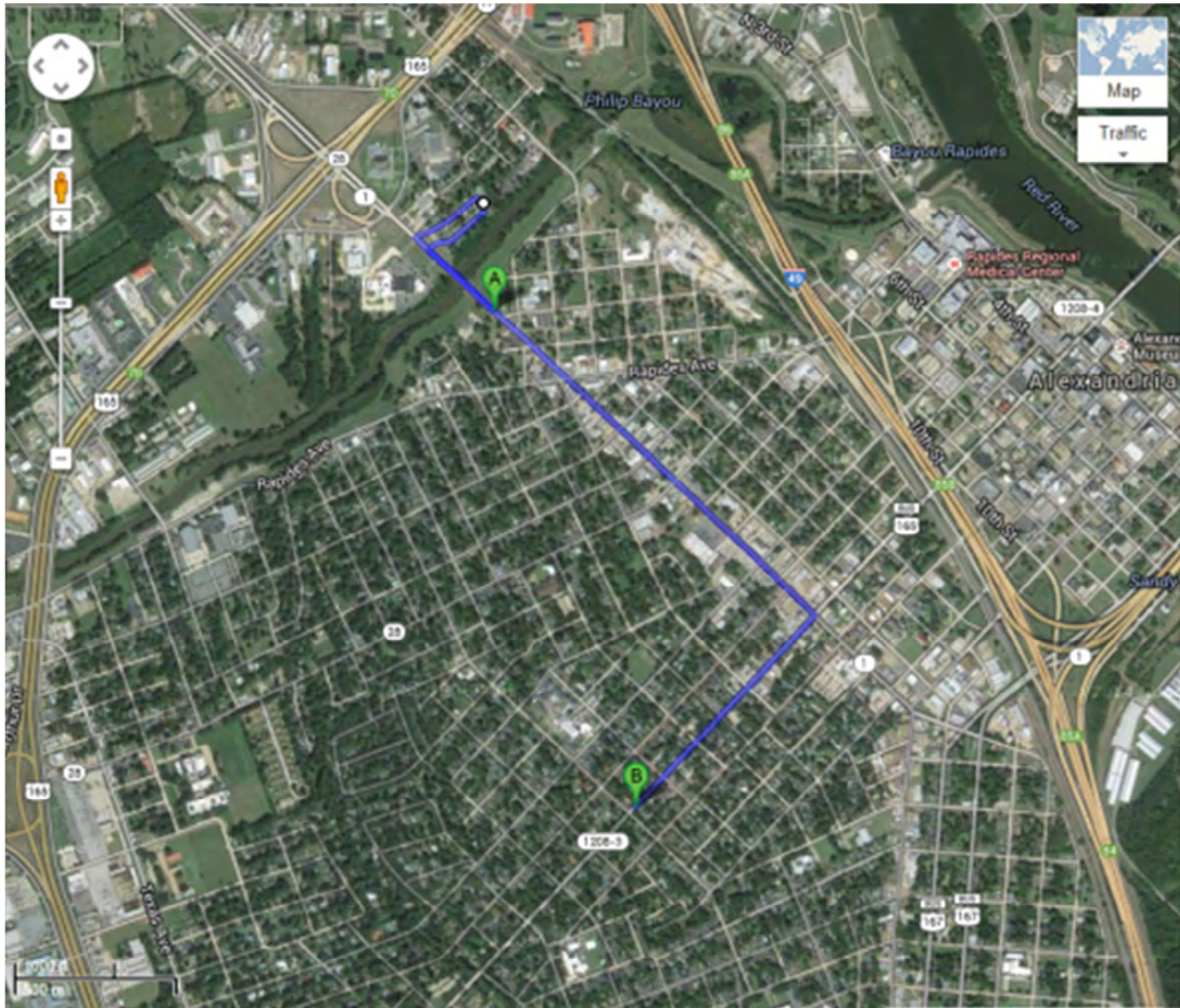
Bibliography:

Hobson-Morris, Nicole. "Memo To File." Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides (Conerly House). 7 February 2007.

Bordelon, Alison. "Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Conerly House, 2129 Jackson Street, Alexandria." Letter to Dr. and Mrs. McGinity. 18 October 2004. MS. Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



A is the approximate original location of the Conerly House and B is its current location.





**Conerly House, Rapides Parish, LA - Original Location**



**Latitude: 31.312683    Longitude: -92.465861**

**Conerly House, Rapides Parish, LA - Moved Location**



**Latitude: 31.299240   Longitude: -92.460062**

# STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY

Site Number #1

I. PARISH Rapides

MUNICIPALITY Alexandria, LA

USGS QUAD Alexandria, LA

Township 4N Range 1W Section 37

TYPE OF PROPERTY residence

NAME (common) Conerly House

NAME (historic) same

ADDRESS Alexandria *off US 71*

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1880

II. 1. Condition Good

2. Style late Greek Revival

3. Floor Plan see below

4. Building Material wood frame

UTMs: 15/550810/3464190

see attached photos

## III. Physical description of property and historic significance

Conerly is a late example, but it maintains the attenuated Greek Revival style of the area very well. The house is two rooms wide and two rooms deep with a central chimney. It retains both its aedicule style mantels. The only clues to its late date are the heavily paneled interior doors and the large panes of glass in the French doors.

Since construction the rear has been extended with a lean-to and an exterior staircase has been added on the side. These have not obscured the style of the house and have little or no visual impact from the front.

The only other integrity consideration is the setting, which is now a small trailer park. Although the setting has changed, the house stands discretely away from the trailers and it is still possible to appreciate its architectural qualities.

Conerly is a significant component of the Bayou Rapides Neo-Classical Architecture Nomination because it illustrates the continuing popularity of the style well after the Civil War. It helps establish the identity of the "Bayou Rapides style" by showing that well established provincial styles usually persist much longer than the high styles that

IV. Recorded by n/a

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

V. Sources consulted inspired them.

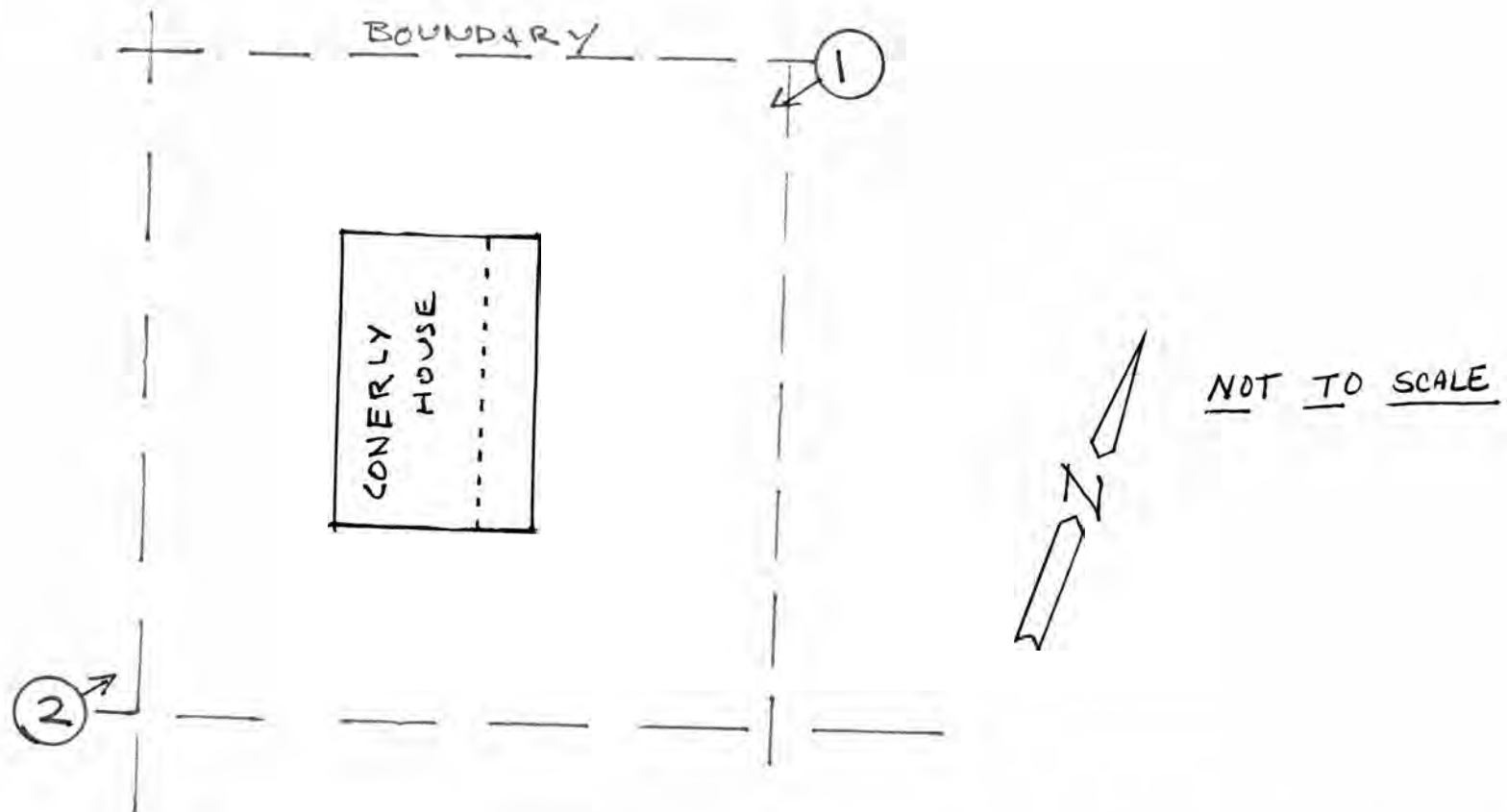
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Bayou Rapides Thematic Nomination  
Rapides Parish, LA

APPROX.  $\frac{1}{2}$  ACRE

Boundary Justification: Boundary lines cut closely around the house in order to exclude the nearby trailers.



BOUNDARY LINES PARALLEL BUILDING ELEVATIONS,  
EACH AT A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides Thematic Resources  
State LOUISIANA

Accept cover form - Patrick Andrews 12/5/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Conerly House

Substantive Review

for Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/5/84

Attest

2. Hopson House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

3. Geneva (Vanderlick House)

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

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4. Oxland (Brown House)

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5. China Grove

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

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6. Hope (Dunnam, Frank, House)

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/13/84

Attest

7. Eden

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

8. Island Home

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

9. Longview

for Keeper Melvyn Byrum 12/5/84

Attest

10. Bayouside (Dunnam, Milton, House  
(Already listed 3/26/80))

Keeper

Attest



Connerly

Conerly (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
November 1983  
Photo #1  
Southwest





Conerly (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
November 1983  
Photo #2  
Northeast

*Connerly*





*Connerly*

Conerly (Bayou Rapides Thematic)  
Rapides Parish, LA  
Donna Fricker  
LA State Historic Preservation Office  
November 1983  
Photo #3  
Interior view

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000267

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Bayou Rapides TR)  
Rapides Parish  
LOUISIANA

Substantive Review

Working No. OCT 3 / 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11-29-84/12-15-84  
Action: ACCEPT 12-5-84  
RETURN  
REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Within the context of the theme, the Conerly house is of local architectural significance*

Recom./Criteria accept  
Reviewer Patrick Andrews  
Discipline Historian  
Date 12/5/84  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



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## 8. Significance

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title      date

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**State of Louisiana**  
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM  
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
October 18, 2004

ANGÈLE DAVIS  
SECRETARY

PAM BREAU  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Dr. and Mrs. McGinity  
1820 White Street  
Alexandria, LA 71301

Re: **Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits**  
**Conerly House**  
**2129 Jackson Street, Alexandria**

Dear Dr. and Mrs. McGinity:

Thank you for your recent inquiry into the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program for the property listed above. As you are aware, Conerly House was de-listed from the National Register of Historic Places when it was moved from its original location to its present location at the corner of Jackson and Chester Street. We are pleased with your interest in having the building once again listed on the Register and we applaud your rescuing this endangered structure, restoring it, and bringing it back into productive commerce. You both are to be commended.

Unfortunately, it does not appear that this project will be eligible for Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits. As we discussed on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Tax Credits program is somewhat restrictive. To be eligible for the 20% Tax Credit, the project must meet certain criteria: the building must be a contributing element to a National Register Historic District or individually listed on the National Register; it must still be recognizable as historic, not remodeled into something else; and importantly, the building must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation for both the exterior and the interior work completed.

I very much regret that some of the completed and proposed work does not appear to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Specifically, the bathroom and staircase that were added to the front rooms, and the brick ADA ramp that is proposed to intersect with the front gallery, appear to not meet the Standards.

Again, I truly regret that we don't have better news for you. We are eager to qualify as many buildings as possible for the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, but unfortunately not all will meet the somewhat restrictive program rules. We appreciate your efforts to preserve this historic property. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (225) 342-8160.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison F. Bordelon".

Alison F. Bordelon  
Architectural Historian

## Memo to File

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From: Nicole Hobson-Morris  
Tax Act Manager

Date: February 7, 2007

Re: Conerly House  
2129 Jackson Street  
Alexandria, LA

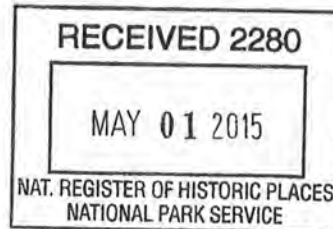
On January 19, 2007, Mrs. Amy McGinity contacted me about a historic house she relocated to the Alexandria Garden District. She indicated that Alison Bordelon in our tax act staff made a site visit to the house in 2004 and she wanted to follow-up on the visit. The house was now being used for her husband's medical practice; therefore, they had to add a handicapped bathroom in the front room and a handicap ramp outside to meet ADA requirements. I explained that I could not locate any evidence of our office having received a tax credit application for that property in our database, and I was concerned with the number of changes they made to the front rooms. Mrs. McGinity said that she turned all of the paperwork over to her sister-in-law to handle. Therefore, she was not sure if and when the applications were submitted. Then she admitted that the applications were not submitted because they did not have time to do so. I explained the issues they faced due to the National Park Service's (NPS) program regulations and the IRS as well. Mrs. McGinity then said even if they did not qualify for the tax credit program, she wanted me to visit the property to explain what they did wrong anyway; since Alison expressed a number of concerns with the project at her initial site visit. We scheduled a date to meet.  
END

On January 24, 2007, I traveled to Alexandria to meet with Amy McGinity to walk through the Conerly House. The house was still basically two rooms deep and two rooms wide with a later addition on the rear, as stated in the National Register nomination. On the exterior, the McGinity's added a handicap ramp on the right side of the building, causing them to extend the porch a bit on the right. They also added brick entry steps in the front, in lieu of the wooden steps the building would have had. On the interior, a bathroom was added to the front left room, but it is not very large or offensive in my opinion. In the room on the right,

they added a staircase to access the attic space, which would probably minimally, meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, if at all. Overall the project did not look too bad. I explained to Amy that first we had to determine if the building would be re-listed in the National Register of Historic Places; since individually listed buildings are automatically de-listed when moved. Once that was determined, and if the decision were favorable for them, then they would need to submit an application to see if the NPS would approve the work they've already done. They needed good "before" photos for the NPS application. This would apply only if their building was allowed to be listed again in the Register, since the IRS regulations allow special concessions for individually listed properties. Amy said she would check with her sister-in-law about the pictures. I took a few pictures of the building, both interior and exterior and departed. END

On February 6, 2007, I received a call from Pamela McGinity, sister-in-law to Amy. I advised her that I had spoken with my director, Jonathan Fricker about the house. Jonathan told me that he visited the house soon after the move and he did not believe that the house was eligible for re-listing because it was moved from a rural setting to an urban setting. I relayed this information to Pamela. She could not understand why the house should be limited by setting. I explained that I would have Donna Fricker, our National Register Coordinator to call her and explain the rules of the National Register Program. Pamela still could not understand why they would not be eligible for the tax credit program when they saved the house from demolition. I explained that we (Division of HP) would send a letter to Amy explaining everything, so that there was no room for misunderstanding. She said they would look forward to receiving the letter. END





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FAM BREUX  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

April 27, 2015

TO: Mr. James Gabbert  
National Park Service 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor; National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" Street, NW; Washington, DC 20005

FROM: Jessica Richardson, National Register Coordinator  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation

RE: "Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides" (Conerly House)  
Additional Documentation, Rapides Parish, LA

Jim,

The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the additional documentation for the "Neo-Classical Architecture of Bayou Rapides" (Conerly House). Should you have any questions, please contact me at 225-219-4595 or [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov).

Thanks,

Jessica

Enclosures:

☒ CD with PDF of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form and Correspondence

☐ CD with electronic images (tif format)

☒ Physical Transmission Letter

☒ Physical Signature Page, with original signature

☐ Other:

Comments:

☒ Please ensure that this nomination receives substantive review

☐ This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67

☐ The enclosed owner(s) objection(s) do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ constitute a majority of property owners.

☐ Other: