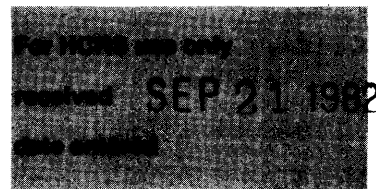


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Scotland Plantation House

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number 903 Bayou Drive N/A not for publication

city, town Tallulah N/A vicinity of congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state LA code 22 county Madison Parish code 065

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright Curtis, Jr.

street & number 903 Bayou Drive

city, town Tallulah N/A vicinity of state LA 71282

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Madison Parish Courthouse

street & number 100 North Cedar Street

city, town Tallulah state LA 71282

**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

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## 7. Description

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

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

Scotland Plantation House is located just west of Roundway Bayou in the city of Tallulah. At one time the house stood at the center of a large plantation. Since that time the town of Tallulah has expanded southward along the bayou to engulf the house. However, the house still enjoys a spacious front lawn with a view of the bayou.

The circular sawn, frame house has a wide central hall with two rooms on each side. The hall is 15 feet high and 15 feet wide and is divided into front and rear sections by a wide molded doorway with a pediment shaped top. At one time these two halves were separated by large paneled sliding doors. In the 1950's these were moved to the doorway between the hall and the front parlor and mounted on hinges.

Other changes made at that time include:

1. The old rear porch was enclosed for a kitchen, living area and bathroom.
2. The clapboard was covered with aluminum siding. (The moldings and columns were not covered.)
3. Three dormers were attached to the unfinished attic. These were installed for effect; the attic is still unfinished.
4. Several closets were installed.
5. A small rear wing was added along with a side wing.

Raised three feet above the ground, the house is large and plain with simple heavy moldings. The six gallery posts have double molded capitals. Chimneys are mounted between the front and rear rooms and have simple aedicule motif mantels. Many of the doors and windows have molded pediment shaped tops. Most of the windows are 6 over 6. The front gallery windows are 6 over 9 sliphead type with unusually large panes. Doors have 4 molded panels. All the original floors remain, though in two rooms they have been covered over.

Despite the intrusive additions, the essential architectural form, details, and significance remain. The aluminum siding is only noticeable upon very close inspection. In any case it could be easily removed. Likewise the small bogus dormers are a change which is easily reversible.

In any case, the house retains the features which establish its identity as a Greek Revival structure. These include the front gallery, the five bay facade, the front door with its transom and side lights, and the aedicule motif mantels. In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, Greek Revival houses were once so numerous in Madison Parish, and are now so rare, that even a modified example is architecturally significant.

### SUMMARY PARAGRAPH:

Scotland (c.1860) is a frame, single story, five bay, Greek Revival plantation house located just west of Roundway Bayou in the city of Tallulah. At one time the house stood at the center of a large plantation. Since that time the town of Tallulah has expanded southward along the bayou to engulf the house. However, the house still has a spacious front lawn with a view of the bayou. Despite several changes, Scotland retains its architectural identity as a Greek Revival structure and hence its significance.

## 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"/> invention		

**Specific dates** circa 1860

**Builder/Architect** Builder--Robert Moore Scott

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

Criterion C

Scotland, despite the aforementioned changes, is architecturally significant on the local level as an important example of a Greek Revival plantation house. It is the only example in the town of Tallulah and one of only three known examples in Madison Parish.

Within the Context of Tallulah:

Scotland is Tallulah's oldest structure, as well as the town's only Greek Revival plantation house. It also appears to be Tallulah's only significant mid-nineteenth century building. The town was largely rebuilt in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Other older structures which survived the rebuilding have evidently disappeared since that time.

Within the Context of Madison Parish:

Greek Revival plantation houses were undoubtedly once common in Madison Parish, as can be seen by examining the 1860 census records for the parish. The population of the parish was 88% slaves and there were 99 large slaveholdings (i.e., 50 or more slaves). Of these 99, the average size of a slaveholding was 89.6. The absentee ownership rate was 40%. Hence of the 99 large slaveholdings in the parish, 61 of them involved individuals who resided there. Also, presumably there were many more holdings of less than 50 slaves. Given these statistics, it would be plausible to estimate that there may have been as many as 50 to 75 Greek Revival plantation houses in the parish on the eve of the Civil War. Today little remains of this once impressive building stock. As far as the State Historic Preservation Office can determine, Scotland stands as one of three surviving Greek Revival plantation houses in the parish.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Chain of Title Search, Madison Parish Courthouse

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .7 acres

Quadrangle name Talla Bena, La.-Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

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 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright Curtis, Jr.

organization N/A

date June 1981

street & number 903 Bayou Drive

telephone 318-574-3504

city or town Tallulah

state LA 71282

# 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 9, 1982

For HCERS use only

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

Keeper of the National Register

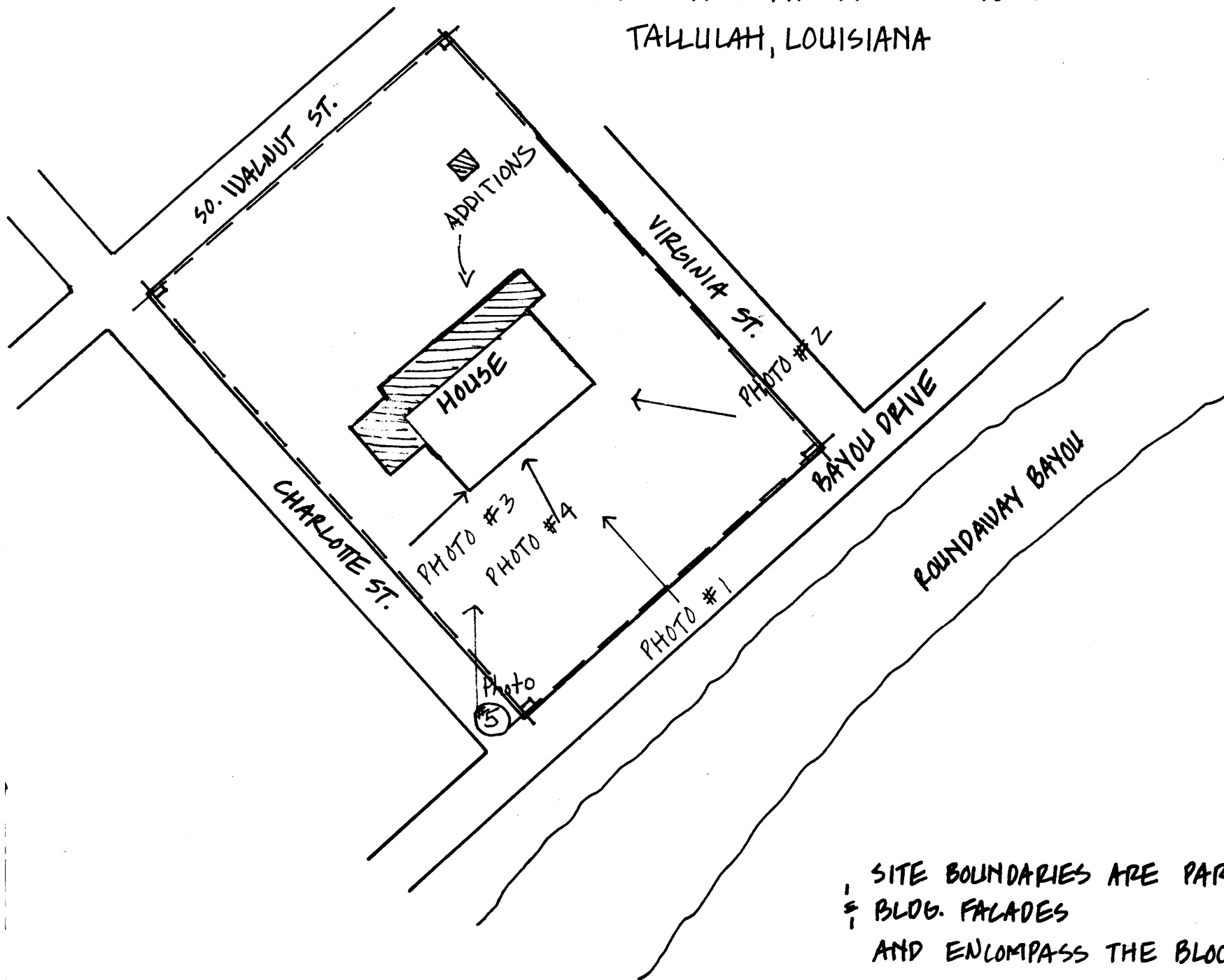
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Attest:   
Chief of State Historic Preservation

date 1/6/82

# SCOTTLAND PLANTATION HOUSE

TALLULAH, LOUISIANA



SCALE 1" = 50' APPROX

SITE BOUNDARIES ARE PARALLEL TO CITY BLOCK  
BLDG. FACADES  
AND ENCOMPASS THE BLOCK AS SHOWN.