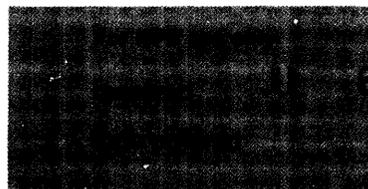


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



1982

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Robert D. Magee House

and/or common Same

2. Location

W of Angia off SR 438

street & number on Harry Kennedy Road off Hwy. 438 N/A not for publication

city, town Angie Vic. State Line Community vicinity of ~~congressional district~~ 6th - Henson Moore

state LA code 22 ~~county~~ parish Washington code 117

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> In process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| | <u>N/A</u> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. and Mrs. J. Larry Crain

street & number 408 W. Dakota Street

city, town Hammond N/A vicinity of state LA 70401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington Parish Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 607 Washington Street (no specific address)

city, town Franklinton state LA 70438

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 Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>1980</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Robert D. Magee House is a dogtrot structure which was moved approximately nineteen miles in 1980 from a heavily wooded setting near Franklinton to its present open, rural location in northern Washington Parish. It was built in two stages during the mid-nineteenth century (c.1840 and c.1860). In a recent restoration project all accretions subsequent to the c.1860 period of construction were removed. Hence there is no integrity problem.

The house's present setting is probably closer in general appearance to the setting it had when it was built than the setting it had just before it was moved. It was built as a farmhouse, a fact which the new setting conveys. In the old setting it was near a decayed structure in the midst of heavily forested unused farmland. Although the move was not necessary to save the house from immediate demolition, in its old setting it would probably have burned or collapsed within a few years. This was because the house was unoccupied and it was not being maintained. The move made it possible to restore the house and provide it with a secure future.

The move did not affect the potential significance of the Magee House. Because it is important within an eight parish area, its significance does not depend upon the context of its original location.

The Magee House began in about 1840 as a one room, square notched log structure with a sleeping loft. In about 1860 the single room was incorporated into a frame dogtrot house, with sills running the length of the new house. Both the new frame room and the older log room received six over six sash windows, brick chimneys, and clapboarding. All sheltered exterior walls (under the front and rear galleries and within the dogtrot passage) were sheathed in tongue and groove boards. A pair of small rooms were built at the ends of the rear gallery. Four panel doors provide access to all rooms. Detailing is plain with simple gallery posts and no fenestration molding. The interior has no decorative detailing except for a single crudely cut mantel in the frame (southern) portion.

Integrity

There are two features of the house which are not original to the c.1840 or c.1860 period of construction. These are the brick chimneys and the roof. It should be noted that both the present roof and the present chimneys duplicate the originals. The roof has the same pitch and eave details as the c.1860 roof. The present chimneys were built after the move to replace the original ones. The same brick was used and the old design was followed exactly. So both the roof and the chimneys contribute to the house's historic character even though they are not original.

NB: Although the log walls on the c.1840 portion were covered on the exterior c.1860, they are plainly visible on the interior where they form the actual wall surface of the room. (It was too dark inside to photograph this.)

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates c. 1840, c. 1860 **Builder/Architect** See below

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Robert D. Magee House is locally significant in the area of architecture because of its importance as a surviving relic of the early architecture of both Washington Parish and the Florida parishes as a whole.

Washington Parish is one of the eight so-called Florida parishes (that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River and north of Lake Pontchartrain). Unlike much of southern Louisiana, this area, generally speaking, was settled by American immigrants from the southeastern states rather than French Creoles. The historic pioneer building stock of the region reflected this. At one time log structures and dogtrot houses were common in the area. But today this building stock has been almost completely lost.

As a result, the Magee House stands as one of 23 extant examples of log construction in the eight Florida parishes. In addition, it is one of only three dogtrot houses involving log construction in Washington Parish. In its present condition it is one of only two extant dogtrot houses in the area where the central passageway is open.

This last factor is extremely important because the open dogtrot passageway is probably the most salient feature of the dogtrot house type. However, it is also a feature which most extant dogtrot houses have lost.

Builder/Architect:

A man named Alfred Richardson was undoubtedly responsible for the c.1860 construction; however, it is uncertain whether he built the original c.1840 portion. Research indicates that Richardson came to Washington Parish in 1845. Apparently he acquired the land upon which the present house is located shortly thereafter. He owned the property until 1878, when it was acquired by the Washington Parish School Board. On July 7, 1879, Robert D. Magee purchased the property, and it remained in the Magee family until 1924.

9. Major Bibliographical References

* Research Report Prepared by Dr. J. Larry Crain, Located in Robert D. Magee House National Register File, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.

* Above based upon extensive research in primary sources.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .08 acres

Quadrangle name Bogalusa, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

List all states and counties for properties overliapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. J. Larry Crain

organization N/A

date March 1981

street & number 408 West Dakota Street

telephone (504) 549-3742 or 549-2280

city or town Hammond

state LA 70401

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Robert B. DeBlieux
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 25, 1982

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

William H. Brown

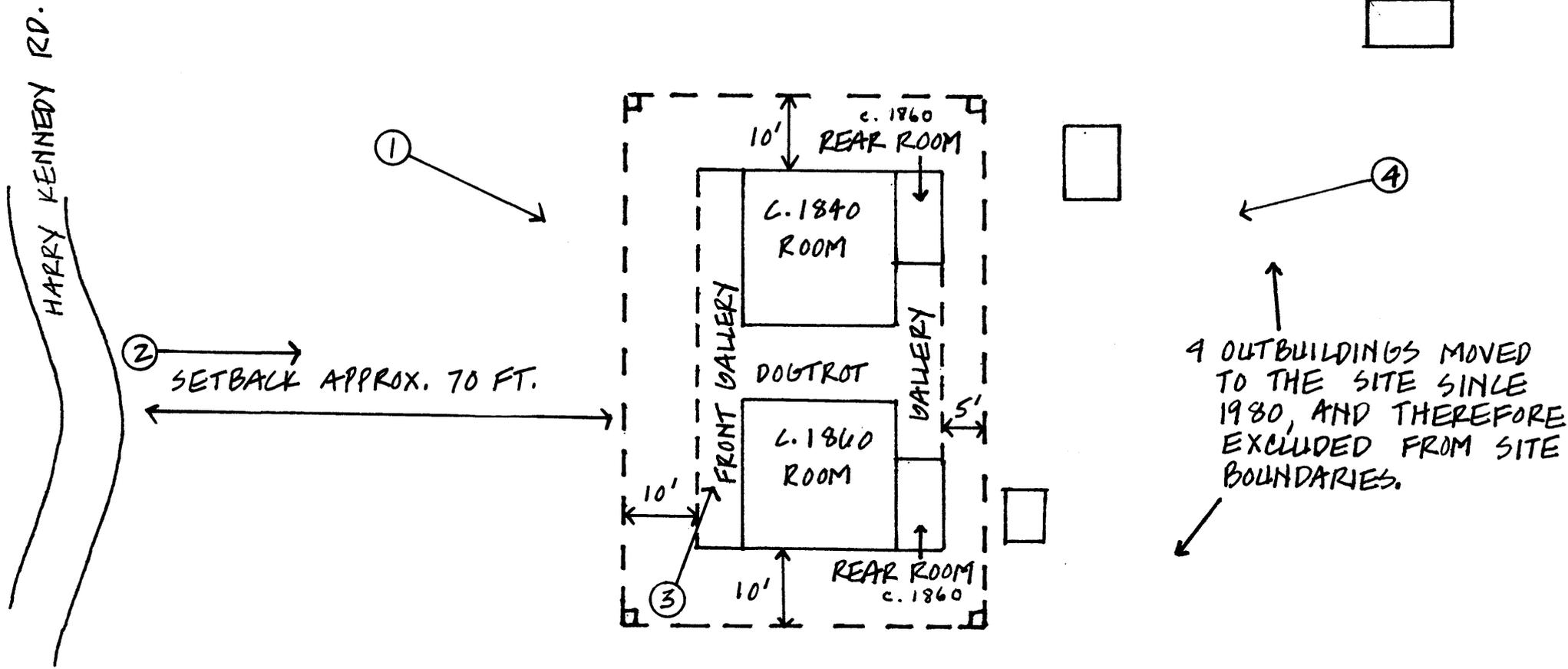
June 24, 82

Keeper of the National Register

Attach:

Chief of Registration

ROBERT D. MABLEE HOUSE
WASHINGTON PARISH, LA.



NOTE: SITE BOUNDARIES
PARALLEL BLDG. FACADES
AT DISTANCES SHOWN.

TO BOUAWUSA

SCALE 1" = 20' APPROX.