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Parlange exemplifies the style of the semitropic Louisiana river country house. The river front, with its two flanking pigeonniers is probably the most unchanged and interesting of its type remaining today.

The original house remains nearly intact except for a few changes, including the front steps leading outward from the main gallery floor. The present steps were evidently added at a later date, probably around 1860, because the true Louisiana colonial house invariably had the stairs housed entirely within the cover of its gallery to afford easy exterior circulation. Sometime prior to 1860 the hipped roof was extended to the rear. The present gallery was then added as before and it is believed that the stairway rose from inside the original rear gallery rather than the front, as it does today.

The raised basement is of brick, manufactured by slaves on the plantation, while the upper story walls are of cypress, hewn on the plantation. These walls, both inside and out, were plastered with a native mixture of mud, sand, Spanish moss and animal hair, then painted. A gallery or veranda with a typical light balustrade extends around all four sides at the second level. It is supported by brick columns, formed by wedged shaped bricks, stuccoed over, with unfinished square capitals and bases. The upper level is ringed by shuttered doors which provide cross ventilation in all directions. The floors on the ground level are paved with brick, the main gallery with cypress boards. From the gallery floor to the high, hipped, dormered roof are slender, turned cypress colonnettes.

The roof is covered with cypress shakes which have weathered to a silvergray. Two chimneys extend high above it at either end, topped with a simple brick cap.

The ground story contains seven service rooms, including laundry, cool room, wine cellar and storage rooms for provisions. The second floor also contains seven rooms, arranged in a double line. The ceiling of the lower floor shows sturdy hand-hewn beams. The walls and ceiling throughout the house are constructed of close fitting cypress planks as at Homeplace and other area houses. The baseboards, wainscoting, cornices, doors, windows, and trim were all made of the same material. The natural resistance of cypress to rotting and water made it an invaluable building material in the humid swamp area. Even the chandelier medallion on the ceiling is of carved wood in the plume pattern of the Empire period. A hand carved mantel in the main parlor has double Ionic columns supporting an arch on which the shelf rests. Like other fireplaces in the region, those at Parlange are

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW __COMMUNITY PLANNING __LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION __PREHISTORIC __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC __CONSERVATION __LAW __SCIENCE __1400-1499 __ECONOMICS __LITERATURE __SCULPTURE __AGRICULTURE __1500-1599 X_ARCHITECTURE __MILITARY __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN __1600-1699 __EDUCATION <u>×</u>1700-1799 __ART __ENGINEERING __MUSIC __THEATER __1800-1899 __COMMERCE __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT __PHILOSOPHY _TRANSPORTATION __1900-__COMMUNICATIONS __INDUSTRY __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT __OTHER (SPECIFY)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parlange Plantation House, erected about 1750, is the finest and least altered example of a large French colonial plantation house in the United States. It is a classic example of a two-story raised-cottage type of house as it developed in the lower Mississippi Valley. The main floor is set on a brick basement with brick pillars to support the gallery or veranda of the second story. A steeply pitched, dormered hipped roof creates the sheltering gallery. The house retains its tree shrouded setting within an active plantation. Facing on False River, once part of the ever changing Mississippi River, the house and its moss-draped trees, with horses and cattle straying around the grounds, maintains a serenity which lifts it from this century, linking it to another age.

HISTORY

Parlange was built by Vincent de Ternant, Marquis of Dansville-sur-Meuse, around 1750, on a French land grant which he developed into an Indigo Plantation. De Ternant died in 1757 and his son Claude inherited the property, changing the crop from indigo to sugar cane and cotton. Claude's first wife died after eight years of marriage and he remarried Virginie Trahan, a much younger woman. The house was furnished in great elegance from purchases made on many trips to France. Claude died before Virginie had grown far out of her teens. She remarried another Frenchman, Colonel Charles Parlange, from whom the plantation took its name. They had one son, also Charles, who survived the Civil War to begin a distinguished career that led consecutively to positions as a state senator, United States district attorney, lieutenant governor, Federal judge, and finally justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

When Virginie died, Charles and his wife moved to New Orleans and Parlange was vacant for the first time in more than a century. During the next twenty years the house was occupied by tenants until Charles' son Walter left New Orleans to return to his ancestral home and the life of a plantation farmer. His son continues the tradition today. Once 10,000 acres, Parlange extends back from False River in a fan shaped wedge, encompassing 1,767 acres of pasture and woodland.

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deep and project far into the room. The proportions are attenuated as the overmantel stretches the height of the high ceilings, while the mantel-pieces themselves are boxed and paneled on the sides. In the dining room, the rounded columns support a fluted frieze. Interior second story doors are tall, narrow and paneled. Here the transoms have been closed and papered, unlike Homeplace where they are still used. The present wall-paper was placed on the walls before 1860, replacing the original French block paper. The house is still furnished with original pieces which date from the time of its construction and continue through the pre-war period, including rugs, furnishings, tapestrys and paintings of seven generations of the Parlange family.

The house was once surrounded by a formal garden tended by French gardeners brought over for that purpose. It was into this setting that the two brick, octagonal pigeonniers were set. The two structures remain although the gardens were destroyed during the Civil War. Century old oaks still line the drive with younger cedars dripping with Spanish moss. A new kitchen was recently built to the rear of the house, which although not original, still maintains the separateness of function and blends well stylistically with the house.

Parlange remains very little altered and has never been restored. The plantation of 1,767 acres stretches for three miles back from False River in a fan-shaped wedge of pasture and woodland. On the land, the Parlanges still raise a Creole breed of cattle, sugar cane and cotton. About ten tenant farmers live on the land and work under contract with Parlange.

Five years ago the family added a small rear wing. This unobtrusive two-story addition is connected to the main house by means of a breezeway. Although it is styled to resemble the house, the wing cannot be mistaken for original fabric. It is set to the rear south corner of the house and is not visible from the main approach.

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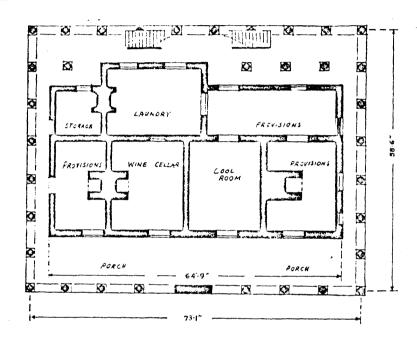
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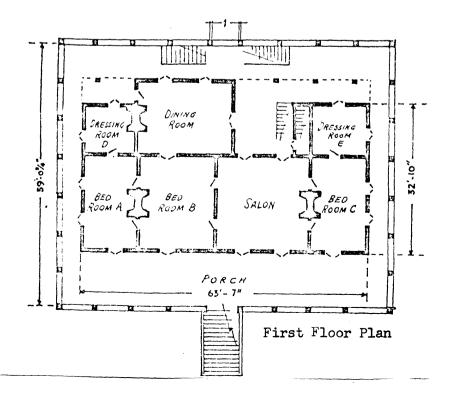
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Parlange Plantation House sits back from Route 1, sheltered from surrounding tenant houses by broad lawns and large moss covered trees. Route 78 bisects the entire plantation almost exactly in half and tenant houses cluster along both Route 1 and down Route 78 on the plantation property. Because of these houses, the bisecting road, and the great acreage involved, the majority of which is located to the rear of the house, the landmark boundary falls around the house and immediate grounds. Beginning at the southeast corner at the intersection of Routes 1 and 78 the landmark boundary proceeds southwest along the north edge of the right of way of Route 78 to the fence line as marked on the USGS Map, then northwest along the fence line to the end of the wooded area as indicated on the USGS Map, then following this wooded area line in a northeasterly direction to Route 1, then southeast along the west edge of the right of way of Route 1 to the point of beginning. USGS Map referred to is 7.5' Series, New Roads Quadrangle dated 1962. The house and Pigeonniers are the designated landmark buildings. Other structures in the area are farm buildings and do not contribute to the national significance of the landmark.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Memorandum

To:

Secretary of the Interior

Through: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife,

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From:

Director, National Park Service

Subject:

National Historic Landmark recommendations, 61st meeting

of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites,

Buildings and Monuments

Enclosed herewith is the memorandum of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments summarizing its findings and recommendations on the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings partial theme study of "Colonial Architecture." This memorandum makes two principal recommendations: (1) That 77 sites encompassed by this study be declared eligible for National Historic Landmark status. These are listed under Sections A, B, C, and D of the memorandum; (2) That 41 of these sites be given further consideration in long range plans for addition to the National Park System.

We recommend that you approve the Advisory Board's memorandum, and that it be returned to this office to become a part of the permanent record of actions recommended by the Board and approved by you.

Darthon L. Porce

Enclosure

Approved:

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Secretary of the Interior



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

October 8, 1969

Memorandum

To:

Secretary of the Interior

From:

Chairman, Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites,

Buildings, and Monuments

Subject

National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings: Partial

study of "Colonial Architecture" comprising sites in

eighteen States and the District of Columbia

The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments, at its 61st meeting in Washington, D. C., October 6-9, 1969, having carefully evaluated the partial study of "Colonial Architecture," submits the following statements with recommendations:

A. Of the sites included in the study, the following are recognized as nationally significant in illustrating or commemorating the history of the United States, and it is recommended that they be declared eligible for designation as Registered National Historic Landmarks with boundaries, as appropriate, described in attachments:

Alaska

- 1. Church of the Holy Ascension, Unalaska
- 2. Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Kenai

California

- 3. Anza House
- 4. Jose Castro House
- 5. Estudillo House
- 6. Fort Ross Commander's House
- 7. Fort Ross Russian Orthodox Church
- 8. Guajome Ranchhouse
- 9. Los Alamos Ranchhouse
- 10. Los Cerritos Ranchhouse
- 11. Monterey Old Town Historic District
- 12. Petaluma Adobe
- 13. San Diego Mission Church
- 14. San Juan Bautista Plaza Historic District
- 15. San Luis Rey Mission Church
- 16. Vhay House

Delaware

17. Aspendale

Florida

- 18. Llambias House
- 19. Oldest House
- 20. St. Augustine Town Plan Historic District

Illinois

- 21. Church of the Holy Family
- 22. Pierre Menard House

Louisiana

- 23. Keller (Homeplace) Plantation House
- 24. Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop
- 25. Mayor Girod House
- 26. Madame John's Legacy
- 27. Parlange Plantation House
- 28. Presbytere

Maryland

- 29. Brice House
- 30. Chase-Lloyd House
- 31. Chestertown Historic District
- 32. His Lordship's Kindness
- 33. London Town Publik House
- 34. Montpelier
- 35. Mount Clare
- 36. Resurrection Manor
- 37. Tulip Hill
- 38. West St. Mary's Manor
- 39. Wye House

Missouri

40. Louis Bolduc House

New Mexico

- 41. San Estevan del Rey Mission Church
- 42. San Francisco de Assissi Mission Church
- 43. San Jose de Gracia Church

North Carolina

- 44. Chowan County Courthouse
- 45. Cupola House
- 46. Palmer-Marsh House
- 47. Single Brothers' House

South Carolina

- 48. Brick House Ruin
- 49. William Gibbes House
- 50. Hampton Plantation
- 51. Heyward-Washington House
- 52. Middleburg Plantation
- 53. Pompion Hill Chapel
- 54. St. James' Episcopal Church, Goose Creek
- 55. St. James' Episcopal Church, Santee
- 56. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Texas

- 57. Mission Concepcion
- 58. Spanish Governor's Palace

<u>Virginia</u>

- 59. Brandon
- 60. Bruton Parish Church
- 61. Carter's Grove
- 62. Christ Church, Alexandria
- 63. Kenmore
- 64. Sabine Hall
- 65. James Semple House
- 66. Shirley
- 67. Waterford Historic District
- 68. Wythe House
- 69. Yeocomico Church

Washington

- 70. Fort Nisqually Granary
- B. Three sites included in the portion of Colonial Architecture that considered the Middle Colonies are recognized as nationally significant and it is recommended that they be declared as Registered National Historic Landmarks:
 - 1. William Trent House, New Jersey
 - 2. Christ Church, Pennsylvania
 - 3. Carpenters' Hall, Pennsylvania
- C. Two sites included in this study are recognized as nationally significant in Theme IV, "Spanish Exploration and Settlement." It is recommended that they be declared eligible for recognition as Registered National Historic Landmarks:
 - 1. La Purisima Mission, California
 - 2. Cathedral of St. Augustine, Florida
- D. Two sites not originally included within this study are recommended for designation as National Historic Landmarks within Theme XX, Subtheme, "Architecture."
 - 1. El Santuario de Chimayo, New Mexico
 - 2. Peyton Randolph House, Virginia
- E. Other Recommendations:
- 1. That the following sites be placed in the category of "Other Sites Considered:"

California

- (1) Avila House
- (2) La Casa de Cota de la Cuesta
- (3) La Casa de Eduardo de la Cuesta
- (4) Covarrubias Adobe
- (5) De La Guerra Adobe
- (6) El Cuartel
- (7) Guadalupe (Olivera) Ranch House No. 1
- (8) Hill-Carrillo Adobe
- (9) Ortega House

- (10) Plaza Church
- (11) Rocha House
- (12) San Diego Old Town Historic District
- (13) San Juan Capistrano Mission Church

District of Columbia

(14) Alva Belmont House

Illinois

- (15) Cahokia Courthouse
- (16) Cahokia Historic District

Louisiana

- (17) Darby Plantation House
- (18) Ormond Plantation

Maryland

- (19) Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church
- (20) Genesar
- (21) Hammond Manor House
- (22) Kilmarock (Burleane Hall)
- (23) Ogle Hall
- (24) Otterbein Church
- (25) Patuxent Manor House
- (26) St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek
- (27) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kent County
- (28) Talbot County Court House
- (29) Third Haven Meeting House
- (30) Trinity Episcopal Church, Dorchester County

Missouri

(31) Jean Baptiste Valle House

New Mexico

(32) San Geronimo de Taos Mission Church

North Carolina

- (33) Bath Historic District
- (34) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton
- (35) St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Bath
- (36) Tryon Palace, Original (West) Wing

South Carolina

- (37) Branford-Horry House
- (38) Fenwick Hall
- (39) Medway Plantation
- (40) Thomas Rose House
- (41) Col. John Stuart House
- (42) Sword Gate House

Virginia

- (43) Berkeley Plantation
- (44) Brafferton Hall, College of William and Mary
- (45) The Glebe House
- (46) Noland's Ferry House
- (47) Pohick Church
- (48) President's House, College of William and Mary
- (49) Smithfield Plantation
- (50) Tazewell House

West Virginia

- (51) Crane (Lord Fairfax) House
- (52) Mordington (Happy Retreat)
- (53) Governor Tiffin House
- 2. That the following sites be given further study under this theme:

California

- (1) Olivas Adobe
- (2) San Gabriel Mission Church

Colorado

(3) Baca House

Connecticut

(4) Hatheway House

Delaware

- (5) Christ Church, Laurel
- (6) Prince George's Chapel

Florida

(7) Spanish Treasurer's House

Louisiana

- (8) African House, Melrose Plantation
- (9) Creole Cottage
- (10) Louis Arceneaux House
- (11) E. D. White Memorial Cottage
- (12) Voisin Plantation House
- (13) Spanish Custom House
- (14) Erariste Blanc House
- (15) Montegut House
- (16) Bank of the United States
- (17) Absinthe House
- (18) Cathedral of St. Louis

Maryland

- (19) Carroll Mansion
- (20) Providence Plantation
- (21) Queen Anne's County Courthouse
- (22) Horatio Sharp (Rideout) House
- (23) Scott House
- (24) St. John's Episcopal Church, Hillsboro
- (25) St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Church Hill
- (26) St. Luke's Episcopal Church or Tuckahoe Chapel, Queenstown
- (27) Old Wye Church
- (28) Doughoregan Manor

New Mexico - Florida

- (29) Pascual Martinez Ranch House
- (30) Santa Fe and Albuquerque and Pensacola town plans

North Carolina

- (31) Breezeway type of Colonial House
- (32) Edenton Historic District
- (33) Hayes Plantation House
- (34) Sycamore Plantation

South Carolina

- (35) Edward's House
- (36) Edisto Hall

Virginia

- (37) Battersea
- (38) Blandfield
- (39) Carlyle House
- (40) Dulaney House
- (41) Elmwood
- (42) Hanover Tavern
- (43) Hanover Courthouse
- (44) King William Courthouse
- (45) Long Bridge Ordinary
- (46) Marmion
- (47) Powhatan Courthouse
- (48) Powhatan Tavern
- (49) Three-story wooden row houses, south side of 200 block of Prince Street in Alexandria
- (50) Smithfield Courthouse
- (51) Washington Historic District
- (52) Wetherburn's Tavern
- (53) Fincastle Historic District

West Virginia

- (54) Harewood
- (55) Sweet Springs
- F. The National Park System includes the following structures that are Importantly Related to this study:
 - 1. Tumacacori National Monument, Arizona
 - 2. Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Florida
 - 3. Fort Matanzas National Monument, Florida

- 4. Hampton National Historic Site, Maryland
- 5. Nelson House, Colonial National Historical Park, Virginia
- 6. San Jose Mission Church, Texas
- G. Forty-eight sites related to this theme have been classified as possessing national significance in other theme studies. These are:

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- 1. Russian Mission Orphanage, Alaska
- 2. San Xavier del Bac Mission Church, Arizona
- 3. Carmel Mission Church, California
- 4. Larkin House, California
- 5. Old Custom House, California
- 6. Royal Presidio Chapel, California
- 7. Santa Barbara Mission Church, California
- 8. Sonoma Pueblo Historic District, California (with boundaries enlarged and defined in the attachments)
- 9. Savannah Historic District, Georgia
- 10. The Cabildo, Louisiana
- 11. Ursuline Convent, Louisiana
- 12. Vieux Carre Historic District, Louisiana
- 13. Jackson Square, Louisiana
- 14. Colonial Annapolis Historic District, Maryland
- 15. Hammond-Harwood House, Maryland
- 16. Maryland State House, Maryland
- 17. Whitehall, Maryland
- 18. Ste. Genevieve Historic District, Missouri
- 19. Palace of the Governors, New Mexico
- 20. Old Salem Historic District, North Carolina
- 21. Miles Brewton House, South Carolina
- 22. Robert Brewton House, South Carolina
- 23. Charleston Historic District, South Carolina (with boundaries enlarged and defined in the attachments)
- 24. Drayton Hall, South Carolina
- 25. Mulberry Plantation, South Carolina
- 26. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, South Carolina
- 27. Presidio de La Bahia, Texas
- 28. Alexandria Historic District, Virginia
- 29. Bacon's Castle, Virginia
- 30. Christ Church, Lancaster County, Virginia

- 31. Colonial Williamsburg Historic District, Virginia
- 32. Gadsby's Tavern, Virginia
- 33. Gunston Hall, Virginia
- 34. Mount Airy, Virginia
- 35. Mount Vernon, Virginia
- 36. St. Luke's Church, Virginia
- 37. Stratford Hall, Virginia
- 38. Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia
- 39. Tuckahoe Plantation, Virginia
- 40. Westover, Virginia
- 41. Wren Building, College of William and Mary, Virginia

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- 42. Erskine House, Alaska
- 43. St. Michael's Cathedral, Alaska
- 44. Commandant's House, Presidio of San Francisco, California
- 45. Las Trampas Plaza Historic District, New Mexico
- 46. Salem Tavern, Old Salem, North Carolina
- 47. The Alamo, Texas
- 48. Rising Sun Tavern, Virginia
- H. The Board recommends that the Old State (Colony) House in Newport, Rhode Island, a Landmark previously placed in the category of Also Related to Colonial Architecture, be noted as being Importantly Related to Colonial Architecture.
- I. The following sites are judged of such prime significance as to merit further study for possible addition to the National Park System. It is recognized that many, such as Colonial Williamsburg, are being adequately preserved at present and are not available. Because unforeseen contingencies may change present circumstances, such sites should nevertheless be identified as potential units of the system and noted for long-range consideration in the evolution of the National Park System Plan.
 - 1. Russian Mission Orphanage, Alaska
 - 2. San Xavier del Bac Mission Church, Arizona
 - 3. Fort Ross, California
 - 4. Guajome Ranchhouse, California
 - 5. Los Alamos Ranchhouse, California
 - 6. Monterey Old Town Historic District, California

- 7. Petaluma Adobe, California
- 8. Royal Presidio Chapel, California
- 9. Santa Barbara Mission Church, California
- 10. Church of the Holy Family, Illinois
- 11. Parlange Plantation House, Louisiana
- 12. Vieux Carre Historic District, Louisiana
- 13. Colonial Annapolis Historic District, Maryland
- 14. Resurrection Manor, Maryland
- 15. Tulip Hill, Maryland
- 16. Whitehall, Maryland
- 17. Wye House, Maryland
- 18. Ste. Genevieve Historic District, Missouri
- 19. San Estevan del Rey Mission Church (Acoma), New Mexico
- 20. San Jose de Gracia Church (Las Trampas), New Mexico
- 21. Old Salem Historic District, North Carolina
- 22. Charleston Historic District, South Carolina
- 23. Drayton Hall, South Carolina
- 24. Mulberry Plantation, South Carolina
- 25. St. James Episcopal Church, Goose Creek, South Carolina
- 26. St. James Episcopal Church, Santee, South Carolina
- 27. Mission Concepcion (San Antonio Missions Park Proposal), Texas
- 28. Presidio de la Bahia (Goliad Complex), Texas
- 29. Alexandria Historic District, Virginia
- 30. Brandon, Virginia
- 31. Bacon's Castle, Virginia
- 32. Christ Church, Lancaster County, Virginia
- 33. Colonial Williamsburg Historic District, Virginia
- 34. Gunston Hall, Virginia
- 35. Mount Airy, Virginia
- 36. Mount Vernon, Virginia
- 37. St. Luke's Church, Virginia
- 38. Shirley, Virginia
- 39. Stratford Hall, Virginia
- 40. Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia
- 41. Westover, Virginia

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