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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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#### 7. DESCRIPTION

The Stewart-Dougherty House is a two story "town house". It is a destinctive example of the mid-nineteenth century Classical Devival style of architecture.

The Stewart-Dougherty House was constructed between 1848 and 1854. It measures 78 feet across the South front entrance (facing North Street) and 66 feet deep. It is built of locally-fired red brick. The brick is laid in a variation of the common bond. Rather than having the more usual 5 rows of stretchers and 1 row of headers the bond is composed of 7 rows of stretchers and 1 row of headers. This is typical of the work of the local mason-builder, Nelson Potts.

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The original plan of the house was four rooms and a central hallway arranged in a symetrical pattern on each floor, which is characterized by the exterior on the South facade. The structure of the central portion of the house is brick bearing wall. There is a 10 foot wide gallery on both floors extending on all four sides of the house. There are four rectangular masonry columns on each of the four sides. The end columns of each side connect, giving the appearance of a massive square column at the corners of the building. The face of each column has a recessed panel; all of the columns are plastered and painted white. The second story gallery, where still open, retains the original grape-and-leaf cast-iron balustrade.

The floor plan of the first and the second floors are identical. Both floors have central halls from front to back with doors opening into two rooms on either side of the hall. Each room has its own fireplace, which is located across the room from the hall doorway. The resulting chimneys penetrate the slate hipped roof on the East and West slopes of the roof. Two double-hung windows on each of the two exterior walls of each room rise from the floor to allow easy access from each of the rooms to the gallery. Six of these windows are visable from North Street, where the gallery is still open. The other windows are used for access to the enclosed portions of the gallery. The windows to the gallery are fitted with wood louvered shutters. Expect for the green louvered shutters, the wood work and trim is painted white.

One of the finest features of this building are the identical entrance doors to the central halls on each of the floor levels. These matching top and side-lighted doors are repeated at both the front and rear of each of the halls.

The original staircase was located along the Easterly wall of the central hall and did not have a landing. About 1915-20, when other charges were made in the appearance of the house, the staircase was rearranged and a landing was built-in. At the same time a service stair was added on the East gallery.

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Between 1915 and 1970 there were alterations to the house but no important structural changes have been made. About 1920, the East, West and North galleries were enclosed but the plastered columns on these sides were left exposed. It was at this time that bathrooms, a library and sleeping porches were created. Also, a one-story kitchen addition was done on the West side and porte cochere (carport) was added to the East side. When remodeling was underway in 1969 / a limited fire necessitated renovation.

At the back of the house and to the Northeast and along the present Bungalow Lane is a two-story "Builder's Cottage" built of the same brick and bonded as the main house. The "Builder's Cottage" pre-dates the construction of the house. At the present time, the cottage has been altered considerably for a duplex apartment but it has been used as servants' quarters with carriage house, garage, and storage below, in the past.

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The lot on which the house stands is designated as "Garden Plot F" on Pintado's 1805 map of Spanish Town. In 1806 the lot belonged to Dr. Gilbert Leonard; in 1825 to R.D. Richardson; and in 1848 to Pelicaspia Rogillio who in that same year passed it on to his daughter, Martha Anchea Rogillio, who married Henry Carl.

The lot's description in 1848 was "an unproductive garden plot (F) in Spanish Town, measuring one arpent on North Street by 4 arpents deep..." (one arpent equals 192 feet). Martha A. Rogillio Carl sold the property to Nathan King Knox, who had the house constructed between 1848 and 1854. The house was commissioned by Nathan King Knox, business promoter and developer, to be built by Nelson Potts, master brick-mason who moved to Baton Rouge from New Jersey about 1846. Potts in association with the carpenter, Richard Burke, built many of the public and private buildings in Baton Rouge in the 10 to 15 years before the Civil War. The Stewart-Dougherty House is patterned after Potts' own home which is slightly smaller and located approximately one block east at 831 North Street.

Just at the time that the house was completed, Nathan King Knox sold the property to Mrs. Nolan Stewart on November 22, 1854, as recorded in Book J, folio 332, Conveyance Records, Parish of East Baton Rouge. Mrs. Stewart (nee Elvira Moore McCalop) was the daughter of James McCalop, one of the early land holders in the Baton Rouge area. The house has been maintained by her decendents from the time of its construction. The family was forced to evacuate the house during the War between the States. Federal troops determined to burn the house had piled firewood under the stairway, but they desisted when it was pointed out that the place would make an excellent hospital. The house was used as a United States General Hospital during part of 1862 and 1863. The diary and letters of Emerson Wildman Belden, 25th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, record that on Beb. 25, 1863, a total of 159 patients from twenty-eight different Federal regiments and batteries were patients of this hospital.

Mrs. Stewart passed the house on to her daughter, Lucy, who married John Dougherty. Mrs. Dougherty passed the house on to her daughter, Nelly,

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- 8. SIGNIFICANCE (cont.)
- who married Colonel Arther Taylor Prescott, who chaired the Department of Political Science at LSU and is a noted author. They passed the property on to their daughter, Lucy, who is the present occupant of the family home.
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