

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Kleinpeter House  
and or common Same

2. Location

street & number Perkins Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Baton Rouge X vicinity of  
state LA code 22 parish East Baton Rouge code 033

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" 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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Unoccupied

4. Owner of Property

name Durbin Benjamin Kleinpeter  
street & number 18666 Perkins Road  
city, town Baton Rouge X vicinity of state LA 70817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse  
street & number 222 St. Louis Street P. O. Box 1991  
city, town Baton Rouge state LA 70821

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes X no  
date 1985 \_\_\_ federal X state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office  
city, town Baton Rouge state LA

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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>1985</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Kleinpeter House (c.1880) is a story and a half, frame, Greek Revival cottage set on its original plantation tract on the extreme outskirts of Baton Rouge. Despite a recent short move and some alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The Kleinpeter House is so retardataire in style that on first glance it appears to be a standard 1840's Greek Revival cottage. Only its moldings and certain details give away its true date. The frame is pegged together at the major joins, while the minor joins are nailed. The plan is of the central hall type, two rooms deep with front and rear galleries. The staircase is set in the front of the hall with an adjacent doorway which bisects the hall into front and rear halves. The five bay facade features a full entablature and six gallery posts with molded block capitals. The gallery itself is incorporated under a steep and generous pitched roof. Pilasters echo the gallery posts at each end of the facade. The interior features plain molded door and window surrounds, flush board walls, and four panel doors.

As previously mentioned, certain details establish the house as a somewhat late example of the Greek Revival style. These include:

1. The fact that the facade under the gallery is sheathed in clapboards rather than flush boards.
2. The size of the panes of glass in the transom and sidelights in the front doorway.
3. The elaborate moldings on the gallery.
4. The two curious homemade Italianate mantels.
5. The newel post and the turned balustrade on the staircase which have an Eastlake look.

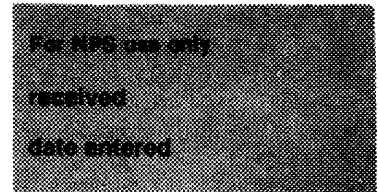
Since construction the following major changes have been made in the house:

1. At the end of the nineteenth century an interior wall was removed, incorporating the rear portion of the hall into one of the rear rooms.
2. In about 1900 one of the two original mantels was replaced by a golden oak catalogue ordered mantel. This was damaged, and recently it was replaced by a copy made from the one remaining original mantel.
3. In the twentieth century the house acquired huge dormers, a false gallery, and a large rear wing. These have been removed, and a new smaller rear wing has been built. Also the rear gallery has been re-enclosed.
4. As part of the recent move, the chimneys and the brick piers under the house have had to be rebuilt.

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7. Description (cont'd)

Assessment of Integrity

Despite these changes, the house's Greek Revival character, which is the source of its significance, remains intact. (See Item 8)

The Move

In 1985 the house was moved a few hundred yards to its present location. The setting is very similar and, of course, the house remains on its original plantation tract. The move was necessary because the house was in an estate and some of the heirs were planning to develop the site. The present owner, one of the heirs, moved the house to another portion of the property in order to save it.

The house now faces essentially east, and in its old location faced north, but this is of little consequence. The property's Register eligibility remains unmarred because the house was not moved out of East Baton Rouge Parish, which is the context for 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**      c.1880                      **Builder/Architect**      Uncertain

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

The Kleinpeter House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare surviving example of a Greek Revival cottage within the context of East Baton Rouge Parish,

In recent decades East Baton Rouge has lost most of its early building stock due to decay and urbanization. As far as the State Historic Preservation Office is aware, the Kleinpeter House is one of only six surviving Greek Revival residences. Although it is certainly not the grandest member of this group, the Kleinpeter House is important because of its status as a Greek Revival cottage. Of course, this can be seen in its story-and-a-half pitched roof form, its five bay symmetrical facade, and its classical gallery with a full entablature and end pilasters. This type of Greek Revival house was once far more common in Louisiana than grand, two story, colossal columnar "mansions." Ironically, East Baton Rouge Parish retains four such "mansions," but it only retains one good example of a Greek Revival cottage, which is, of course, the Kleinpeter House. For the record, the other example has lost all of its original columns as well as mantels. In addition, twentieth century dormers have been added, the interior walls have been re-sheathed, and the gallery floor has been lowered.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Conveyance Records, East Baton Rouge Parish.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @ 1/4th of an acre

Quadrangle name St. Gabriel, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map. Boundaries were chosen to discretely encompass the significant resource. The house has been moved, and, in addition, nominating all of the acreage under single ownership would have been including hundreds of acres.

### 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 National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNER  
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date June 1986

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

# 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 July 1, 1986

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

Entered in the National Register

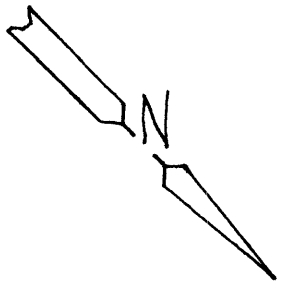
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Keeper of the National Register

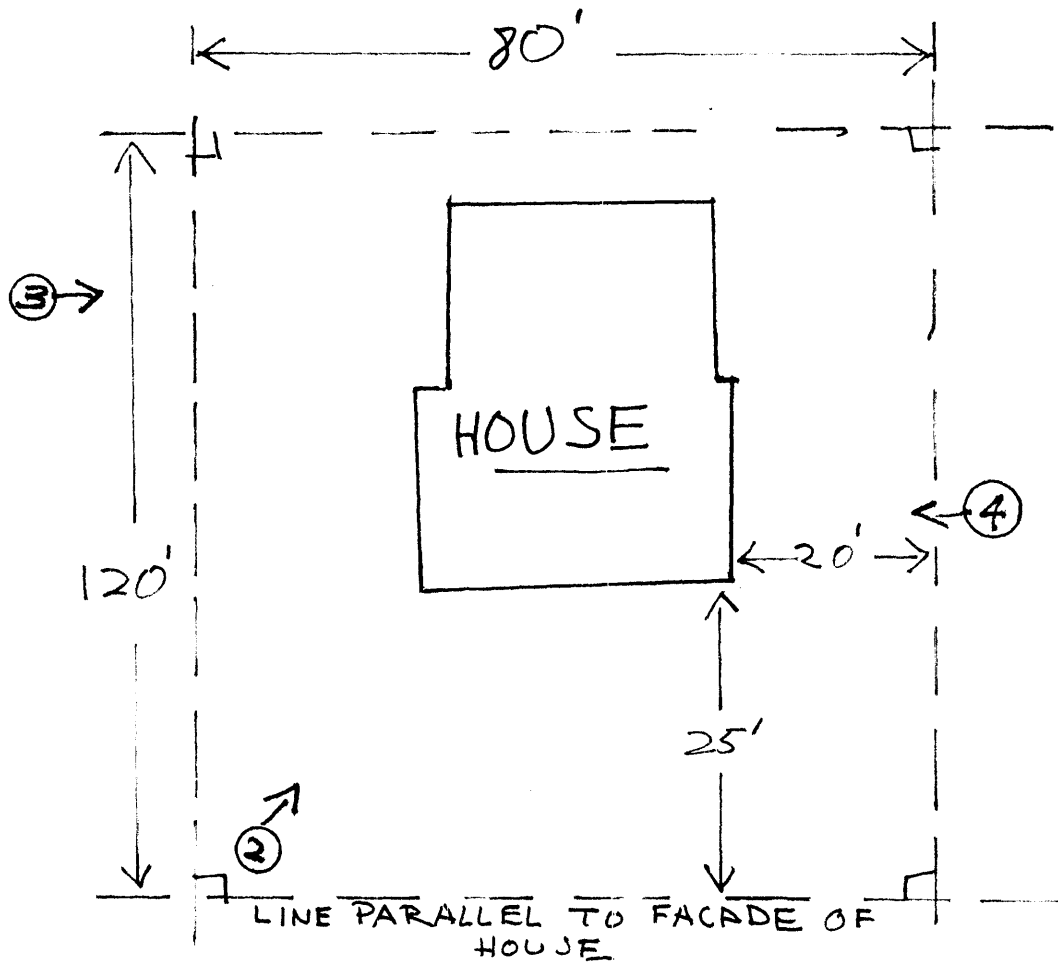
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



# KLEINPETER HOUSE E. BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA.



(NOT TO SCALE)

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