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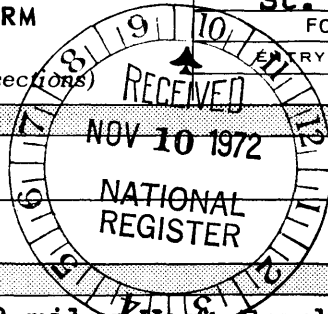
Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Louisiana
COUNTY:	St. Mary
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 30 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: **Oaklawn Manor**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Oak Lawn Plantation**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Route 1, Box 153, 2 miles West Franklin, La. on U.S. Highway 90, 3 Miles N.E. on Irish Bend Road (parish road)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin**

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Louisiana	022	St. Mary	101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **George B. Thomson**

STREET AND NUMBER: **RFD, Box 153**

CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin**

STATE:	CODE
Louisiana	022

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: **St. Mary Parish Courthouse, Clerk of Court, Registry of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin**

STATE	CODE
Louisiana-70538	022

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **St. Mary Parish Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin**

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about 2.10 miles N.E. of Franklin

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An engraving (full page) in Leslie's Illustrated Weekly of 1864, (reproduction in book) and attached* photographs in the early 1900's show the original appearance of the building. The only change to the original structure was to make it livable with modern date facilities when restored in the 1920's.

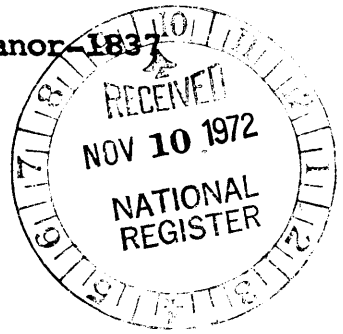
A. Interior:

Steam heat was introduced during the restoration of the 1920's (the steam pipes running up outside the inner walls) and the original doors to the drawing room and dining room opening off the great hall were enlarged to give a wide opening with a curved top.

B. Exterior:

The exterior original structure is unchanged; however, to provide bath rooms to two bedrooms the S.E. corner of the rear galler was bricked in between the columns. The space between the kitchen building and the main house was bricked in to obviate walking outdoors some 40 feet.

*-See attached copy of Oaklawn Manor-1837



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

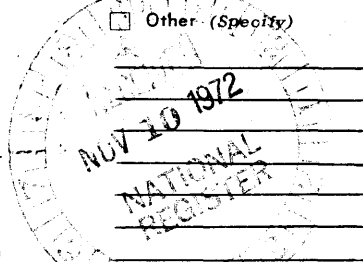
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1837**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape (natural) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

- A.** Greek colonial, all hand made brick, 16 Tuscan brick columns (12 on main house and 4 on kitchen wing). The outer walls are 5 bricks thick, and the inner bearing walls 4 bricks thick. The floor plan of the main house is unusual since the lowness of the site precluded usable roads and the entrance with stairwell is on the East side for the convenience of using riding horses. The separate kitchen building is two story (the usual southern kitchen was a one room building connected to the main house with a covered, open, passageway). The two rooms upstairs were the garconniere instead of the usual detached garconniere room(s).
- B.** To the best of our knowledge, the approximate 76 acres surrounding the house is the natural formation, never cultivated, having a great number of the original live oak trees. The original outline of the nearly 3 acres of gardens is intact, though many of the Tennessee Cedars Porter brought from Tennessee have been destroyed by the many Hurricanes.
- C.** To enhance the grounds and perpetuate the large grove of live oaks, the restorer in the 1920's had tree men make very extensive repairs to the original oaks and had them plant over 100 12-14 year live oak trees. Since the entire acreage is either in grass or native growth, the surface soil remains in place. (The grounds are kept up 12 months of the year).
- D.** Touring the house and grounds and the book OAKLAWN MANOR 1837 bring the visitor's attention to the development of this particular sugar cane area along the Bayou Teche, the terrible economic effects of the War Between the States and the failure of the original developers to continue. It was a way of life not to be seen again. Of special interest to the hostess are the school groups visiting here in the elementary school grades studying Louisiana History. They are shown and told of this rich ante-bellum era and they see the results of building to last-not a modern, quick, structure needing constant repair. The down stairs furnishings, brought from Europe in the 1920's are French and Italian with some pieces dating to the 17th. century. These are of particular interest to the more knowledgeable adults and are educational to others)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- A. Alexander Porter Whig Planter of Old Louisiana: by Wendell Holmes Stephenson, Ph.D.; Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, La.
- B. Burton Harrison Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress. Letters from Alexander Porter to J. Burton Harrison. 1832-1839
- C. Without listing further, there is a fine Bibliography at the end of the book listed under A above including: Bibliographies and Memoirs, Collections of Documents, Letters and papers, Lawn & Public Documents, Monographs and Special Articles, State & Regional Histories, Unpublished Sources, ETC.

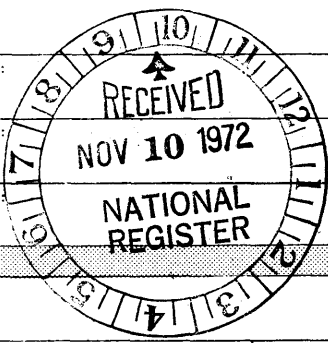
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	29° 51' 07"	91° 28' 07"	0	0		
NE	29° 50' 59"	91° 27' 47"	0	0		
SE	29° 50' 55"	91° 28' 16"	0	0		
SW	29° 50' 50"	91° 27' 52"	0	0		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **75 Acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **George B. Thomson**

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: **August 22, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **RFD, Box 153**

CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin** STATE: **Louisiana 70538** CODE: **022**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: George W. Peake

Title: **Chairman, Louisiana Historical Preservation & Cultural Commission**

Date: **3 Nov. 1972**

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

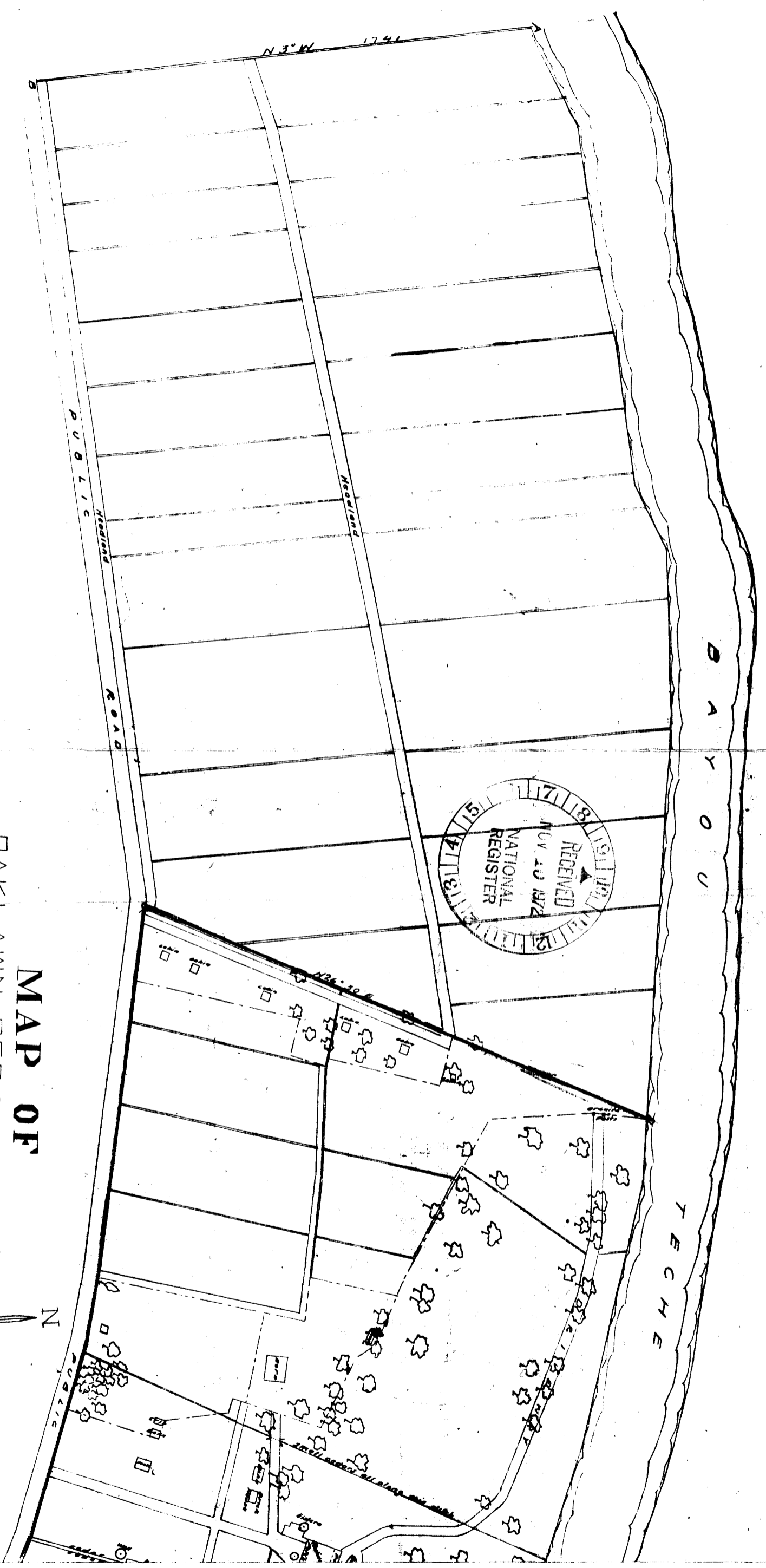
Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **3/50/73**

ATTEST: Conrad S. ...
Keeper of the National Register

Date: **3-26-73**

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 3303160
 NE 15/647440/3302950
 SE 15/647200/3302650
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MAP OF
 OAKLAWN RESIDENCE SITE
 AND ADJOINING FIELDS.

BY *W. S. Spaulding*
 FRANKLIN, LA. C.E.

SCALE: 1 INCH = 50 FEET
 AREA: 2.8 ACRES
 TOTAL: 58.13 ACRES



