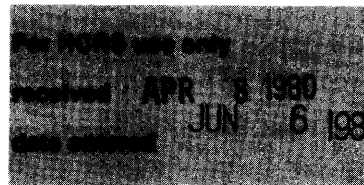FHR–8–300 (11–78)

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

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1. Name

historic   Badin-Roque House

and/or common   Same

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2. Location   S of Natchez

street & number 10 miles south/southeast of Natchitoches on west bank ___ not for publication
                of Cane River

city, town   Natchez   _X_ vicinity of   congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state   La.   code 022   county Natchitoches   code 069

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3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	_X_ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	_X_ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

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4. Owner of Property

name   St. Augustine's Historical Society

street & number   Route 1, Box 46

city, town Isle Brevelle, Natchez   ___ vicinity of   state La. 71456

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5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.   Natchitoches Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town   Natchitoches   state La.

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title   Louisiana Historic Sites Survey   has this property been determined elegible? ___ yes _X_ no

date   1979   ___ federal _X_ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town   Baton Rouge   state   La.

7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Badin-Roque house is set on flat farmland adjacent to the Cane River, approximately ten miles south/southeast of the town of Natchitoches. Boundaries of the nominated area were drawn close to the house to exclude the surrounding twentieth century buildings.

The house itself was probably built in the very early nineteenth century as a poteaux-en-terre cottage with two front rooms of unequal size and two rear cabinets with a small space between. Studs were approximately six inches square and were spaced between one foot and 18 inches apart. The house had a single central chimney and a dirt floor. In all likelihood it had a large all encompassing hip roof which sheltered the exposed boussilage walls.

Several changes were made later. In the 1830's a beaded tongue and groove ceiling was added as was much of the present board and batten fenestration. In about 1850 the present pitched roof and siding was added. The roof was constructed with hewn timbers which were fixed with spikes. In addition, the small rear gallery was enclosed, and a 9 over 6 window was installed. In the twentieth century the present tin roof covering was installed. The structure is sound, but some of the studs have tilted, and the brick fire places have partially crumbled.

8. Significance

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)   Criteria B and C

The Badin-Roque house is nationally significant in the area of architecture as an example of a poteaux-en-terre (posts in the ground) cottage. It represents an ancient form of construction which was prevalent in the Mississippi Valley during the eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. Today it is widely held to be the state's only surviving example. Moreover, it is probably one of about five examples remaining in the entire country.

The Badin-Roque house is also significant because of its association with the Isle Brevelle colony of mulattos known as the Cane River Creoles of color. The immediate progenitors of this community were Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, a Frenchman, and Marie Thereze Coincoin, his slave concubine whom he freed in 1783. The several children born of this Franco-African alliance were the beginnings of the Cane River colony of Creoles of color. In the 1850's the Badin-Roque house was occupied by nuns and used as a school for these mulattos.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Callahan, J.J. The History of St. Augustine's Parish, Isle Brevelle, Natchez, La., 1954.
Mills, Gary B. The Forgotten People: Cane River's Creoles of Color. LSU Press, 1977.
Phone conversation with Gary B. Mills, December 13, 1979.

10. Geographical Data   UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property __approx. .1 acre__   ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
Quadrangle name _____   Quadrangle scale _____
UMT References

A |1|5| |5|0|2|5|7|6| |3|4|9|6|1|0|0| B |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_|
  Zone   Easting   Northing   Zone   Easting   Northing

C |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| D |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_|

E |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| F |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_|

G |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| H |_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_| |_|_|_|_|_|_|

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of a rectangle whose sides run five (5) feet from the house
parallel to each facade. The boundaries were drawn close to the house in order to exclude
the nearby 20th century buildings which are not a part of the resource.

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title   St. Augustine's Historical Society

organization _____   date   December 1979

street & number Route 1, Box 46   telephone _____

city or town   Isle Brevelle, Natchez   state La.   71456

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

        _X_ 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title   State Historic Preservation Officer   date   3/27/80

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