

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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 Logtown Plantation

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER S of Monroe
Route 2, Box 80

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Louisiana

VICINITY OF

CODE

022

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th - Jerry Huckaby

COUNTY

Ouachita

CODE

073

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Estate of Mrs. Florence M. Filhiol

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Box 80

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Louisiana 71202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Ouachita Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

300 St. John Street

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE
Louisiana 71201**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Filhiol Plantation consists of 12 acres along the Ouachita River. Originally the plantation complex was set next to Logtown, a small inland port. Nothing remains of Logtown, and the complex itself is somewhat diminished. A nineteenth century photograph shows a sizeable complex with perhaps ten buildings. However, all that remains today is the main house, a garden cottage, a milk house, and an old barn.

The oldest portion of the house (ca 1840) consists of two rooms placed front and back with a rear side hall and front and rear porticoes. In the late nineteenth century the dining room and kitchen dependency was remodeled and appended to the south side of the house. In the early twentieth century other dependencies were remodeled and appended to the house, which created the present kitchen, living room, and a bedroom.

The house is constructed of timber raised about five feet off the ground on brick piers. The timbers in the ca 1840 portion of the house are cut on a straight bladed saw, with circular sawn timbers in the later portions. The exterior is sheathed in clapboards of approximately four inches.

The building's most notable feature is its simple but handsome Federal entrance portico. The pediment has a central fan light and rests upon a light entablature with four posts which have molded capitals. Three French doors serve as the main entrance from the portico to the parlor, the central door being surmounted by its own fan light. Other noteworthy exterior features include an Eastlake porch in front of the dining room and kitchen and some jigsaw ornamentation in the gable above the rear bedroom.

The floor boards, doors, glass and moldings are largely original. All of the mantels date from the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth centuries. Most of them are in the Eastlake style, and all appear to be catalog ordered. Most notable is the dining room, which has a wainscotted interior divided into bays by Eastlake bargeboards. The room also features windows and doors with high quality etched glass panes used in combination with colored glass panes. The bathroom also features colored glass windows.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Jean Baptiste Filhiol

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria B & C

The most noteworthy architectural features of the Filhiol house are its handsome entrance portico and its Eastlake dining room.

The Filhiol portico entrance is significant because it is probably the only example of a Federal portico of its type in Northeastern Louisiana. The four column portico has a pediment, enclosing a lunet, which is used in combination with a central fanlit door. This essentially Roman-inspired feature is of a type which gained popularity during the Federal period. The portico shows an unusual degree of architectural sophistication for a rural area of the state where simple front galleries were the rule for plantation houses.

A second important architectural feature is the elaborate Eastlake articulation of the dining room, which is probably the most spectacular example of Eastlake interior design in the region.

Logtown Plantation is of historical significance because it is the ancestral home of the prominent Filhiol family. This family's name has been inextricably linked with the history of Monroe since its founding by Don Juan Filhiol. In 1785 he established Ouachita Post, a trading center on the present site of the city. He later changed the name to Ft. Miro and served as commandant there until 1800. In 1819 the name of the settlement was changed to Monroe.

The land upon which Logtown was constructed was part of a 1785 Spanish land grant to Filhiol. The original structure was built in the 1840's by Jean Baptiste Filhiol, a grandson of Don Juan. Significant additions were made in the 1880's by Roland Filhiol and in the early 1900's by John B. Filhiol. The home has been occupied by the Filhiol family from its construction until the present.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hardin, John Fair, "Don Juan Filhiol and the Founding of Ft. Miro, The Modern Monroe, Louisiana," Louisiana Historical Society, Vol. 20, No. 2, April, 1937.
 Research Report on Logtown Plantation, Prepared by Mac Ward, located in the Logtown Plantation National Register file, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.
 Williamson, Frederick W., and Goodman, George J., eds., Eastern Louisiana: A History of the Watershed of the Ouachita River and the Florida Parishes, The Historical Record Association.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 acres

**UTM NOT VERIFIED
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QUADRANGLE NAME _____

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C | 1, 5 | 5, 8, 5 | 7, 0, 0 | 3, 5 | 7, 7 | 7, 5, 0 |

D | 1, 5 | 5, 8, 5 | 6, 5, 0 | 3, 5 | 7, 7 | 6, 7, 5 |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached sketch map

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

Mac Ward, Director, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

North Delta Regional Planning & Development District DATE 1979

STREET & NUMBER

2115 Justice Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Monroe

STATE Louisiana 71201

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

E. Bernard Lewis

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5/23/80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

James W. Ray
 James W. Ray
 SUPERVISOR OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/16/80

ATTEST: *Bonnie Hunt McClelland*
 BONNIE HUNT MCCLELLAND
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

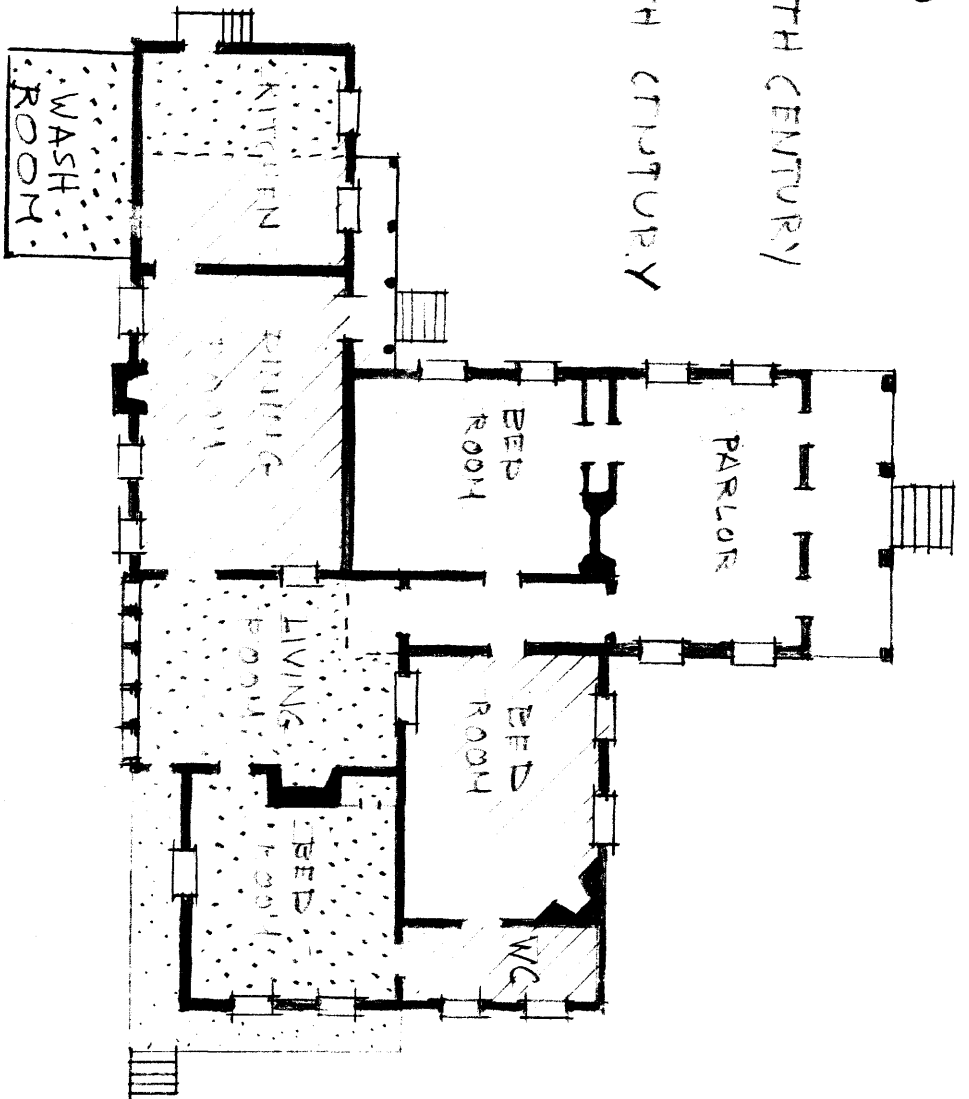
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CA 1840

LATE 19TH CENTURY

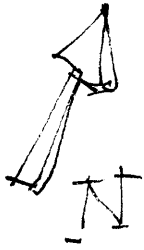
EARLY 20TH CENTURY



FILHOL HOUSE



AUG 13 1980



APPROX 12
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