

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Walnut Grove

and/or common

2. Location E of Cheneyville

street & number 1/5 mile southwest of Bayou Rapides and approximately 2 miles southeast of Cheneyville not for publication

city, town Cheneyville La. vicinity of congressional district 8th-Gillis Long

state La code 22 county Rapides Parish code 079

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Wanda Lyles Skye Wanda Lyles Mc Gowen See Letter dated 11-23-81

street & number 2010 White Street Walnut Grove Plantation House
Cheneyville

city, town Alexandria vicinity of state La 71301 71325

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Alexandria state La

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state La.

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

Walnut Grove plantation house is located one-fifth of a mile southwest of Bayou Rapides and approximately two miles southeast of the town of Cheneyville. The land is flat and the bayou ultimately meanders around 3 sides of the house. At one time there was an extensive formal garden in front. Although most of the plant material is gone, 5 parallel brick paths were recently exposed in the front yard.

The house itself is a 2 story, 5 bay, hip roofed brick plantation house with a modified central hall plan. Originally the lower hall was open to the air. The upper hall has a side corridor which branches off at a right angle and terminates in a graceful fanlight-side light door combination at each end of the upper hall, which at one time were the main means of access to the formal room on the second floor. Originally there was a formal staircase and porch at the center of the house to give access to the hall. The only galleries are at the rear. The upper story mantels have pilasters with cyma recta moldings. Most of the original paneled doors and 6 over 6 windows are original as are the upper story floor boards.

There was a considerable reworking of the ground floor in the early twentieth century in which a Queen Anne Revival stair and archway were installed and the old central hall was removed.

The present front porch was added in 1927. The tin roof and roof top hatch-way covering are of recent construction.

The boundaries of the nominated areas were drawn to encompass the house and the 5 brick pathways which are all that remains of the original formal garden.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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 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 circa 1830 **Builder/Architect** Jabez Tanner

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Walnut Grove is significant in the area of architecture because it embodies all the salient characteristics of an East Coast Federal style country house. These include its 5 bay articulation, its brick 2 story form, its fanlights and its hip roof. It is not only a handsome example, but also a landmark in the English heritage of central Louisiana.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Title Search, Rapides Parish Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property approx. 4 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

1	5	5	7	0	8	1	0	3	4	3	0	7	8	0
Zone			Easting			Northing								

B

Zone			Easting			Northing								

C

Zone			Easting			Northing								

D

Zone			Easting			Northing								

E

Zone			Easting			Northing								

F

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G

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H

Zone			Easting			Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title William E. Skye

organization _____ date June 1980

street & number 608 Murray Street, P. O. Box 1982 telephone 318-448-1666

city or town Alexandria state La' 71301

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

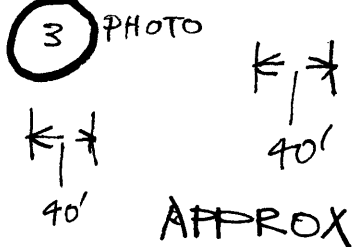
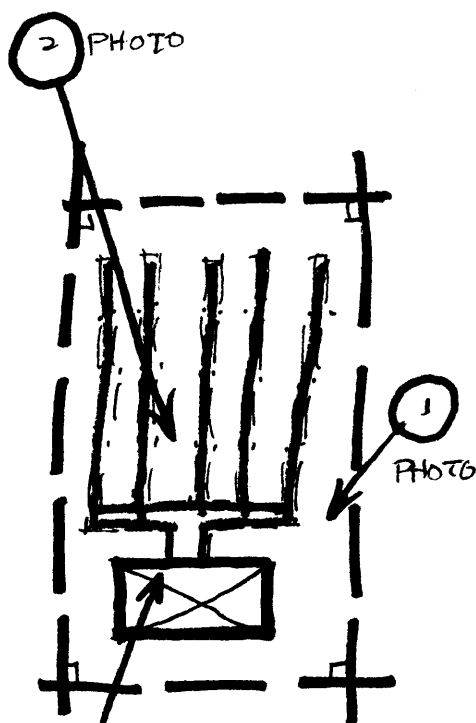
national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9/22/80 - per 11/27 phone call '86

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>11/21/80</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	



BOUNDARIES
PARALLEL THE
FACADES OF
THE HOUSE

APPROX 4 ACRES