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

| <u>1. Nai</u> | me | | | | | | |
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| historic | Mintmere | | | | | | |
| and/or commo | n Roy B | oucvalt House | | | | | |
| 2. Loc | ation | | | | | | |
| street & numb | ner 1400 Eas | t Main Street | _ | not for publication | | | |
| city, town | New Iberia | vicinity of | congressional district ³ | ord-Dave Treen | | | |
| state | La. | code 022 county | Iberia Parish | code 045 | | | |
| 3. Cla | ssification | n | | | | | |
| Category district building(s structure site object | Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being consider | _X_ yes: restricted | Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military | museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other: | | | |
| <u>4. Ow</u> | ner of Pro | perty | | | | | |
| name | Dr. Roy Bouc | valt | | | | | |
| street & number | er 1400 East Ma | in Street | | | | | |
| city, town | New Iberia | vicinity of | state ^I | a. 70560 | | | |
| 5. Loc | ation of L | egal Descripti | on | | | | |
| courthouse, re | egistry of deeds, etc. | Iberia Parish Courth | ouse | | | | |
| street & numbe | er | | | | | | |
| city, town | New Iberia | | state | La. | | | |
| 6. Rep | oresentati | on in Existing | Surveys | | | | |
| title Louisia | ana Historic Sit | es Survey has this pro | operty been determined ele | egible? yes $\stackrel{	ext{X}}{=}$ no | | | |
| date 1979 | | | federal X stat | e county loca | | | |
| depository for | survey records | State Historic Prese | | | | | |
| city, town | Baton Rouge | | state | La. | | | |

| 7. Description | | | | | |
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| Condition X excellent good fair | deteriorated ruins unexposed | Check one unaltered X altered | Check one X original site moved date | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Mintmere is located on a large treed lot with an open lawn vista to Bayou Teche. The house itself is raised seven feet above the ground on brick piers and has a circular sawn cypress frame. The plan consists of a central hall flanked by double rooms with a pair of wings which form a pretentious three-sided galleried court at the rear. This rear gallery has heavy posts with molded capitols as does the five bay front gallery. Windows are six over six with six over nine floor length windows on the front gallery. Front gallery windows are ornamented with pediments, and the doors at the ends of the central hall are treated with full aedicule motifs with transoms and sidelights. The front gallery cast iron work is replaced. The rear cast iron work, which employs the flower and treillage design, is original.

None of the mantels are original, and all of the ceiling molding is replaced. Nonetheless, the floorboards, skirting boards, door moldings, and most of the doors are original. In about 1900 a bay window was added to a side parlor. In the 1920's the roof was reworked to give its present bungalow appearance.

Boundaries were drawn to recognize the house and its immediate setting.

8. Significance

| 1500–1599 1600–1699 | Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture X architecture art commerce communications | | landscape architecture law literature military music philosophy politics/government | e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify) |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|--|
| Specific dates | c. 1845 | Builder/Architect | | |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion C

Mintmere is a comparatively large and pretentious example of a Greek Revival raised plantation house. This can be seen in its relatively complex plan and in its fine classical details.

Mintmere is especially significant because of the sophistication with which the rear wings are articulated. The rear galleried court is probably unique in the state. It also achieves a pretentious facade in a part of the plantation house which seldom received significant architectural treatment. Indeed, in most comparable houses the rear appendages were placed entirely without regard to the visual effect.

9. Major Bibliographical References St. Martin Parish Courthouse Records St. Mary Parish Courthouse Records Iberia Parish Courthouse Records American State Papers, Lands, Vols. 3-5 New Iberia, Glenn Conrad, USL Press, 1979. **Geographical Data** approx. 2 acres Acreage of nominated property ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED Quadrangle name **UMT References** Verbal boundary description and justification See attached plat. The large rear yard was included to preserve historic to the Bayou. 03€ List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code state code county code Form Prepared By Dr. Roy Boucvalt name/title November 1979 organization date 1400 East Main Street street & number telephone La. New Iberia state city or town **State Historic Preservation Officer Certification** The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: national X local state 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 Helitage Conservation and Recreation Service. State Historic Preservation Officer signature State Historic Preservation Officer title date For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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