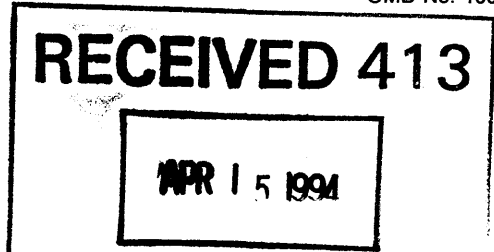


United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, mark "N/A". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Moore, R. T. House

other names/site number Sweet Onion

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy Alt. 2, @ 2 miles west of U. S. Hwy 167 N/A not for publication

city or town Bernice vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Union code 111 zip code 71222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gerri Hobdy April 11, 1994
 Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, LA Date
SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for
 Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register 5-19-94
 Date of Action

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County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

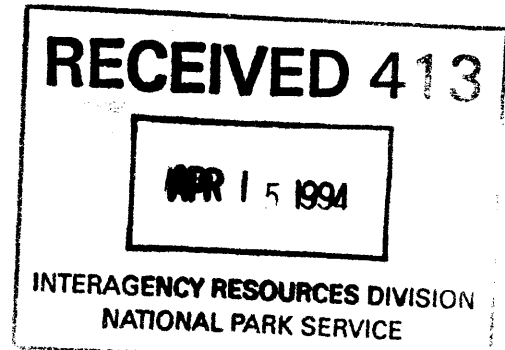
Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The R. T. Moore House (c.1865) is a story-and-a-half frame farmhouse located amid rolling woodlands in northern Union Parish. Although the house has some distinctive decorative features, they cannot be attributed to a specific style. Despite some admittedly significant alterations, the Moore House retains its National Register eligibility.

Family history states that the house was built "just after" the Civil War, and thus c.1865 has been conventionally accepted as the construction date. Although this is not possible to verify, it seems reasonable given the architectural evidence.

Originally the house had a somewhat narrow open dogtrot corridor at its center. This feature was enclosed in the 1960s (see alterations section). Either side of the corridor is a single large room with a fireplace. The east room contains a corner staircase that ascends to the attic, which is and always has been finished and occupied. Both the front and rear galleries had small rooms set at each end, with those on the front gallery being slightly larger.

The symmetrical facade features a three bay entrance porch which is ornamented by a decoratively cut board of repeating roundels set below the eave. A similar board marks the entrance to the old dogtrot corridor. A curious feature of the house is that each of the aforementioned large rooms looks out onto the front gallery through a window set right up against its inside corner. Placing a window flush with the corner of a room is very unusual in Louisiana historic houses. Another unusual feature of the two principal rooms is their mantels which have a somewhat vertical Greek Revival shape but with entablature panels accented with sawtooth cut boards. The mantel in the east room also has a sawtooth cornice above the panels and a set of drawers. The ceiling in the west room is marked by a sawtooth cornice. Other features of the original portion include wide flush boards on the walls and ceilings; six over six, nine over six and nine over nine windows; high baseboards and wide floor boards.

Historic Alterations

According to family history, the staircase was replaced in 1903. In 1913 a large kitchen "L" wing with a gallery was added. At that time one of the rear gallery rooms was enlarged for a dining room.

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Non-historic Alterations

1. Both the chimney and the fireplace that originally served the east rear gallery room have been removed.
2. The remainder of the rear gallery has been enclosed.
3. The 1913 rear "L" was severely deteriorated when the present owners acquired the house and has been substantially rebuilt with its gallery glazed in.
4. A small portion of the west front gallery room has been partitioned off for a bathroom.
5. The two front gallery columns are in-kind replacements.
6. As previously mentioned, the dogtrot corridor was enclosed in the 1960s. This was accomplished by inserting a doorway, transom and sidelight combination that fills the entire corridor opening. Thus the hall remains a distinctive feature albeit obscured.

Assessment of Integrity

Despite these alterations, the Moore House still possesses the characteristics that establish its National Register eligibility (see part 8).

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

c.1865

Significant Dates

c.1865

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than an acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

see sketch map

Boundary Justification Boundaries were drawn to discretely encompass the significant resource. They do not follow property lines because of the presence of non-contributing buildings.
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date January 1994

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Leroy G. Stenzel, Jr.

street & number Rt. 1, Box 37 telephone (318) 285-7093 (home)
(318) 368-3179 (Mr. Stenzel work)
(318) 257-3555 (Mrs. Stenzel work)

city or town Bernice state Louisiana zip code 71222

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The R. T. Moore House is of local significance in the area of architecture as an early and important example of residential architecture within the context of Union Parish.

Union Parish was created by act of the legislature in 1839 from a portion of Ouachita Parish. As northern rural hill parishes go, Union was apparently reasonably well settled by the eve of the Civil War. However, according to a comprehensive historic structures survey, most of the extant older buildings in the parish represent the industrial age -- i. e., the time following the coming of railroads and sawmills in the 1880s. Indeed, of the 371 structures over fifty years old identified, only eleven can be said to represent the pre-Queen Anne Revival era. Most of these are relatively plain, mid-nineteenth century, small to medium size cottages with front and rear galleries. Most are plain while some feature hesitant touches of the Greek Revival.

Taken as a whole, these buildings (all residences) represent Union Parish's earliest architectural patrimony. The Moore House is a member of this distinctive group. In addition, it is conspicuous among the group because of its very unusual decoratively cut boards ornamenting the gallery and the old dogtrot entrance, the sawtooth decorated mantels, and the sawtooth cornice in one room. The mantels are particularly well ornamented and important. Indeed, the State Historic Preservation Office staff is unaware of any comparable mantels in the region.

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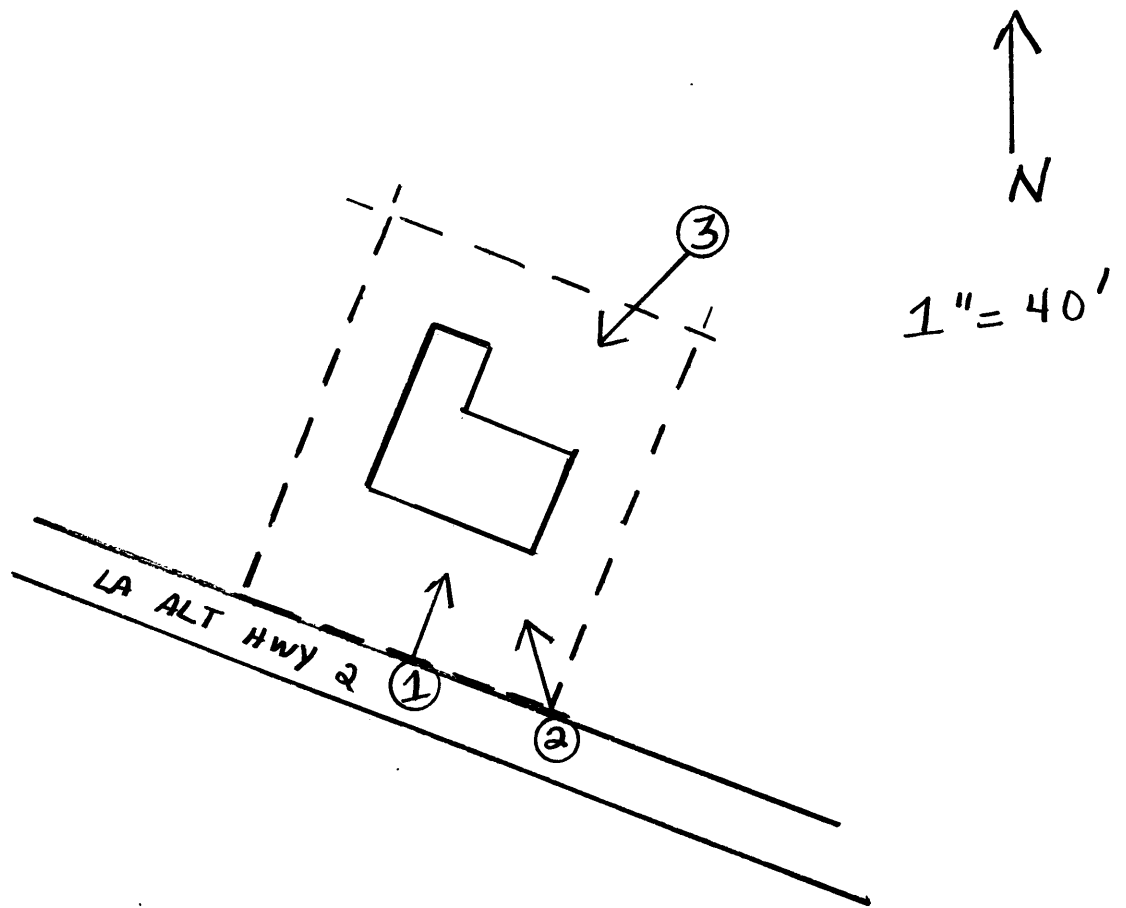
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C.1890 photo of house, in possession of owners, reproduced in above history.



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Union Parish, LA

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