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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, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." 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 Fairview Plantation House

other names/site number Lakeview

2. Location

street & number LA 8338 Hwy 963 N/A not for publication

city or town Ethel vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county East Feliciana code 037 zip code 70730

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.)

Gerrit Hobdy July 7, 1993
Signature of certifying official/Title Gerrit Hobdy, Date
LA 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:)

Signature of the Keeper *Delores Byers* **Entered in the National Register** Date of Action 8/12/93

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	
2	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	1	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)

Other: Carolina I

Greek Revival

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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Fairview Plantation House (c. 1830) is a frame "Carolina I" house with some Greek Revival features. It is located in the rolling wooded countryside of East Feliciana Parish. Despite some alterations and additions, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The essential characteristics of the "Carolina I" house are as follows:

- 1) a height of two stories,
- 2) a core plan which is two rooms wide and one room deep on each floor. These rooms are sometimes divided by a central hall.
- 3) a shed roof one-story front gallery,
- 4) a one-story rear shed roof space open as a gallery or enclosed as rooms,
- 5) an end gable roof, and
- 6) end chimneys standing outside the walls.

All of these features are found in Fairview, where the front range of the lower floor contains a central hall which opens into the wider central portion of the rear range. This range has always been enclosed and subdivided into rooms, although the precise number of original rooms is unknown.

The home's simple Greek Revival woodwork consists of a subdivided front transom, a series of faux bois two-panel doors, and the treatment of two of the three original mantels. They feature plain pilasters which support an extremely wide entablature. One of these mantels is painted in the faux marbe manner. Other noteworthy features include a third original mantel similar to the other two but with an arched panel and a keystone applied to its entablature, a large elliptical arch with a keystone separating the central hall from the central portion of the rear range, a steep stairway rising toward the front from below the arch, and a paneled dado found throughout the original portions of the home.

Fairview has had a number of owners over the years, and several of them have made changes to the home. For descriptive purposes, these alterations are grouped by the owners who made them:

- 1) changes made by the Thompson family between 1883 and c. 1940:
 - a) the pre-1920 subdivision of the larger of the two upstairs rooms in order to add a closet and create a second floor central hall,

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- b) the 1920s addition of a bedroom wing (later converted into a kitchen) on the west rear corner of the home, and
 - c) the 1920s addition of a back porch to the house, which originally had no rear porch. This porch was a shallow shed roof appendage which connected the central rear door to the bedroom/kitchen wing.
- 2) a c. 1950 restoration and expansion by the Irwin family which accomplished the following:
- a) the replacement of the 1920s rear porch with a deeper and wider gallery spanning the rear elevation of the original portion of the house,
 - b) the enlargement of the kitchen wing and the addition of a master bedroom wing on the east rear corner of the building. In order to provide access to the newer wing, a rear lower floor cabinet-like bedroom was subdivided and converted into a hallway and bath,
 - c) the replastering of the walls, the addition of a salvaged Colonial Revival mantel in one upstairs bedroom, the installation of a bath at one end of the upstairs hall, and the closing of all the downstairs chimneys except for the one in the kitchen, and
 - d) the reopening of the western end of the lower floor's rear range, which had been subdivided by the Thompson family to create a bath and hall. Two additional windows were added to the rear wall at the time of the reopening.
- 3) Changes made by the current owner, c. 1985:
- a) the addition of a laundry room with space taken from the western end of the rear range and gallery, and the installation of shelves and bookcases on the western end of the rear range. This installation necessitated the removal of one of the windows on the rear wall.
 - b) the replication of one front gallery post, and
 - c) the addition of a closet in one upstairs bedroom and the closure of the upstairs chimneys.

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Despite these changes Fairview Plantation House retains its architectural integrity. Almost all of the alterations are located either at the rear of the home or upstairs. The facade looks exactly as it did in the nineteenth century, and the structure retains the essential characteristics of a "Carolina I" house as outlined above. As a rare example of this important house type, the Fairview Plantation House is a strong candidate for National Register listing.

Contributing Element

A two-room brick kitchen dependency with a metal roof stands directly behind the plantation house. It is being counted as a contributing element because it appears to be contemporary with the historic home.

Non-Contributing Element

A modern one-story frame shed also stands within the nominated area. It is being counted as a non-contributing element.

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1830

Significant Dates

c. 1830

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Fairview Plantation House
Name of Property

East Feliciana Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property @ .7 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description Please refer to sketch map.
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(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 May 1993

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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 Ms. Martha Yancey (504) 683-4290 (work)

street & number 8338 Hwy 963 telephone (504) 683-5223 (home)

city or town Ethel state Louisiana zip code 70730

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Fairview Plantation House is significant at the state level in the area of architecture as a rare surviving Louisiana example of the "Carolina I" house type. These houses are significant as indicators of the migration of the planter and upper middle classes from South Carolina. As noted cultural geographer Dr. Fred Kniffen states in his article on folk housing: "Early in its movement southward the 'I' house became symbolic of economic attainment by agriculturists and remained so associated throughout the Upland South and its peripheral extensions." The SHPO is currently aware of only seven "Carolina I" houses that remain in Louisiana. Thus, Fairview Plantation House stands as a rare example of a substrain of the British vernacular architectural tradition in the state. In addition, because five of the surviving "I" houses are found in the Feliciana Parishes, Fairview Plantation House is an excellent representation of the distinctly Anglo-American (non-French) heritage for which that area is known.

Historical Note

The land upon which Fairview stands was first settled around 1811 by Benjamin Grubbs. Grubbs transferred the plantation in parcels to Ellis Gore and his wife in 1827, 1831 and 1836. In 1840 the Gores divorced and the plantation was purchased by cotton planter William East. The East family owned the property until 1883, then sold it to R. Emerson Thompson, Sr. R. E. Thompson sold it to Hezekiah Thompson that same year. Fairview remained in the Thompson's hands until c. 1940, when it was sold to George Gayden, a relative. About 1949 Gayden's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Kernan Irwin, purchased Fairview, which at that time was quite deteriorated. In addition to restoring the home, they commissioned noted Baton Rouge architect A. Hays Town to design the master bedroom wing. The current owner, Martha Yancey, is the niece of Mrs. Irwin, from whom she inherited the house in 1985. Ms. Yancey restored the home's original name of Fairview after it had been known as Lakeview for many years.

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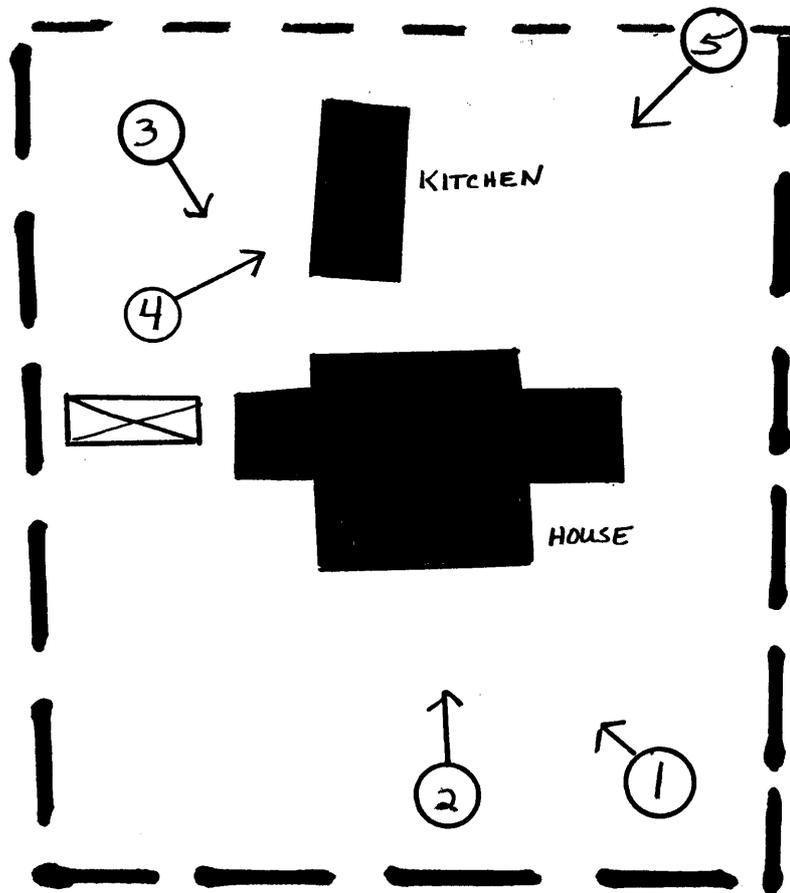
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Boundary Justification

Boundary lines follow fence lines to the south, east and west. They cut in from the northern (rear) fence line in order to exclude a non-contributing element. Property lines were not followed because of the extensive rural acreage involved.



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Ethel vicinity,
East Feliciana Parish, LA

Scale: 1" = 45'

Boundary:  

Contributing
Element: 

Non-Contributing
Element: 