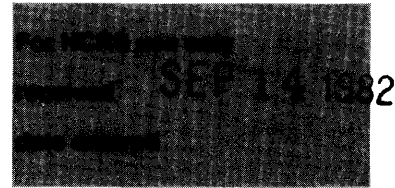


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Chatchie Plantation House (also known as ~~Homewood~~ at one point in its history)
~~and/or~~ common Chatchie Plantation House

2. Location

street & number ~~La. Hwy. 308, 3 miles east~~ ^E of Thibodaux on LA 308 N/A not for publication
 city, town Thibodaux vicinity of congressional district 3rd—W.J. Tauzin
 state Louisiana code 22 county Lafourche Parish code 057

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 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 | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <u>N/A</u> 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 Dr. and Mrs. Quentin D. Falgoust
 street & number Rt. 1, Box 546
 city, town Thibodaux vicinity of state Louisiana 70301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafourche Parish Courthouse
 street & number 200 Green Street
 city, town Thibodaux state Louisiana 70301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
 date 1981 federal state county local
 depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office
 city, town Baton Rouge state Louisiana 70804

7. Description

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Chatchie Plantation House is a frame, story and a half, fully raised house which is located in the flat sugarcane fields along Bayou Lafourche approximately three miles east of the town of Thibodaux. The original house, which was built in 1847, burned near the end of the Civil War. The present house was built on or near the original foundation c.1868. The original kitchen was unharmed by the fire and is now connected to the main house. Despite several changes, the house retains its architectural integrity.

Chatchie Plantation House has a largely Anglo-American plan with a central hall flanked by double rooms. The only French touches are the pair of cabinets, which at one time flanked the rear gallery, and the pair of French doors which connect the front gallery with the two front rooms. One of the cabinets still exists, although the rear gallery has been enclosed. The other cabinet has been incorporated into the rear kitchen wing.

The story and half house is raised a full story above the ground. The ground level is partially enclosed. The main gallery has six solid Doric posts with balustrades, double molded capitals, a full entablature, and an unusually heavy cornice. The unusually large attic story encompasses four rooms and a central hall. Chimneys are set between the front and rear rooms and rest upon arch supports. All the present mantels are in the main story. These Renaissance Revival style mantels are all marbleized. Two are slate and two are cast-iron. The front gallery facade and the walls of the central hall below the chair rail have an unusual treatment. These areas are covered with cypress boards which are cut and beveled to resemble rusticated stone. Windows are 6 over 6. Most of the doors have transoms with rounded ends.

Though it is older than the house, the kitchen wing has been modernized on the interior. The exterior, however, still conveys an historic appearance.

The present main staircase in the hall is modern, as are the ceiling medallions and crown moldings.

Architectural Integrity:

Chatchie is significant because of its identity as a raised plantation house and because of certain features which make it a superior example of that type. In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the aforementioned identity remains intact as well as the described features which contribute to Chatchie's architectural superiority.

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 ^{1847-kitchen}
c. 1868-house **Builder/Architect** c. 1868 house-F. Justin Gaude'

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Chatchie Plantation House is architecturally significant on the state level because it is a large and unusually fine example of a raised plantation house within the context of Louisiana.

Its architectural superiority can be seen in the following:

- (1) It is raised a full story.
- (2) The house is extremely large. The garret story alone has as much space as some plantation houses in the state.
- (3) Its Renaissance Revival rusticated board treatment is very unusual in a Louisiana plantation house of the period. This type of work is customarily found only in pretentious urban residences.
- (4) Relatively few Louisiana plantation houses of the period have marbleized mantels such as those at Chatchie. Most have plainer wooden mantels.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Title Search, Lafourche Parish Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .16 acres

Quadrangle name Thibodaux, La.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|---------|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

B

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

C

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

D

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

E

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

F

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

G

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

H

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone | | | Easting | | | | | Northing | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to sketch map

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| N/A | | | |

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| | | | |

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Keith Boudreaux & Brian K. Marr

organization Nicholls State University, Folk Architecture Class, date March 1981
c/o Dr. Paul Leslie

street & number Rt. 1, Box 595 telephone (504) 447-4019

city or town Thibodaux state Louisiana 70301

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.

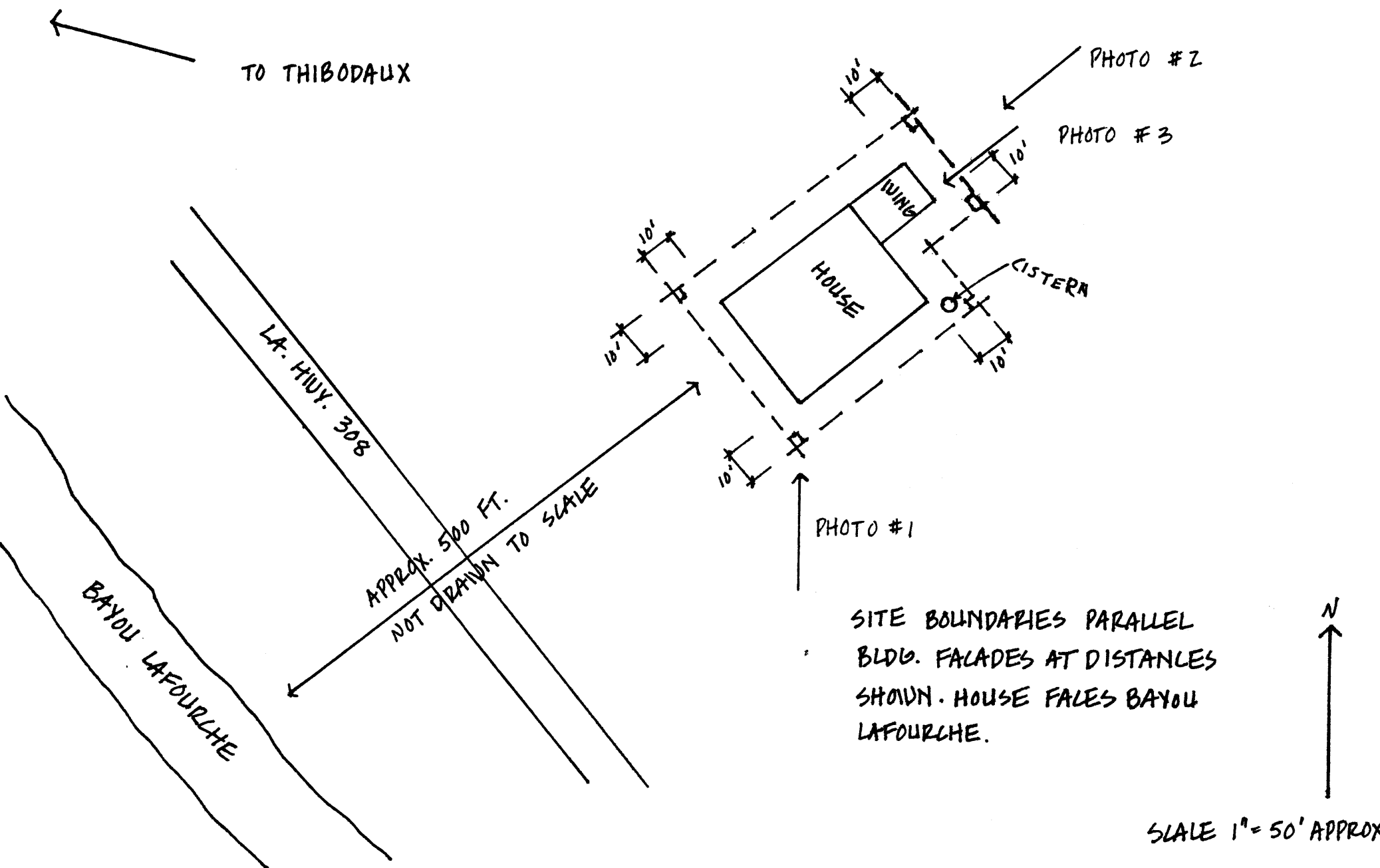
State Historic Preservation Officer signature Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 7, 1982

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| For HCRS use only | |
| I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register | |
| <u>Brian K. Marr</u> | date <u>10/25/82</u> |
| Keeper of the National Register | |
| Attest: <u>Peterch Anderson</u> | date <u>10/21/82</u> |
| Chief of Registrar | |

CHATCHIE PLANTATION HOUSE

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA



TO THIBODAUX

PHOTO #2

PHOTO #3

WING

HOUSE

CISTERN

LA. HWY. 308

BAYOU LAFOURCHE

APPROX. 500 FT.
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

PHOTO #1

SITE BOUNDARIES PARALLEL
BLDG. FACADES AT DISTANCES
SHOWN. HOUSE FACES BAYOU
LAFOURCHE.

N

SCALE 1" = 50' APPROX.