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National Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Flournoy-Wise House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 9152 Bois d'Arc Lane N/A not for publication
city, town Greenwood N/A vicinity
state Louisiana code LA county Caddo code 017 zip code 71033

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Leslie Tassin February 7, 1990
Signature of certifying official Leslie Tassin, State Historic Preservation Date
Officer, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Mark Z. Baker Entered in the 16 March 1990
 See continuation sheet. National Register
 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 Date of Action

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)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Flournoy-Wise House (c.1842) is a one-and-a-half story frame cottage in the Greek Revival style. It is located on a spacious lot in the small rural community of Greenwood. Alterations have been confined largely to rear additions and the duplication of the columns (not the capitals).

The original portion of the house is of log construction and consists of a 20' by 20' room on each side of a wide central hall. The unfinished attic is the only place where the square hand hewn logs are visible. The house may be a log house that was subsequently remodeled in the Greek Revival style, or it could have been built all of a piece with log walls. Either scenario is plausible, and it is impossible to be certain based on the visible architectural evidence.

The house's most distinguished feature is a three bay pedimented portico that corresponds to the width of the central hall. It has reproduction columns with the original capitals, very simple pilaster-like strips without capitals, an entablature, and a very pronounced architrave in the pediment. It is interesting to note that the portico was attached below the main roofline rather than the more typical method of the portico cornice being continuous with that of the main roofline. The overall result is a portico that appears almost as an afterthought rather than an integral part of the design.

Other exterior elements include a front doorway with a transom but no sidelights and two over two replacement windows on the facade (c.1900). The architectural evidence suggests that there was never a back gallery.

The original two rooms feature simple fireplace surrounds with a molded mantel shelf. The very basic staircase ascends from the rear of the central hall. The original doors have five raised panels (a thin horizontal panel with two vertical panels above and below).

In addition to the replication of the columns and the replacement windows previously mentioned, the house has received various rear additions within the last fifty years. The rear elevation was extended via a lean-to addition to provide space for a dining room, kitchen, and bathroom. Extending from this addition is a wing which incorporates a previously free-standing, apparently original kitchen building, yielding an overall "T" shape. Also, a small squarish bedroom addition was placed on the east side at the rear corner of the original house.

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Flournoy-Wise House, Caddo Parish

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Assessment of Integrity:

The Flournoy-Wise House is significant as an example of the Greek Revival style, which in this instance means its pedimented portico. Fortunately, the portico survives in an almost completely original state. The present columns are duplicates, but the all important capitals are original, as is the rest of the fabric. Although numerous, the additions are to the rear, allowing the original house to stand forth.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
architecture

Period of Significance
c.1842

Significant Dates
c.1842

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Flournoy-Wise House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare example of the Greek Revival style within Caddo Parish. Also, among the very limited number of surviving examples, it is the only one with a pedimented portico.

Caddo Parish was settled in the 1830s, '40s, and '50s when, of course, Greek Revival was the rage. The parish was created in 1838, and Shreveport, the parish seat, was a bustling town on the eve of the Civil War. While Caddo has an extremely rich collection of historic buildings, they date almost entirely from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. There are only about a half dozen Greek Revival buildings in the parish, and some of these are late examples of the style (1870s). All but two of the roughly half dozen survivors are in the more common galleried cottage tradition. The exceptions are Forest Home (NR), a grand plantation house, and the Flournoy-Wise House, the only example to feature a pedimented portico.

Historical Note:

The Flournoy-Wise House was built in about 1842 for Dr. Jacob Wise. It is currently owned by his great-grandchildren, Lucien Flournoy and Alma Flournoy Rountree.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Personal communication with owners, who are the great-grandchildren of the original owner.
National Register staff knowledge of historic structures in Caddo Parish.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately one acre

UTM References

A 15 408160 3189600
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description Please refer to enclosed sketch map.

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Boundary Justification Boundaries were drawn to encompass the significant resource and its immediate setting. To have followed property lines would have meant including extensive acreage not related to the significance of the house.

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11. Form Prepared By

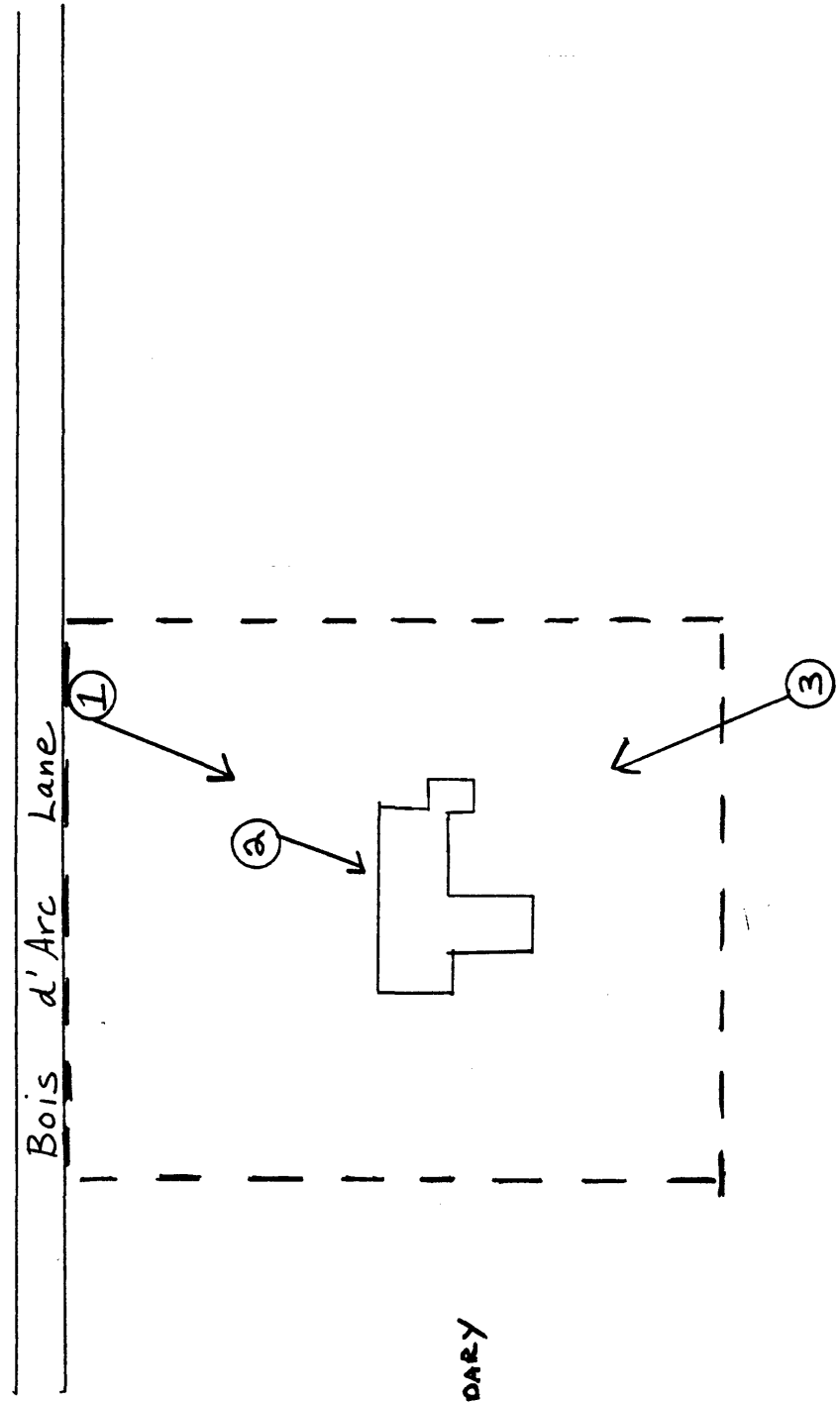
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Flournoy - Wise House
Greenwood
Caddo Parish, LA



1" = 60"

