

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Capers-McKenzie House
and/or common McKenzie House

2. Location

street & number North 5th Street N/A not for publication
city, town Homer N/A vicinity of
state LA code 022 county Claiborne Parish code 027

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
street & number
city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Claiborne Parish Courthouse
street & number East Main Street (no specific address) P. O. Box 330
city, town Homer state LA 71040

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1983 federal state county local
depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office
city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moveddate N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The McKenzie House (1860) is a frame, two-story, provincial Greek Revival town residence located near the center of the parish seat of Homer. Despite several changes, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The McKenzie House has a central hall plan, one room deep, with a story-and-a-half rear dining room wing. Between the rear wing and the main body of the house there is a second hall which contains the staircase.

The front of the house is encompassed by a broadly proportioned Doric gallery consisting of four colossal fluted columns and a full entablature. The facade itself has five bays with a central entrance on each story. Both entrances feature double doors, a transom, and side lights. The second story also features a cantilevered balcony with a wooden wheat sheaf style balustrade. The side entrance to the aforementioned rear hall features a two column pedimented portico. Other noteworthy exterior details include the crude modillions, the pilasters with capitals and bases on many of the windows and doors, and the drain spouts which feature the date of the house.

The interiors are large and plain with few noteworthy details. All the doors feature four flat panels and most of the windows are six over six.

The following changes have occurred in the house since construction:

- (1) The single story rear porch has been enclosed.
- (2) The mantels and the chimneys have been lost.
- (3) Closets have been installed in some of the rooms.

Assessment of Integrity:

Despite these changes, the McKenzie House retains its major Greek Revival elements (see Item 8), which are the basis of its architectural significance.

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 1860 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Richard L. Capers

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The McKenzie House is locally significant in the area of architecture as one of the finest residential examples of Greek Revival architecture in northern Louisiana.

The superiority of the McKenzie House can be seen if one examines the average Greek Revival residence in the northern part of the state. Typically, it is a single story five-bay cottage with a square post gallery and simple details. By contrast, the McKenzie House has a colossal galleried facade with fluted columns as well as a pedimented portico on the side. In addition, much of the fenestration features pilasters with capitals and bases.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Claiborne Parish Conveyance Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Homer, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UTM References

A 15 494600 3628500
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to sketch map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff, Division of Historic Preservation ASSISTED BY OWNERS

organization State of Louisiana date April 1983

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert B. DeBlieux*

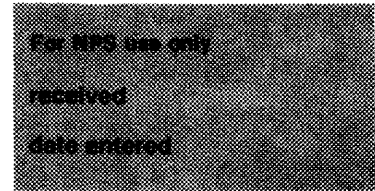
title State Historic Preservation Officer Robert B. DeBlieux date May 13, 1983

For NPS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register Entered in the National Register date 6/30/83

Keeper of the National Register *Delores Byers*

Attest: Chief of Registration date

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4. Owners

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Bellaire, Texas 77401 713-667-5202

Mrs. Sarah McKenzie Marshall
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Alexandria, LA 71301 318-445-8450

Mr. R. W. McKenzie
5647 Hyacinth
Baton Rouge, LA 70808 504-766-0693

Mr. Harry McKenzie
421 West 6th St.
Homer, LA 71040 318-927-3537

CAPERS-MCKENZIE HOUSE HOMER, LA. CLAIBORNE PARISH

Site Boundaries
are parallel to
Building Facades,
DISTANCES AS
SHOWN.

