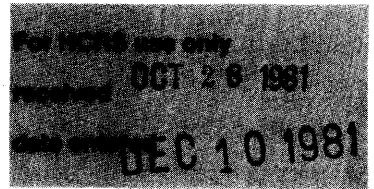


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common Caspiana House

**2. Location**

Louisiana State University Campus

street & number northeast corner of campus of LSU-Shreveport,  
La. Hwy. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Shreveport \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4th--Buddy Leach

state LA code 22 county Caddo Parish code 017

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Louisiana State University in Shreveport

street & number 8515 Youree Drive

city, town Shreveport \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state LA 71115

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Caddo Parish Courthouse

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Shreveport \_\_\_\_\_ state LA

**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 LA

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>1977</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

In 1977 the Caspiana House was moved ten miles to its present site. The house was donated to the LSU-Shreveport Pioneer Heritage Center in order to save it. The present site on the university campus gives the house a setting which is open and parklike, though not agrarian.

The house is a classical revival cottage with a central hall which is flanked by two large rooms in the front and two small rooms in the rear. A small gallery runs between the two rear rooms. The five-bay front gallery runs the width of the facade. The pitched roof, frame, single story house is raised a full story above grade on brick piers. The two large rooms are heated by relatively large fireplaces with exterior end-wall chimneys.

The decorative detail is simple and derived wholly from the Greek Revival. Features include aedicule motif mantels with plain moldings and pilasters, shoulder molded doorways, double paneled doors, a transom and side lights around the front and rear doors in the hall, Doric gallery posts with square molded capitals, and a full entablature.

The 9 over 9 windows reach almost to the floor. Shutters have fixed louvers. Most of the exterior walls have clapboard siding; however, those walls which are under galleries have beaded flushboard siding.

The fact that the house has been moved is not detrimental to its overall significance. The house was not tied to its original location by any historical associations. Moreover, the house is regionally significant within the state, so it does not depend upon its original site for a context for its architectural significance.

Because the house was moved, all of the brick work had to be replaced. However, each brick feature was painstakingly constructed to duplicate the original. The present brick piers, on which the house is raised, are exactly the same height as the original piers were in the old location. The present chimneys are the same size and shape as the originals and are in exactly the same configuration with respect to the house.

# 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
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<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** 1856 **Builder/Architect** Builder: William J. Hutchinson

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criterion C

The Caspiana House is regionally significant within the state in the area of architecture. There are relatively few extant structures in northwest Louisiana which date from as far back as the mid-nineteenth century. Most of the houses that survive from this period are unpretentious farmhouses. Although the Caspiana House is related to these houses by its configuration, it has a fully developed Greek Revival articulation which raises it to the level of a plantation house. It is also unusual because it is raised a full story above grade, which is seldom seen in the hill country of northwest Louisiana.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Hutchinson Family Papers, LSU-Shreveport Archives

# 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .2 acre  
 Quadrangle name Caspiana, Louisiana Quad.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1" = 62500'

### UMT References

A	1 5	4 3 3 4 7 5	3 1 5 8 8 9 2 5	OK DUB 9/19/83	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing			Zone	Easting	Northing
C					D			
E					F			
G					H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to attached boundary map

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lee H. Musselman, Director

organization Pioneer Heritage Center date August 1981  
LSU-Shreveport

street & number 8515 Youree Drive telephone 318-797-5339

city or town Shreveport state LA 71115

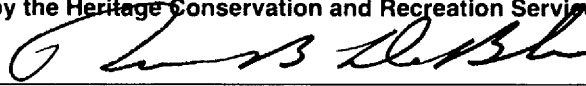
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u>	date <u>October 20, 1981</u>
For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Pell Grevena</u>	date <u>12/10/81</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

CASPIANA HOUSE  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

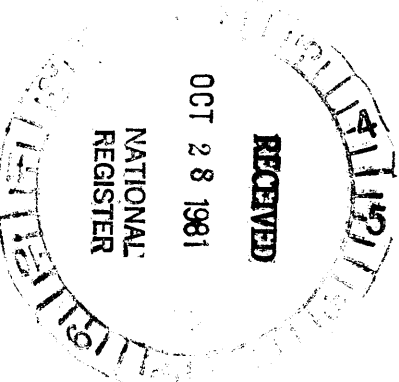
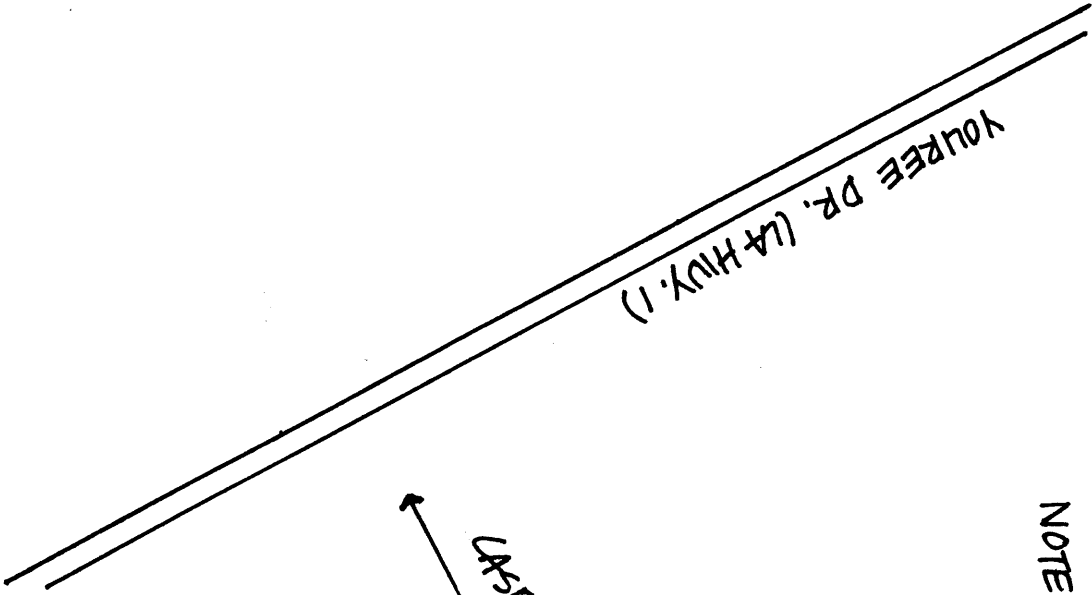
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ARE PARALLEL TO



PHOTO # 1

PHOTO # 2

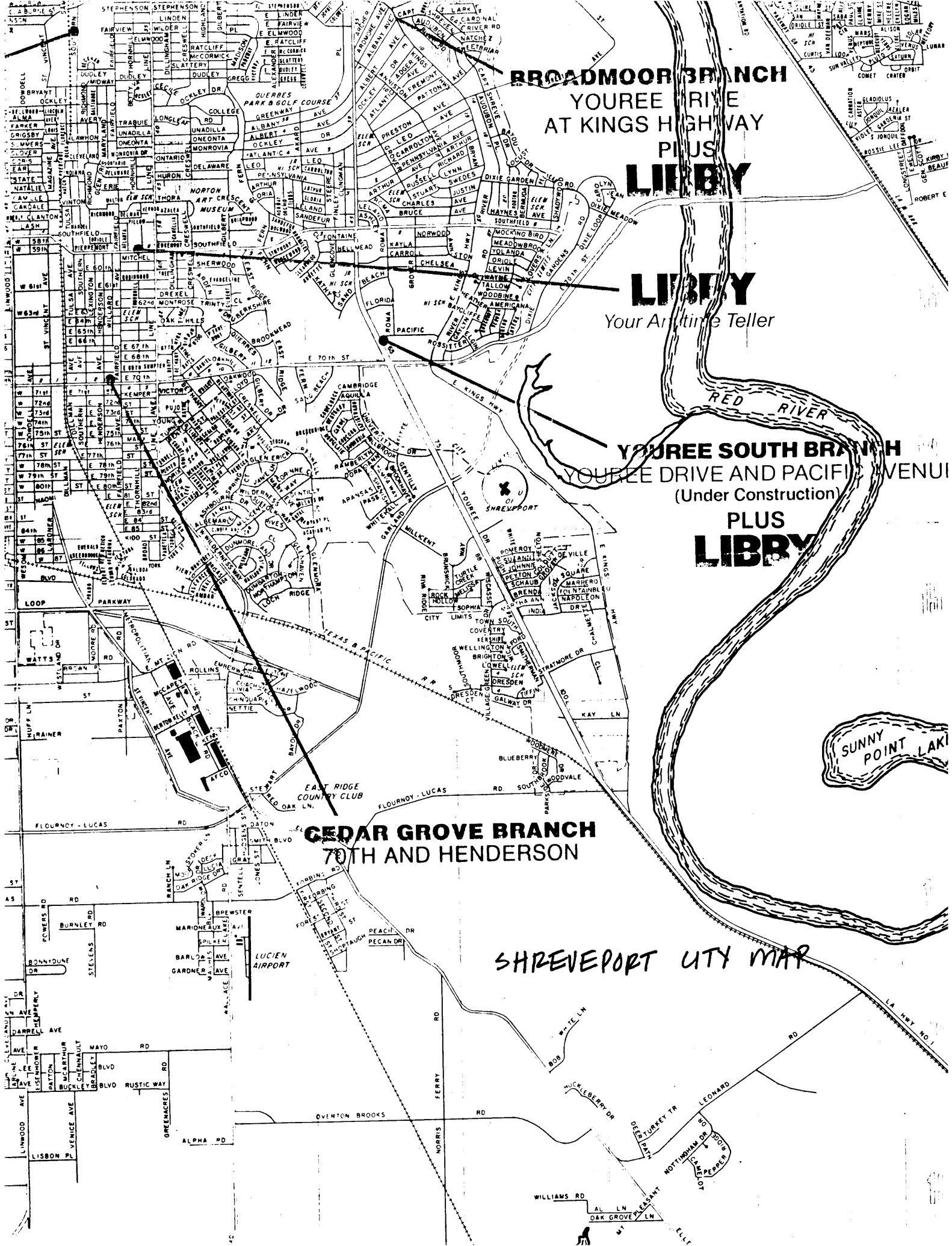
CASPIANA HOUSE IS LOCATED 1/4 MILE  
FROM YOUPEE DR. (LA. 1)



PLEASE NOTE:  
SINCE THE ENCLOSED USGS MAP PREDATES  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF YOUPEE DR, A COPY  
OF THE CURRENT SHREVEPORT CITY MAP  
IS INCLUDED FOR CLARIFICATION.



SCALE 1" = 200'



**BROADMOOR BRANCH**  
YOU'RE DRIVE  
AT KINGS HIGHWAY  
PLUS  
**LIBBY'S**

**LIBBY'S**  
Your Airtight Teller

**YOU'RE SOUTH BRANCH**  
YOU'RE DRIVE AND PACIFIC AVENUE  
(Under Construction)  
PLUS  
**LIBBY'S**

**CEDAR GROVE BRANCH**  
70TH AND HENDERSON

SHREVEPORT CITY MAP

SUNNYSIDE LAKE

