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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Lane Plantation House

other names/site number Weston Place

2. Location

street & number 7684 Lane Ln. N/A not for publication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.)

Geri Hobdy 3/11/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Geri 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

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

Date of Action

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4/22/93

Lane Plantation House
Name of Property

East Feliciana Parish, LA
County and State

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 | |
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| 1 | 1 | buildings |
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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

Federal

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick (stuccoed over)

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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Lane Plantation House (c. 1825) is a frame "Carolina I" house with Federal woodwork. It is located in the rolling wooded countryside of southwestern East Feliciana Parish. Despite a few 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,
- 3) a 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 Lane Plantation House. At Lane, the two floors are connected by an unobtrusive staircase which rises from the corner of one downstairs room to a narrow second floor hallway.

The home's Federal features include simple door and window surrounds, baseboards, chair rails, and four vernacular mantels with layered mantel shelves. These mantels are quite similar, although not identical. The main difference is the treatment of the fluting and reeding of their pilasters. Other noteworthy features found in Lane Plantation House include chamfered gallery columns; four-light transoms over the two front doors; nine-over-nine windows on the lower floor's front and side elevations; original wooden floors; and doors, walls and ceilings made of beaded planks.

Changes experienced by Lane Plantation House over the years include the following:

1. Architectural evidence suggests that one side of the rear shed roof gallery was enclosed as a bedroom sometime during the nineteenth century and a chimney was added at the end of this new room. At some point the opposite rear corner was also enclosed and converted to a small room. After 1927 this room was converted into a bathroom and the space between the bathroom and bedroom was screened.

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2. During the 1940s beams were added to the ceiling of one lower floor room to provide support for the floor above.
3. At some point, the lower portions of the gallery's chamfered columns were boxed.
4. The house underwent a restoration in 1969. The larger of the upstairs bedrooms was subdivided to create a bedroom, closets, and bath. In addition, the rear shed roof portion of the home was altered. The wall between the bedroom and screened porch was lowered and converted into a room divider. The fireplace and chimney were removed. Acoustical tiles and false ceiling beams were added. The bathroom was modernized and the screened porch filled in by a door with sidelights. The home was extended on each side at the rear corners, with a kitchen being added on one side and a master bedroom wing on the other. Finally, new siding was installed across the rear elevation.
5. The home's two surviving chimneys underwent extensive repair in the summer of 1992.

Despite these changes, Lane Plantation House retains its architectural integrity. The modern wings are set unobtrusively at the rear corners and are partially screened by vegetation. 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 Lane Plantation House is a strong candidate for National Register listing.

Non-Contributing Element

There is a frame one-story late nineteenth century kitchen building within the nominated area. However, it was remodeled into a modern guest house in 1969. Because it was not present during the period of significance for the main house and has been extensively remodeled, 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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

N/A

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.

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

c.1825

Significant Dates

c.1825

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Lane Plantation House
Name of Property

East Feliciana Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

see sketch map

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 January 1993

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city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

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 Mr. and Mrs. A. Lane Plauche

(office) 318-436-0522

street & number 1002 Ninth Street telephone (home) 318-436-1397

city or town Lake Charles state LA zip code 70601

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Lane 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, Lane 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, Lane Plantation House is an excellent representation of the distinctly Anglo-American (non-French) heritage for which that area is known.

Historical Note

Around 1830 William Allen Lane purchased the property which would become known as Lane Plantation from a family named Weston. The Westons had owned the home and accompanying plantation for only a short time before selling it. The property has remained under the ownership of Lane family descendants for over 160 years. The family now uses the plantation as a weekend home, and the grandchildren of the current owner are the ninth generation to enjoy the property.

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Staff knowledge of Carolina I houses in Louisiana.

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Boundary Description: see enclosed sketch map

Boundary Justification:


Boundaries were drawn so as to encompass the nominated resource and its immediate setting. To have followed property lines would have meant including extensive rural acreage.


LANE PLANTATION HOUSE
Ethel vicinity
East Feliciana Parish
Louisiana

Scale: 1" = 60'

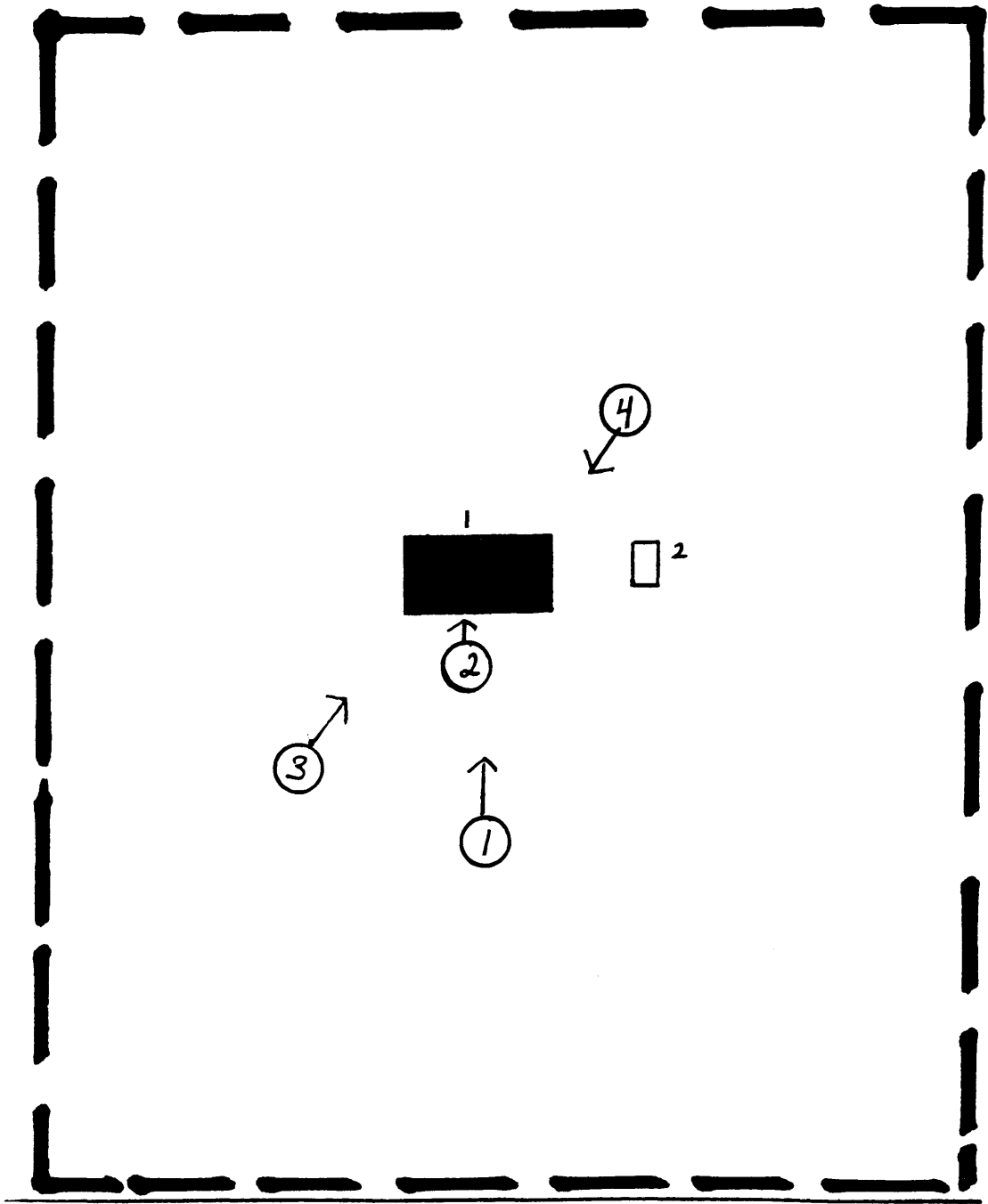
Boundary 

- 1 = House
- 2 = Kitchen

Contributing Element 

Non-Contributing Element 

NORTH 



Lane Ln.