

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Louisiana
COUNTY: East Feliciana
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ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
The Courthouse and Lawyers' Row

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Bounded by the center lines of Liberty, St. Helena, and Bank Streets and the rear property lines of buildings fronting on Woodville Street.

CITY OR TOWN: Clinton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6

STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22 COUNTY: East Feliciana CODE: 037

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Law and insurance</u> <u>offices, library</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
East Feliciana Parish Police Jury and various private owners

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Clinton STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Clerk of Court

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Feliciana Parish Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Clinton STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey (16 sheets, 7 photos)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Original specifications confirm that the East Feliciana Parish Court-house is minimally altered from its appearance as completed in 1840. Centered in the public square, it is a two-story brick building, 55' x 55', surrounded by a Doric colonnade. Masonry walls and columns are plastered and painted white. A domed, octagonal cupola on a broad, square base surmounts a hip roof symmetrically pierced by four chimneys. The fenestration pattern is very regular with blind openings at stairs where windows were not wanted on the interior. First floor windows have plain batten shutters on the original strap hinges. Second floor doors centered in the north and south facades open to iron-railed balconies.

The five buildings comprising Lawyers' Row face the Courthouse across Woodville Street on the north side of the public square. All are, like the Courthouse, Greek Revival in style and painted white. Dating from the 1840s, the two brick offices at the east end of the row and the frame buildings at the west end of the row are alike in having tetrastyle porticos averaging 20' in width. The other two buildings each have seven columns under level cornices. Their width permits two front entrances indicating that each was built for duplex law office occupancy. The one on the left is the newer, having been built in 1860. It is distinguished by slim cast-iron columns with Corinthian capitals and a segmentally-arched architrave. This building is now used as a library.

Although no intrusions spoil the integrity of Lawyers' Row, a recent red brick Masonic Building of no distinction terminates the composition on the east corner of the block. At the west end, a modest nineteenth-century residence of harmonious materials and proportions is set back on a landscaped lawn. On the public square a new Police Jury Building has been built to the west of the Courthouse on a site historically occupied by a building of similar small size.

The Courthouse was designed by J. S. Savage and built by Lafayette Saunders, who resigned as a member of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury when his construction bid of \$23,000 was accepted.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1840-60

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A full peripteral Greek Revival Courthouse opposite five adjacent law office buildings of harmonious design form an ensemble unique when new and more remarkable for having survived intact. The East Feliciana Parish Courthouse and three of the law offices continue in their original functions, a further tribute to their design and relationship which has served well for more than 130 years.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	30 ° 52 ' 03 "	91 ° 01 ' 09 "				
NE	30 ° 52 ' 03 "	91 ° 01 ' 05 "				
SE	30 ° 51 ' 57 "	91 ° 01 ' 05 "				
SW	30 ° 51 ' 57 "	91 ° 01 ' 09 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Paul Goeldner, Architect, Historic Sites Survey**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historic and Architectural Surveys**  
**National Park Service**

DATE: **12/18/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1100 L Street NW**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington**

STATE: **District of Columbia**

CODE: **11**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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