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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The mill is a one-story, single room, rectalinear building. The dimension north/south is $104'-1\frac{1}{2}" \times 42'-0"$ east/west. The walls are of handmade brick, 18" thick and have been altered approximately 20% of the surface area with new brick. The mortar in 30% of the surface area is deteriorated and is in need of repair. There are two entrances in the east wall over 10' wide and 9' high. The roof is gabled with 12" soffit. The gable is butted to the extension of the north/south masonry walls. The top of these walls are stepped down to the height of the bottom truss cord. The roof trusses are hand-hewn heavy timber spanning 42'-0" in the east/west direction. All eleven trusses are in good condition except for the last two in the north direction. The ends of these two trusses are beginning to decay due to the weather exposure. The present roof material is corrugated metal which is in fair condition. The floor is natural earth.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The historical significance of Rosalie Plantation Sugar Mill is that it is an example of a building which contained an early sugar processing plant. The sugar industry was very important to the Rapides Parish area in the mid 19th century, 1845, up to today. The Plantation Sugar Mill was built by the original owner, Gervais Ballio, with slave labor around CA 1847. It is the only surviving regional example of the early industrial architecture.

The mill has unique construction details representative of its time. Two of the original sugar kettles have been preserved on the plantation grounds. The first record of production of the mill that could be found in "Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana" was in 1849-50. The average annual production was approximately 278 hogsheads. End of production of the mill is uncertain but it apparently was not used for the original purpose after the end of the 19th century.

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