

**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 Charles H. Mouton House

and/or common Shady Oaks

**2. Location**

street & number 338 North Sterling \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Lafayette \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 7th—John Breaux

state La. code 022 county Lafayette Parish code 055

**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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen

street & number 338 North Sterling

city, town Lafayette \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state La. 70501

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafayette Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Lafayette state La.

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Louisiana Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

date 1979 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state La.

## 7. Description

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

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

Although Shady Oaks once enjoyed a rural setting, it is now a landmark within a twentieth century neighborhood of Lafayette.

The house itself is a two and one-half story, gallery fronted building with a brick ground floor, a frame second floor, and a pitched roof. It reflects the English influence brought to bear upon a French architectural tradition. English features include the central hall plan on the second and attic stories, the emphasis upon the center with transomed, sidelighted front doors, Federal dormers, 9 over 6 sash windows, and simple aedicule motif mantels. French features include the colombage second floor, the four room, hall-less plan on the ground floor, the French doors, and the diamond point paneling set in the ear molded door frames. The house is also noteworthy for its beaded beam ceilings and for its handsome molded Doric posts on both stories of the front gallery.

The house is well-preserved. The only changes are bathrooms, closets, and a rear extension.

# 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** c. 1848 **Builder/Architect** Builder-Charles H. Mouton

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

Shady Oaks is significant in the area of architecture as a fine regional example of Greek Revival residential architecture. There are only 3 or 4 stylistically comparable houses in the area which achieve the pretention of two-story galleries. In addition, the house is an important part of Louisiana's architectural history because it illustrates the blending of English and French architectural traditions.

Shady Oaks was built in 1848 as the residence of Charles Homere Mouton, a prominent local jurist who served as lieutenant governor in 1856. The Moutons lived at Shady Oaks until the Civil War. The house changed hands several times before being acquired by its present owners, Mayor and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lafayette Parish Historical Sites Inventory, prepared by the Lafayette Regional Planning Commission, 1976.  
 Louisiana Almanac, 1979-1980.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 1-3/4 acres

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

B 

Zone		Easting						Northing					

C 

Zone		Easting						Northing					

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H 

Zone		Easting						Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached.

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OFFICE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bowen

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date December 1979

street & number 338 North Sterling telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Lafayette state La. 70501

# 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 [Signature]

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/28/80

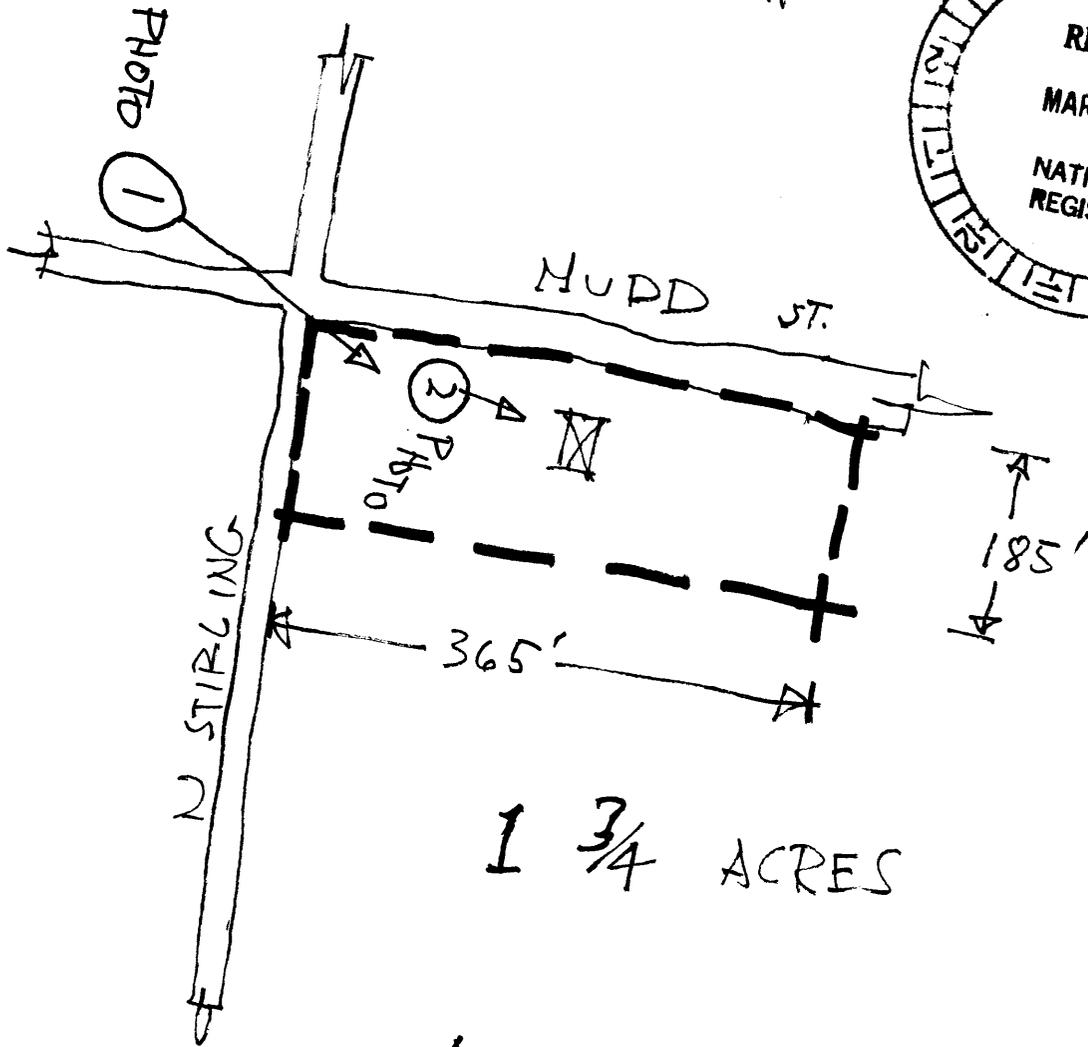
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 6/9/80  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: [Signature] date 6/6/80  
 Chief Registrar

SKETCH  
MAP



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