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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Cottingham House

and or common

2. Location

street & number 1403 College Drive n/a not for publication

city, town Pineville n/a vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Rapides code 079
~~county~~

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Crit S. Asher

street & number 1403 College Drive

city, town Pineville n/a vicinity of state LA 71360

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number 701 Murray Street P. O. Box 952

city, town Alexandria state LA 71301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Standing Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 _____ n/a _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cottingham House (1907) is a two story frame Queen Anne-Colonial Revival house located on a large lot adjacent to the Louisiana College campus in Pineville. Despite some interior modifications and a rear kitchen-carport addition, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The Cottingham House is entered through a squarish stair room which is too large to be thought of as a stair hall, but not large enough to qualify as a Queen Anne Revival living hall. The front parlor opens into the stair room and the dining room through glass pocket doors. To the rear of the stair room is an off-center corridor which originally separated the dining room from a bedroom. In the late 1960s the hallway was opened up via a columnar screen on the bedroom side and folding French doors on the dining room side. These doors are duplicates of the original ones that separate the dining room from an old side porch that is now a library.

The exterior is an asymmetrical semi-picturesque mass with off-center gables on three sides. The principal feature of the facade is an eight bay single story fluted Ionic gallery which curves round the side of the house. Other exterior features include plate glass windows, louvered shutters, and a more or less full entablature under the eaves.

In addition to the interior details previously mentioned, the Cottingham House features paneled newel posts, beaded board wainscoting, and squarish mantels with what was known at the time as "raised wood carving." These carvings take the form of garlands, urns, and various leaf forms.

Alterations:

Originally the northeast side of the house had a ground story open porch with a sleeping porch above. These areas were enclosed in the 1920s.

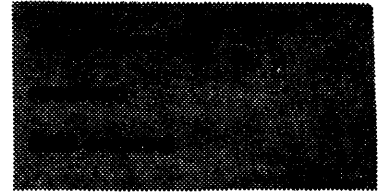
The following alterations were made during a late 1960s renovation project:

- (1) As previously mentioned, the hallway was opened up with a columnar screen on one side and duplicate French doors on the other.
- (2) The present crown molding was installed.
- (3) Originally the previously mentioned sleeping porch communicated with the bedroom via French doors. These French doors were replaced with a columnar screen echoing the one installed downstairs.
- (4) The back porch was enclosed and extended to form the present modern kitchen wing, and a carport was added.
- (5) Storm windows were added.

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7. Description (cont'd)
Rapides Parish, LA

Assessment of Integrity:

The interior changes did not involve the loss of significant character-defining elements such as the mantels or staircase. In any event, the house's significance rests upon its exterior appearance, which is fairly intact. The enclosed porches are sensitively done historic alterations that are barely noticeable. The rear addition does not interfere with the house's architecturally significant Queen Anne-Colonial Revival facade.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Dr. and Mrs. Claybrook Cottingham

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Cottingham House is locally significant in the area of architecture within the context of the City of Pineville. It is the finest from among a limited number of pre-bungalow era residences.

Pineville was settled in the antebellum period and incorporated in 1878. It has since grown to become the second largest city in Rapides Parish. The Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey has identified 555 buildings within the corporate limits that are fifty years old or older. As one might expect, the overwhelming majority of these are residences. The survey reveals that despite its age, Pineville retains very little in the way of pre-bungalow era residences. There are in fact only twenty-three examples, and almost all of these are small Queen Anne Revival cottages with little or no architectural detailing. The Cottingham House is the only two story example and the only one whose gallery columns are more than just square posts. Its impressive size and multi-gable roofline marks it as the distinctive landmark among Pineville's earliest surviving period of residential architecture.

Historical Note:

The house was built in 1907 for Dr. and Mrs. Claybrook Cottingham. Dr. Cottingham was then one of three faculty members at Louisiana College, which had opened in October 1906. He served as president of the college from 1910 to 1941.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Rapides Parish Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.
Historical data on Dr. Cottingham submitted by owners.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @ $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres

Quadrangle name Alexandria, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map. Boundaries follow the property lines of the lot on which the house stands.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNERS
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date June 1987

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358


city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 31, 1987

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 9-8-87


Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

COTTINGHAM HOUSE RAPIDES PARISH, LA

SCALE 1" = 100'

