

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Louisiana
COUNTY:	St. Martin
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Acadian House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Longfellow Evangeline State Park

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Martinville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22 COUNTY: St. Martin CODE: 099

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Louisiana State Parks and Recreation Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Drawer 1111

CITY OR TOWN:
Baton Rouge

STATE:
Louisiana

CODE:
22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds, Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Martinville

STATE:
Louisiana

CODE:
22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
National Register of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Register of Historic Places

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Acadian House was built about 1765. It is framed with hand-hewn cypress fastened with wooden pegs. Ground floor walls are of brick. Because there were no suitable local clays, it is said that clay from upriver was skimmed from the bayous during flood season making brick a material to be used sparingly. The upper floors are clapboard over bousillage, an infilling of mud reinforced with Spanish moss. The gallery on the front or west facade is recessed in the gabled mass of the building with six brick columns at the ground floor and wood posts and railings above. The gallery at the rear is a lean-to having five wood posts at both levels and the partially screened stair at the northeast corner.

The ground floor is paved with red brick. Its two principal rooms open from the front gallery but do not connect with each other although their simple fireplaces are back to back. Two smaller rooms at the rear are separated by an open area to which all four rooms have access. The second floor has four rooms also, arranged without interior communication between the north and south halves of the house. Access to the attic is through a narrow stair from the parlor. Interior walls are plastered and woodwork is of the simplest rectangular boards. Hinges and hardware are primitive. Windows are heavily shuttered.

Acquired by the State in 1931, the house was restored and opened to the public in 1933. The grounds include a restored kitchen garden beyond which is the restored kitchen, a single-room structure with its original fireplace, and a replica of the magazin which houses restrooms. The larger setting is a great sweep of lawn shaded by ancient, moss-garlanded, live oak trees in Longfellow-Evangeline State Park at the north edge of St. Martinville.

Acadians, driven from eastern Canada in 1755, were reunited among other Frenchmen in Louisiana in January 1765 and resettled in the Parishes of St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberia, Lafayette, and Vermillion. St. Martinville is the center of the area. This house, among the first to be built after the Acadians' arrival, has been associated with the legend which is the basis for Longfellow's "Evangeline." However, documents refute the belief that Louis Arceneaux, born in Louisiana, could be the prototypical Gabriel and do not establish his residence in the house.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

ca. 1765

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"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Simple in form and detail, the Acadian House is significant in being an authentic survival of a once common regional building type adapted to climate and immediately available materials. It is related to the resettlement of Acadians in Louisiana even though it has no documented relationship to the Evangeline legend.

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9. 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° 08' 17"	91° 49' 30"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.25 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historic and Architectural Surveys,
National Park Service** DATE: **1/16/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE:

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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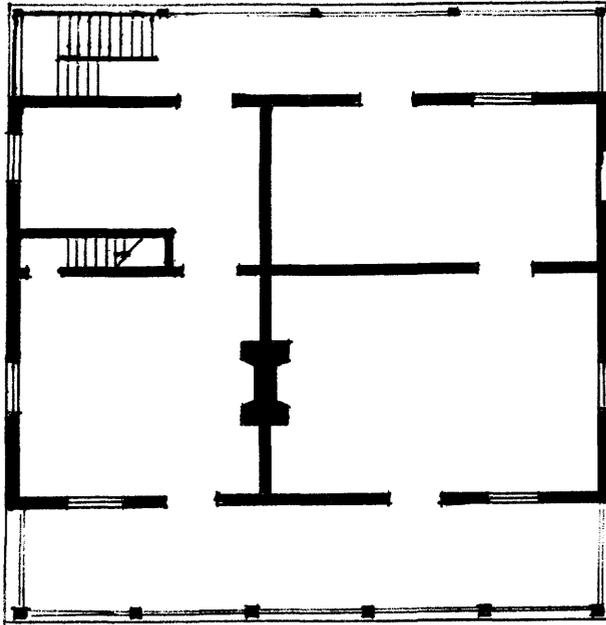
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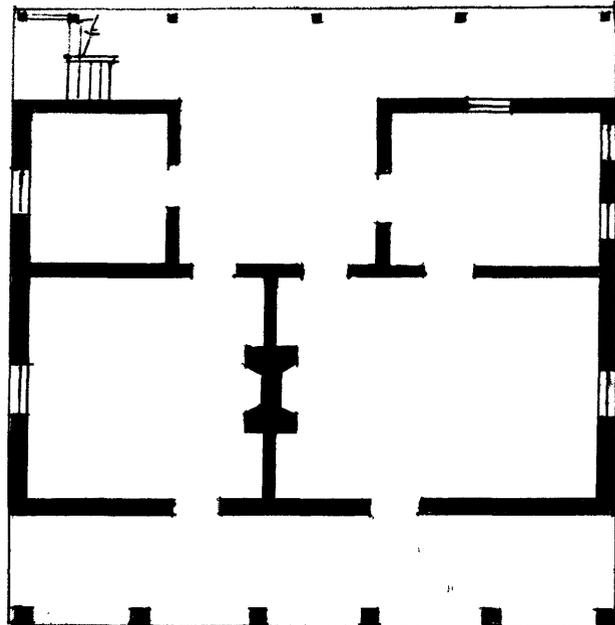
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Acadian House
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Second Floor Plan



First Floor Plan