

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered OCT 18 1984

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

1. Name

historic LaBranche Plantation Dependency

and/or common same; also known as Barbarra Plantation

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy, 48 @ 4 miles SW of Kenner off LA 48 N/A not for publication

city, town Kenner vic. vicinity of

state LA code 22 ~~county~~ ^{parish} St. Charles code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Sal Lentini

street & number c/o Kenner City Hall

city, town Kenner N/A vicinity of state LA 70062

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Charles Parish Courthouse

street & number River Road (no specific address) P. O. Box 424

city, town Hahnville state LA 70057

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The LaBranche Plantation Dependency is an early-nineteenth century single story brick Creole house located near the Mississippi River Road on the east bank just inside the St. Charles Parish line. Despite several alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The stuccoed brick structure consists of four 20' x 20' rooms with a nine foot deep gallery on three sides (see plan). This is encompassed by a slightly flared hip roof. Chimneys are set on the interior walls between rooms. The house is entered through sets of ten-light French doors on all four sides. Doorways are fitted with board and batten shutters. The galleries and interior ceilings feature beaded beams and beaded ceiling boards.

The house's four mantels, all of which are original, are its most impressive feature. Two feature paneled entablatures resting upon termini and two feature somewhat more elaborate entablatures resting upon engaged balusters. The mantel designs make extensive use of fluted sunburst motifs in various forms.

Alterations:

1. Two interior doorways have been refitted with late-nineteenth century paneled doors.
2. Shelves have been installed in one of the rooms.
3. One of the walls has been furred out to provide for a small staircase and a half bath.
4. A carport has been attached.
5. A kitchen wing has been added.
6. All of the original columns have been lost.

Assessment of Integrity:

In spite of these changes, the LaBranche Dependency represents an archetype so rare that even a badly altered example should be considered significant in our opinion. In any case, the basic form and the significant features survive (see Item 8). Accretions are easily removable and the documentation exists to replace the present columns with exact copies of the original columns. (This is not the case with numerous Creole houses whose columns or other features are missing.)

NB: The present owner claims a date of c.1792 for the LaBranche Dependency; however, the architectural evidence suggests a date sometime during the early nineteenth century.

NB: The owner is planning to restore the house using the tax incentives available to depreciable Register properties.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 early 1800's **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The LaBranche Plantation Dependency is of statewide significance in the area of architecture as a rare and superior example of the Creole style.

The importance of the dependency rests upon its elaborate and pretentious detailing. Both its beams and ceiling boards are beaded, which alone makes it superior to numerous other surviving examples of the Creole style. Beyond this, it has high quality mantels which are very unexpected on a house so small. With their strong moldings, elaborate sunburst motifs, and complex engaged balusters, the dependency's mantels are commensurate with those of a major Creole plantation house. Most Creole houses the size of the LaBranche Dependency were built as plantation houses in their own right and had the relatively plain styling appropriate to a smaller Creole house. But the LaBranche Dependency was built as an ancillary building to a plantation house of the first rank and was styled accordingly. Very few if any comparable dependencies survive in Louisiana. Hence the LaBranche Dependency is undoubtedly one of the state's most richly and impressively styled smaller Creole houses. It is also significant as a rare example of a residential plantation dependency from the early nineteenth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey of Select Creole Houses by Tulane University Architecture Department, Personal communication with Gene Cizek, project director, In progress,
Overdyke, W. Darrell. Louisiana Plantation Homes: Colonial and Ante Bellum, New York: Architectural Book Publishing Co., Inc., 1965.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____ @ 1/4th of an acre

Quadrangle name Luling, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	5	7	5	9	0	5	0	3	3	1	6	1	1	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries shown on the attached map were chosen to encompass the significant resource. They form a discrete rectangle which follows the property line on one side and excludes a modern ranch house on the other.

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 Division of Historic Preservation	ASSISTED BY OWNERS
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organization	State of Louisiana	date	July 1984
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street & number	P. O. Box 44247	telephone	(504) 342-6682
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city or town	Baton Rouge	state	LA 70804
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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
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 12, 1984

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 10-18-84

for Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

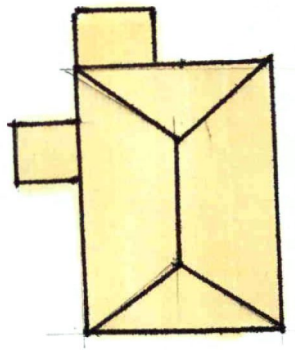
100'

MODERN
RANCH
HOUSE



1

DRIVEWAY



3

PROPERTY LINE

2

dimensioned
from edge of
original house

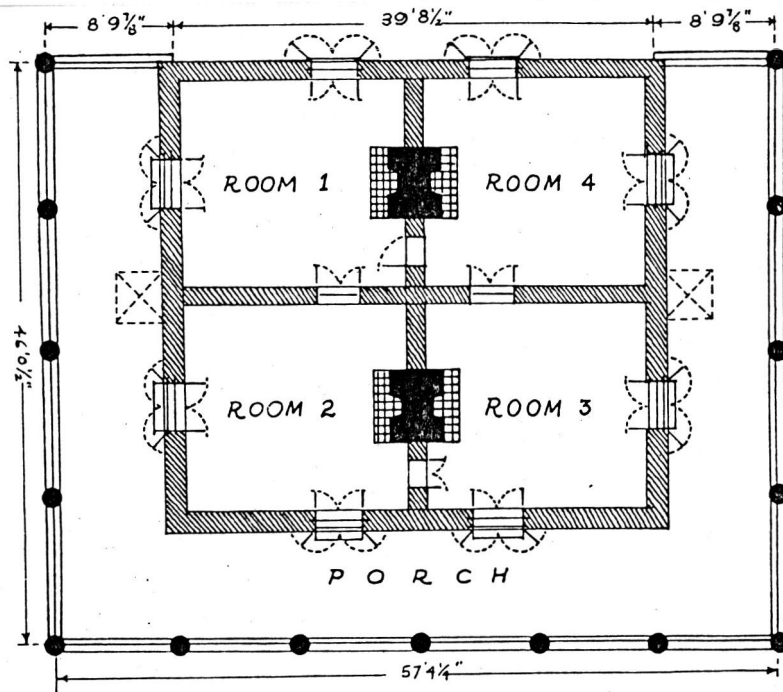
50'

APPROX 1/4
ACRE

NOT TO
SCALE

LABRANCHE PLANTATION
DEPENDENCY

ST. CHARLES PARISH,
LA.



ORIGINAL FLOOR
PLAN

LA BRANCHE PLANTATION
DEPENDENCY

ST. CHARLES PARISH,
LA.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

LaBranche Plantation Dependency
St. Charles Parish
LOUISIANA

SEP 18 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 10/18/84 - 11/2/84
Action: ACCEPT 10-18-84
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



LaBranche Plantation Dependency
St. Charles Parish, LA
Jonathan Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
January 1984
Photo #1
East



LaBranche Plantation Dependency

St. Charles Parish, LA

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LA State Historic Preservation Office

January 1984

Photo #2

North



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Photo #3
South



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St. Charles Parish, LA
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LA State Historic Preservation Office
January 1984
Photo #4
Gallery ceiling detail



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St. Charles Parish, LA
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January 1984
Photo #5
Interior view--mantel



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St. Charles Parish, LA
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LA State Historic Preservation Office
January 1984
Photo #6
Interior view--mantel



LaBranche Plantation Dependency

St. Charles Parish, LA

Jonathan Fricker

LA State Historic Preservation Office

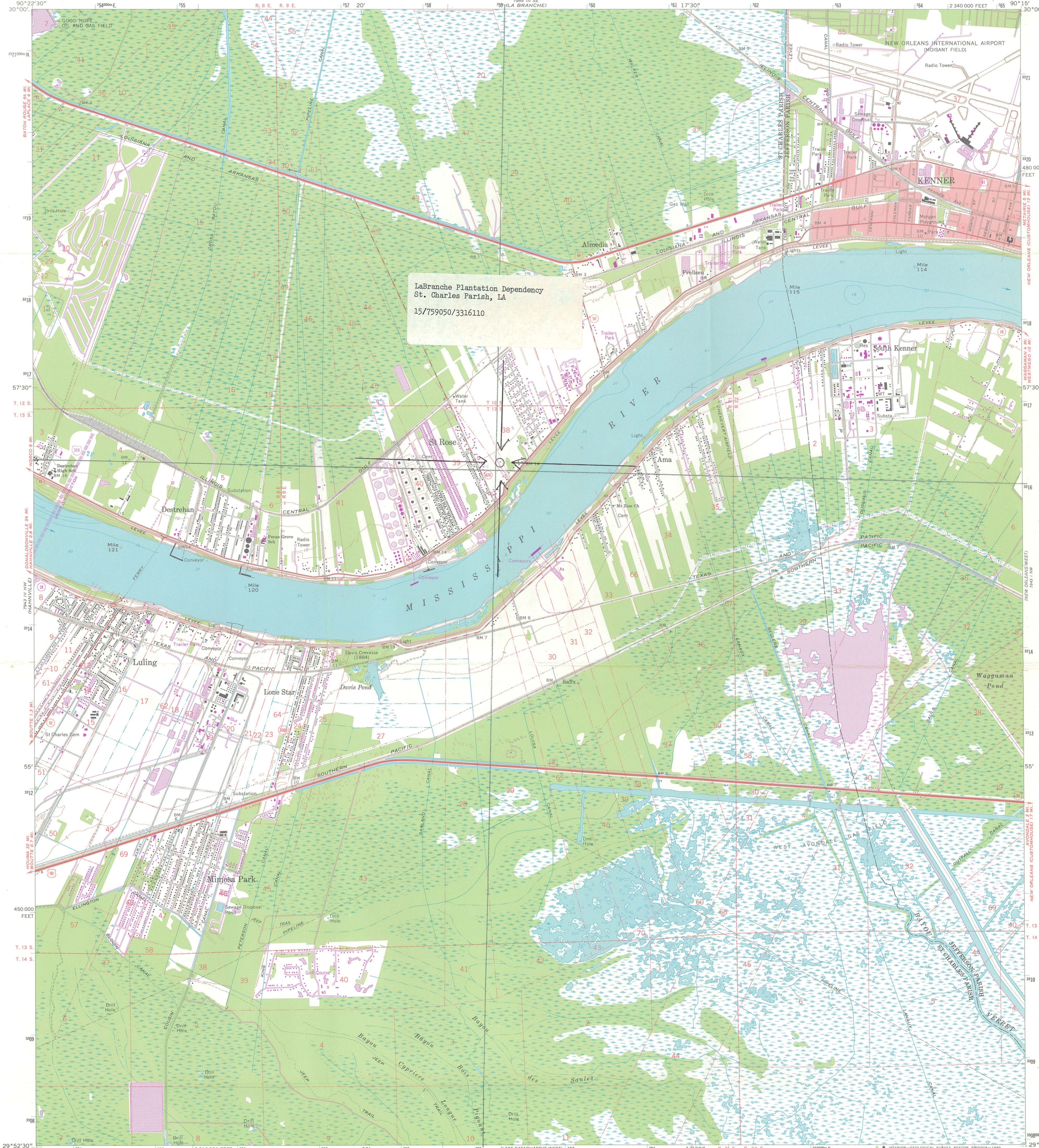
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Photo #7

Mantel detail

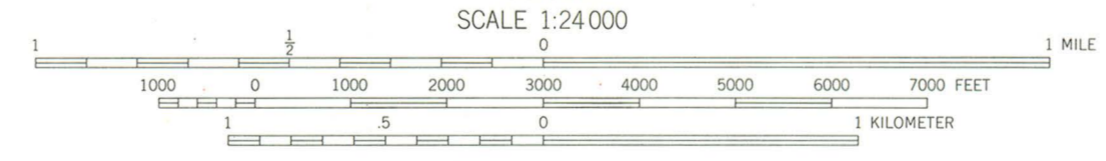
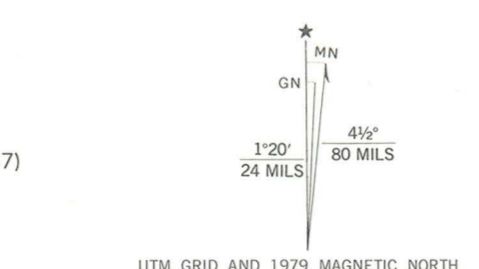


LaBranche Plantation Dependency
St. Charles Parish, LA
Jonathan Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
January 1984
Photo #8
Interior view



LaBranche Plantation Dependency
St. Charles Parish, LA
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1965. Topography by planetable surveys 1967
Supersedes map dated 1935-51
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&S Chart 1269 (1967)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Louisiana coordinate system, south zone
1:000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 19 meters south and
8 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET
GULF COAST LOW WATER DATUM
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1/2 FOOT
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route — State Route
Interstate Route

LULING, LA.
NE 1/4 HAHNVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N2952.5-W90157.5
1967
PHOTOREVISED 1972 AND 1979
DMA 7943 IV NE-SERIES V885

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from aerial photographs taken 1972 and 1978. Map edited 1979. This information not field checked

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