

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Mount Hope Plantation House is located east of Baton Rouge on Highland Road in what is now a fashionable suburban, semi-rural neighborhood. The exact date of the house is not known. The house dates from the mid-19th century as evidenced by its mortise and tenon construction and its simple Greek Revival styling. However, its board and batten siding, and plate glass transoms were added in the late 19th century.

The story and a half house has a narrow central stairhall flanked by pairs of rooms. A pair of cabinets flank the rear gallery. The front gallery encompasses 3 sides of the house. The wide gabled roof is an in kind replacement of the original one which was destroyed by a hurricane in the 1940's. Chimneys are set between the front and rear room with simple aedicule mantels. Ceiling beams are exposed. Windows are 6 over 6. The galleries have simple posts with molded capitals. Boundaries were drawn to cut closely around the house in order to exclude modern reproduction out buildings.

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion C

Mount Hope Plantation House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a fine surviving example of a mid nineteenth century farmhouse. Like many of its kind, it embodies many traditional forms and characteristics--i.e.,the cabinets, the central hall, the gabled roof, and the simple mantels. It is probably the only example of its type remaining in the Baton Rouge area where suburbanization has engulfed much of the parish.

Major Bibliographical References

East Baton Rouge Parish records, East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse, Baton Rouge