

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Oakland plantation house and kitchen, is located off Louisiana Highway 963 in the rolling farm country of western East Feliciana Parish. The immediate setting is characterized by lawns and irregularly placed mature live oaks. The nearby swimming pool is on a lower level than the house and is not conspicuous.

The house itself is a two-story frame structure, one room deep, with a central hall and front and rear one-story galleries. The hall is completely open with wide double doors at each end. The staircase is set unobtrusively in one of the front rooms. At one time there was a pair of small rooms set at the ends of the rear gallery. These spaces still exist, but the remainder of the rear gallery has been enclosed. Other changes have included the moving of the old plantation office to form a side room (ca 1900) and the recent finishing of the attic.

Noteworthy details include:

- (1) the wide panel front and rear doors
- (2) the 12 over 12 windows in the moved office portion of the house
- (3) the elaborately molded chair rails
- (4) the interior window frames with corner blocks and bull's eyes
- (5) the molded Adams mantels which have unusually fine features including carved sunburst panels, single and double free standing fluted side columns, and one with tiny free standing Doric columns inscribed within the corner panels
- (6) gable end returns
- (7) exterior chimneys
- (8) scoop based chamfered gallery columns
- (9) 6 over 6 windows, eight of which are set in a row across the front second story

Connected to the house by a modern frame hyphen wing is a brick kitchen contemporaneous with the house. It has three bays with 12 over 12 windows. The kitchen building contains three rooms including a long dining room with chair rails and a fireplace at one end. The kitchen roof is replaced.

Specific dates 1827
Builder/Architect Thomas W. Scott

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)
Criterion C

Oakland plantation house is significant in the area of architecture as a fine Louisiana example of a two-story East Coast farm house type commonly known as the "Carolina I." This can be seen in its irregular bay pattern, its single room depth, its one-story galleries front and rear, its

exterior chimneys, and its Federal details. It is one of only 5 known examples in the Feliciana parishes, and is an excellent representation of the distinctly Anglo-American (non-French) heritage for which the Felicianas are known. Oakland is also noteworthy for its elaborate Federal woodwork, particularly the parlor mantel which has panels with inset free standing columns that are probably unique in the state.

Major Bibliographical References

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