

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bayouside is set just south of Bayou Rapides on a slight ridge, approximately nine miles northwest of Alexandria.

The house is a five bay "classical cottage" with three rooms across the front and three narrower rooms in the rear. The front gallery has a flush board facade with six molded capital posts. The center rear room contains an unornamented quarter turn stair case which leads to the unfinished attic. There is also a turn-of-the-century kitchen wing. It appears that when the wing was built all interior doors were replaced, as were both mantels.

The house is constructed of hewn pine timbers with exterior chimneys. Most of the six over six windows are original.

SPECIFIC DATES                      c.1847  
BUILDER/ARCHITECT              John Augustin Texada

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bayouside is an absolutely typical example of the influence of the Greek or (Classical) Revival upon the Creole raised plantation house type. There is no hall, but the three room plan is symmetrical and the center is marked by a special entrance door with transom and side lights. In earlier prototypes the plan would not have been symmetrical and there would have been no special emphasis given the center. Moreover, the facade features a handsome five-bay gallery which has a full entablature and posts with heavy molded capitals.

According to family tradition, Bayouside was built by John Augustin Texada (1789-1869) about the time he married his second wife, Winifred Cocke, in 1847. Texada had arrived in the area in 1809, and two years later he had married Lucy Welsh, whose father Nicholas Welsh had received a Spanish land grant which included the site of the house.

Texada died in 1869, and in 1872 his son Lewis Emmanuel Texada sold "The Texada Plantation" including the home to the Bank of America. In 1876 it was purchased at an auction sale by Milton Dunnam for \$4600. Bayouside, as it came to be called, remained in the Dunnam family until 1969. The present owner is a descendant of John A. Texada, the builder and she and her husband have been living in the house and refurbishing it since 1970.

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