

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

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

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

1. Name

historic Mary Plantation House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy 39, @ 6 miles SW of Braithwaite N/A not for publication

city, town Braithwaite vic. vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Plaquemines code 075
county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. E. R. Knobloch (504) 392-0100 or (504) 682-5193

street & number Box 121, Highway 39

city, town Braithwaite vicinity of state LA 70040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Plaquemines Parish Courthouse

street & number Highway 39 (no specific address)

city, town Pointe-a-la-Hache state LA 70082

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Mary Plantation House (c.1820) is a two-story brick-between-posts Creole plantation house located in a lush tropical garden on the east bank of the Mississippi River approximately six miles southwest of the town of Braithwaite. In recent decades the house has undergone a few changes, but these have not imperiled its National Register eligibility.

Mary began as a two-story hip roof plantation house with brick construction below and brick-between-posts construction above. Each story had a floor plan two rooms wide and two rooms deep with a small enclosed stair hall in the rear where one would normally expect to find a small gallery. The only open gallery was in front. The sides and rear of the upper story were sheathed in clapboards.

In about 1840 a new larger hip roof was built which provided for galleries on all four sides of the house. The original hip roof structure was left beneath the larger roof. The new galleries featured simple chamfered cypress columns upstairs and stuccoed brick columns downstairs. Little else was changed in the house. The original 12 over 12 windows were left as were the original 12 light French doors with their ram's horn hinges. The elaborately planed Adams type wraparound mantels were also left.

Mary's most unusual feature is its wide front doorways, both upstairs and down. Each is set in the center of the facade at the point where the wall divides the two large front rooms of the house. Each doorway contains a divided pair of French doors, one of which goes into each of the front rooms. Each pair of French doors is divided by a broad pilaster. The upper pair has a false transom and is divided by a decoratively planed pilaster which echoes the styling of the mantels. (See photos 2, 3 & 10.)

Most of the ceilings have exposed beams. The board and batten shutters are mounted with strap hinges which are held in place by screws. It is not known whether these screws are original or whether they were part of a 1948 restoration.

Since the c.1840 alterations, the following changes have occurred in the house:

1. One of the four original mantels has been lost,
2. Two bathrooms have been installed upstairs and one downstairs,
3. Arches have been cut between the front and rear rooms downstairs,
4. The old stuccoed brick columns downstairs have been replaced with cast concrete columns which appear to more or less duplicate the original design.

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7. Description (cont'd)

Assessment of Integrity

In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the aforementioned changes should be regarded as minor given the total scope of the house's architecture. In any case, the features which contribute to Mary's significance still survive (see item 8).

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c.1820, c.1840 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Mary Plantation House is architecturally significant on the state level as one of Louisiana's finest examples of French colonial style architecture. It is a classic example of a nationally recognized style found in limited numbers in the state. Though many houses were built similar to it in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, few of these have survived. Although Louisiana has not been completely surveyed, it is apparent from the survey material presently compiled that in all likelihood fewer than thirty first-rate examples of large French colonial style plantation houses remain in the state.

Features which make Mary a classic example of the French colonial style include;

1. its large hip roof;
2. its chamfered upper gallery columns;
3. its large hall-less cabinet plan;
4. its use of brick-between-posts construction on the upper story;
5. its use of French doors, exposed beaded beams, and wraparound mantels; and
6. its placement of chimneys against the interior partition walls.

Mary is also important because it has retained most of its original hardware.

In addition, the previously described divided French doors are thought to be unique in Louisiana. They are important because they show a desire for a central entrance and symmetry and hence exhibit an early hesitant touch of the Anglo-American influence in the Creole architectural tradition of Louisiana. Much of the architectural history of French Louisiana involves the transition from Creole architecture to Anglo-American architecture. Mary is important within this context because it shows one of the endpoints of the transition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Standing Structures Survey, LA State Historic Preservation Office, Overdyke, W. Darrell. Louisiana Plantation Homes: Colonial and Antebellum. New York: Architectural Book Publishing Co., Inc., 1965.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 1 1/2 acres

Quadrangle name Belle Chasse, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to attached sketch map.

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 ASSISTED BY OWNER

organization Division of Historic Preservation
State of Louisiana date April 1983

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

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 May 23, 1983

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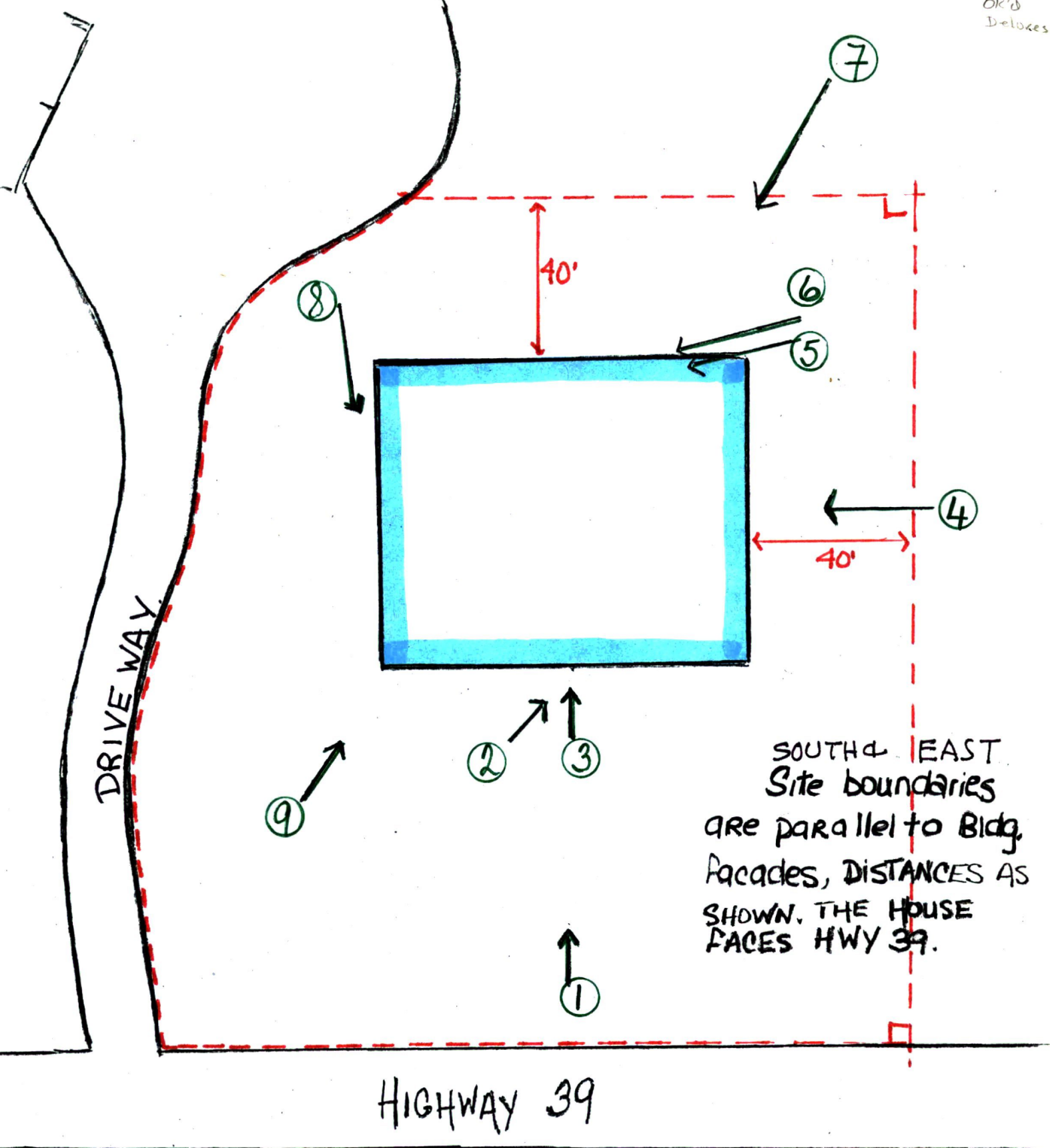
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Patrick Andrews date 7/13/83
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



SOUTH & EAST
Site boundaries
are parallel to Bldg.
Facades, DISTANCES AS
SHOWN. THE HOUSE
FACES HWY 39.



MARY PLANTATION HOUSE
BRAITHWAITE VICINITY, LA

PLAQUEMINES PARISH

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHE

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Mary Plantation House
Plaquemines Parish
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Substantive Review

Working No. JUN 8 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/7/83 — 7/23/83
Action: ACCEPT 7/13/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Architecturally significant example of French colonial style of architecture

Recom./Criteria accept c
Reviewer Patricia Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 7/13/83
 see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	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

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Mary Plantation House #3
1982-NEST SIDE

Mary Plantation House
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, Hwy 39, Braithwaite LA 70040
Photo #1- Front (west) elevation
Camera facing East



1982

MARY PLANTATION HOUSE
BRAITHWAITE VICINITY, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA
MRS. E.R. KNOBLOCH
AUGUST 1982
BOX 121, HWY 39, BRAITHWAITE, LA 70040
PHOTO #2- CENTRAL DOOR-UPPER GALLERY-FRONT ELEV.
CAMERA FACING SOUTHEAST

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ALL WOODS - CYPRESS #10

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1982
Mary Plantation House
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch.
August 1982
Box 121, Hwy. 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #3- Central door-lower gallery-front elev.
Camera facing East.

NOTE: SMALL OPEN DOOR
EXPOSING BRICK. THIS
PROBABLY USED AS
BUGGY WHIP OR GUN
STORAGE. ALL
WOODS IN HOUSE
ARE CYPRESS.

#6

FOR INTERIOR VIEW
SEE #18



Mary Plantation House
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish. LA

Mrs. E.R. Knobloch

August 1982

Box 121, HWY 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040

Photo #4 South elevation

Camera facing North



MARY PLANTATION GALLERY
SECOND DECK
Mary Plantation House
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch

August 1982

Box 121, Hwy 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040

Photo #5 East elevation- upper gallery

Camera facing North



MARY PLANTATION - EAST SIDE
Mary Plantation
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, HWY 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #6 East elevation-lower gallery
Camera facing North

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1982
Mary Plantation, Braithwaite, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, HWY 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo # 7 East elevation-
Camera facing Northwest



Mary Plantation
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, HWY 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #8 North elevation-upper gallery
Camera facing west

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Mary Plantation House

Mary Plantation
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, Hwy 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #9 North elevation
Camera facing southeast



1982 MARY PLANTATION
Mary Plantation
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, Hwy. 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #10 Interior view
Central door-lower gallery

WEST SIDE.
(INTERIOR)

FOR EXTERIOR
VIEW - SEE #18



MARY PLANTATION - DOORS TO
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121 Hwy. 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo #11 Interior View- French doors. * 17

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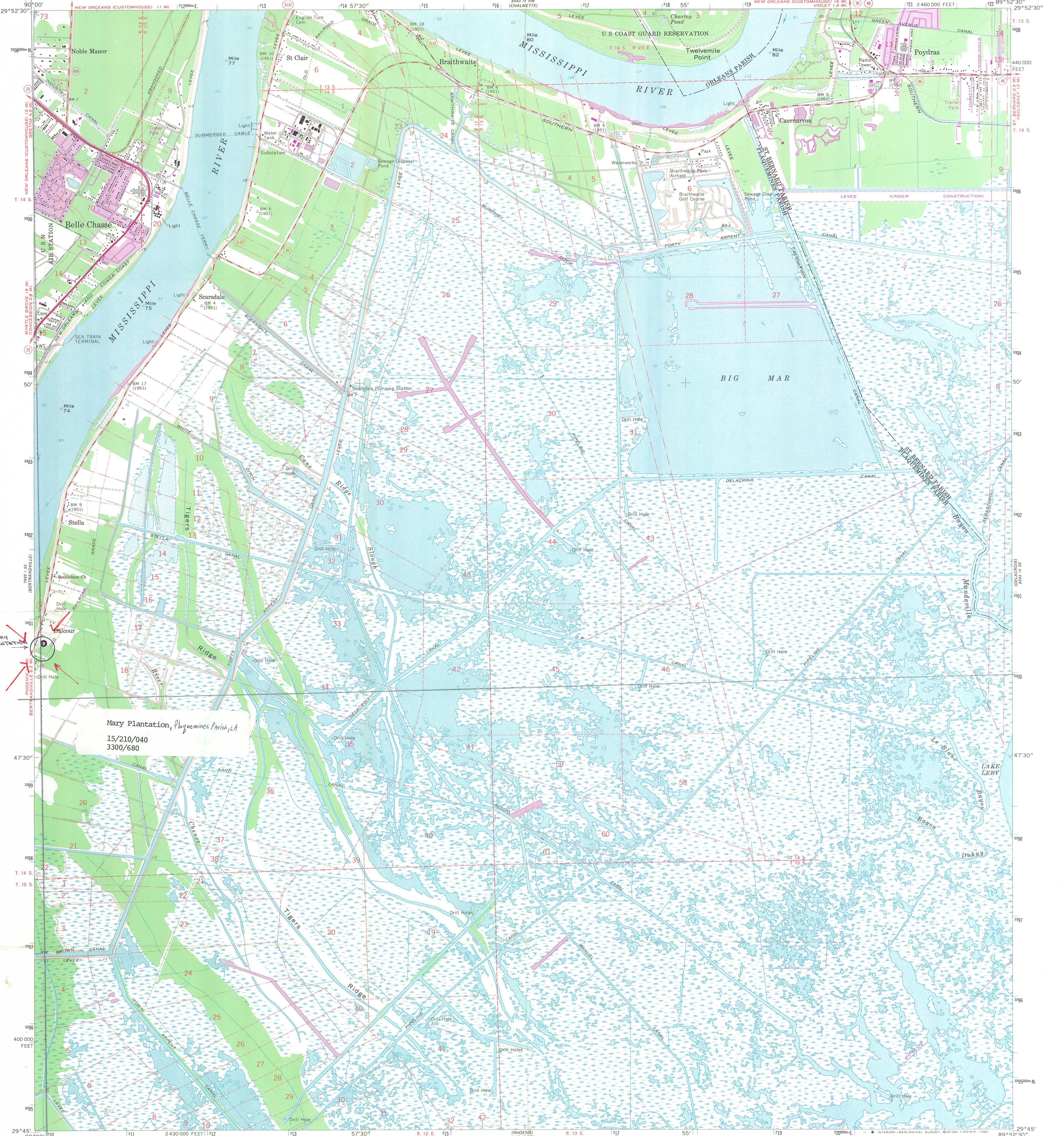
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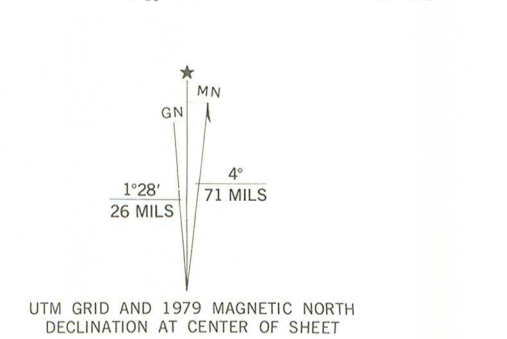
MARY PLANTATION FIRE PLACE -
SW Bedroom
SECOND FLOOR

Mary Plantation
Braithwaite vicinity, Plaquemines Parish, LA
Mrs. E.R. Knobloch
August 1982
Box 121, Hwy 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040
Photo 12 Interior view- mantel



Mary Plantation, Plaquemines Parish, LA
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otherwise indicated by parenthetical dates



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May 23, 1983

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Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the completed and signed nomination forms along with maps and photographs for the following properties:

Mary Plantation House, Plaquemines Parish
Wilder House, Jackson Parish
Simms-Ellis House, Jackson Parish
Vermilion Inn, Lafayette Parish

If any additional information is needed, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Robert B. DeBlieux
State Historic Preservation Officer

RBD/JF/bc

Enclosures