Stately Goodwill Plantation House will be one of the homes featured on the forthcoming Baton Rouge Pilgrimage. It was built in 1852 by Dr. Samuel G. Laycock on a 2,000 acre plantation, a part of the Royal Grant of the British Crown dated 1774 to the Laycock family.

Baton Rouge Opens Doors To 2nd Annual Pilgrimage

Baton Rouge, the capital colonial periods, and will be City of Louisiana, located on the Mississippi River in the heart of the rich plantation country, opens its doors this spring to the Second Annual Pilgrimage. It will proudly present twenty homes of the area on four tours. Louisiana’s heritage is unique.

First claimed by DeSoto for Spain, then by the great French explorer, LaSalle, who named it for his King Louis in April 1682, it has the distinction of having had nine flags fly over the territory. The cultural heritage is influenced in the architecture of each of the different

The primary purpose of the pilgrimage presented by the Baton Rouge Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Inc., is to encourage the preservation of historical and cultural places of natural beauty within the state and, most particularly, within the area. It hopes to make the public more aware and interested in preserving many of the existing historical and cultural landmarks in the state. The pilgrimage will also promote tourism.

The first tour will be on Sunday afternoon, March 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. It is called the “Bayou Tour”, and will show five homes in the Rosedale-Marinol-A-Livonia area along Bayous Maringouin and Grosse Tete, the old water roadways of yesterday.

The second tour will be on Saturday, April 3, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and the third tour will be from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on that day. Five homes or historical buildings will be open to the pilgrim on each of these two tours on Saturday.

The fourth and final tour will be on Sunday, April 4, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Lovely Goodwood Plantation House, pictured above, will be among the twenty homes featured during the pilgrimage.