Beauregard House Draws Many Visitors

GUIDE, WEARING ANTE BELLUM COSTUME, POSE BEFORE REEN BEAUREGARD HOUSE

Structure Is Called Architectural Queen of St. Bernard

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The 1850 Beauregard House in Chalmette is right fully claimed to be the grandest house of its kind in the South. It was built in 1850 by Confederate Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard. It is only one of a few remaining plantation houses of that period to have been saved from the ravages of war and fire, and it is now open to the public.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed structure with ample porches on each story. The original building had six rooms but at present there are five. Two of the original original rooms have been combined into a music room. spacious, furnished with antiques and reproductions. The music room is the largest room in the house, measuring 20 feet by 30 feet.

Recently, a decision was made to restore the house to its original appearance and to replace the interior with the original furnishings. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

In 1850, the house was owned by Judge James Garfield. It later became the property of Judge John B. Beauregard, son of Confederate Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard. After Judge Garfield's death, the house was bequeathed to his daughter, who lived in it until her death in 1940.

During the renovation, which took place in 1980, a coin-studded brass plaque was found in a corner of the first floor. The plaque is believed to be a memorial to a Confederate soldier who died while fighting for the Confederacy.

The Beauregard House is located at 1001 Lakeshore Drive, Chalmette. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information, call (504) 398-2211.