Historic home tour highlight of Omelette Festival

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A tour of historic homes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday will be one of highlights of next weekend's Abbeville Omelette Festival.

The historic Wells Fargo building, 118 Quai des Francais, will be one of the attractions. Also on the tour are the Harrington home, 309 Third St.; the Woodruff Home, 503 Charity St.; and the Dugal Home, 212 N. State St.

The Wells Fargo building, so called because it was occupied by the express company for a dozen years after the turn of the century, was constructed about 1897 by merchant Isaac Wise to house two stores separated by a central wall.

It also housed a machine shop for Steen's Syrup Co. at one time and was converted to a private residence in the mid-1970s by the late James Fontenot. It has been the residence of Dexter Thibodeaux since 1993.

The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995.

The Third Street home of Greg and Sheila Harrington was built in the 1930s by Preston and Maude Broussard Williams and was renovated and enlarged in 1956.

The Harringtons moved into the home in 2001 and were in the process of renovating it when Hurricane Lili caused substantial damage to it. With its rebuilding, the home offers an eclectic mixture of the old and the new.

The Woodruff home on Charity Street was placed on the National Register in 1995, identified as the Gerd House, for the family that occupied the place since about 1915.

The Queen Anne Revival home was probably built about 1902 and renovated extensively in the early 1920s.

The Dugal Home on North State Street was built before 1912, although the precise date of construction is not known.

It was purchased in 1995 by Ray (Jr.) and Gwen Rodriguez Dugal, who remodeled it, incorporating such features as a stained glass window from the old Palms Hospital.

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