Lafayette Moves To Preserve Style

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Action was initiated Friday to preserve one of Lafayette's historical Acadian-style homes and convert it into a major tourist attraction.

The old Vermilionville Inn, now located on the Pinhook Road, would be moved to the Evangeline Thruway in the vicinity of Route 1-10. The home would be donated to the community by the Horace Rickey family, dismantled by sections, moved to the new location and the original restored in all its ante-bellum grandeur. The 2-story residence represents an architectural style that evolved during the period 1700-1750, according to Lafayette architect Dave Perkins.

In addition to the remodeling of the home period furniture representative of the Acadian culture would go into the historic residence. Offices of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce would be moved into the same area and a building constructed nearby compatible with the Acadian architecture. Preliminary estimates indicate that the project would cost around $100,000.

The campaign to preserve the residence grew out of a joint meeting of the French Heritage Organization and the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Allen Babineaux, FHO chairman has announced.

Concurrence in the plan for the preservation of the Vermilionville Inn was given by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce during a noontime meeting held at the Stansbury's Restaurant. President George Crochet has revealed.

Perkins presented the preservation project to the joint committee meeting held in the chamber offices in the War Memorial Building Friday morning. He said that he had dis-

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