Plantation of the Month

KATE CHOPIN HOME

The Kate Chopin Home, clean and graceful in lines, is one of the loveliest and most interesting homes in the Natchitoches area.

Built in the early 1800's by Alexis Cloutier, the house was bought in 1880 by Oscar Chopin and his wife, Kate.

After the unexpected death of her husband, Mrs. Chopin returned to her birthplace, St. Louis, Mo. There, Kate Chopin began her literary career and made famous Louisiana's Cane River Country in a series of short stories entitled Bayou Folk.

It was through her talent and love of Louisiana that much of the history of the area was preserved for posterity.

Inspired by the writings of Kate Chopin, the Bayou Folk Museum was founded and is housed in the Kate Chopin Home.

The first floor is filled with displays depicting the history of the Cane River Country.

The second floor is furnished in period furniture representative of that found in the poorer homes along Cane River.

Details of the home's construction and a collection of building supplies of the period can be seen in the third-floor attic.

Adjacent to the house is another structure which served the community for many years as a doctor's office. It contains furniture and equipment which was once used by plantation doctors who served the area.

The Kate Chopin House, with its Bayou Folk Museum, is located off La. 1 at Cloutierville.

For information about other fabulous Louisiana plantation homes, write to the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission, Box 44291, Baton Rouge, La. 70804