**Historic Buildings, Houses In Lafayette Get National Recognition**

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National recognition of additional historic buildings and houses in the city of Lafayette has been granted.

The state Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism notified the Lafayette Department of Community Development that eight new individual sites and one historic district have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The honor bestowed on these buildings is a result of joint efforts by Downtown Lafayette Unlimited and the Department of Community Development.

Robert B. DeBlieux, state historic preservation officer, said in a letter to the Department of Community Development that Lafayette's Sterling Grove Historic District was officially placed on the National Register on July 29.

The eight individual sites include Lafayette Hardware Store; Elrose, the J. Arthur Roy House; the Salles Residence and Office; the Old Guaranty Bank Building; the First United Methodist Church; the Dailie Home; and Lafayette Elementary School.

Before 1890

Lafayette Hardware Store, on the corner of Vermilion and Buchanan, was built prior to 1890 by the Hopkins family. It is a prime example of 19th century commercial architecture in this country. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Elden Butcher and is used for parties and receptions.

The J. Arthur Roy House at 1204 Johnston St. was built by J. Arthur Roy in 1900. This Victorian house, under construction when the first building on the USL campus was being built, is still owned by members of his family.

The Salies Residence and Office is at 514 and 516 Buchanan St. The office was built in 1890 and the residence in 1891 by Dr. Hypolite C. Salies. Until her recent death, the residence was occupied by Mrs. Paul Salies, Dr. Salies' daughter-in-law. The office is in use as an attorney's office.

The Old Guaranty Bank Building on the corner of Jefferson and Congress streets was built in 1905 to house the first Bank of Lafayette. Owned now by the Guaranty Bank, it is still in use by the Guaranty Bank for a training center and other ancillary services.

The First Methodist Church Building at 703 Lee Ave. and Main Street was constructed in 1925 during the ministry of the Rev. L.J. McCain. Preliminary work had been done by the Rev. W.H. Rickey.

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One Part Of Plantation

Most of the land in this district was once part of the Charles Homer Mouton Plantation. The oldest house in the district is Shady Oaks, built in 1848 by Charels Homer Mouton as his plantation house.

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