

Melrose Plantation
Melrose
Natchitoches Parish, La.

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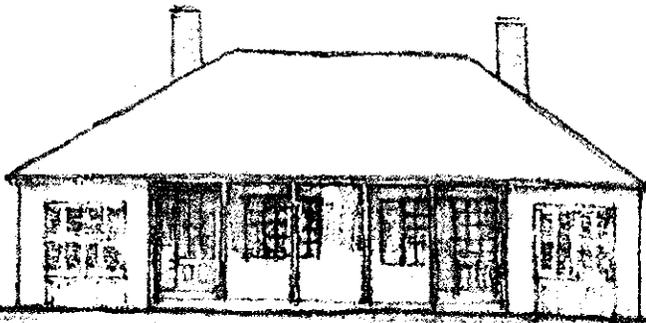
Old Yucca Plantation House, Melrose, Louisiana
later Slave Hospital

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YUCCA HOUSE
c 1744 (?)

MELROSE PLANTATION
MELROSE, LOUISIANA

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Melrose Plantation
(Yucca Plantation)
Louisiana Route 119
Melrose
Natchitoches Parish
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Addendum to:

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE LOUISIANA	COUNTY NATCHITOCHE PARISH	TOWN OR VICINITY MELROSE
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MELROSE PLANTATION		HABS NO. LA-2-69
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Yucca Plantation (original name)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Louisiana Route 119.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ca. 1833	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The plantation is important for its association with early Black American history. It was established by a well-to-do black woman named Marie Therese Coin-Coin. She was a slave for and was a free woman for the last twenty-five years of the 18th century. She was at one time married to her slave master, Pierre Thomas Metoyer; they had nine children. (con't. on p. 2).		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Ante-bellum plantation house in the Louisiana French Colonial style.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See "Exterior Features of Note"		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular with two-story rear kitchen. Two large rooms on each floor and small room or cabinet at each end of rear gallery.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The walls of the basement story are of brick masonry, painted. The exterior walls of the upper story are covered with weatherboards, and are probably of colombage construction with bricks or mud-and-moss bousillage between the posts. (copied from National Register of Historic Places nomination form for this building) (continued on page 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Plastered walls; wood ceilings; wood mantels with paneled overmantels; French doors to galleries.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Mignon, Francois. "The Story of Melrose". Natchitoches: Oldest Settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. The Association of Natchitoches Women for the preservation of Historic Natchitoches, Natchitoches, La. Printed by the Natchitoches Times.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places. Inventory-Nomination Form for Melrose Plantation. (also contains additional history on the life of Marie Therese).		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, HABS Architectural Historian	DATE September 18, 1985.	

SIGNIFICANCE

She later became a wealthy businesswoman and slaveholder.

The house was built by Louis Metoyer, Marie Therese's grandson.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Upper-story galleries with chamfered wood columns on front and rear sides; hipped roof with wood shingles; dormers; two-story pyramidal roofed, hexagonal pavillion at either end of house.