

Melrose Plantation, Slave Hospital
Louisiana Route 119
Melrose
Natchitoches Parish
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Addendum to:

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE | COUNTY | TOWN OR VICINITY |
| LOUISIANA | NATCHITOCHE'S PARISH | MELROSE |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) | | HABS NO. |
| MELROSE PLANTATION, SLAVE HOSPITAL | | LA-2-69 A |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| Yucca Plantation, Slave Hospital; Slave Hospital; Yucca House | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) | | |
| Louisiana Route 119. | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) | |
| Late 18th or early 19th century. | | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) | | |
| A former slave hospital in a Louisiana plantation; one of earliest buildings built by blacks. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| 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; one story. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE | | |
| The walls are of colombage construction, a heavy frame of square timbers, morticed-and-tenoned and pegged to sills and plates, the spaces between the timbers filled with mud-and-moss or animal hair (from National Register of Historic Places nomination form for this building). Single-story galleries with chamfered posts on front and rear sides; (con't. on page 2) | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) | | |
| Exposed wood beam ceilings. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) | | |
| National Register of Historic Places. Inventory-Nomination Form for Yucca House, under the title, Melrose Plantation. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION | DATE | |
| Susan McCown, HABS Architectural Historian | Septmeber 18, 1985 | |

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

hipped roof with wood shingles; interior end chimneys; batten shutters on doors and windows, with wood barred grilles on windows.