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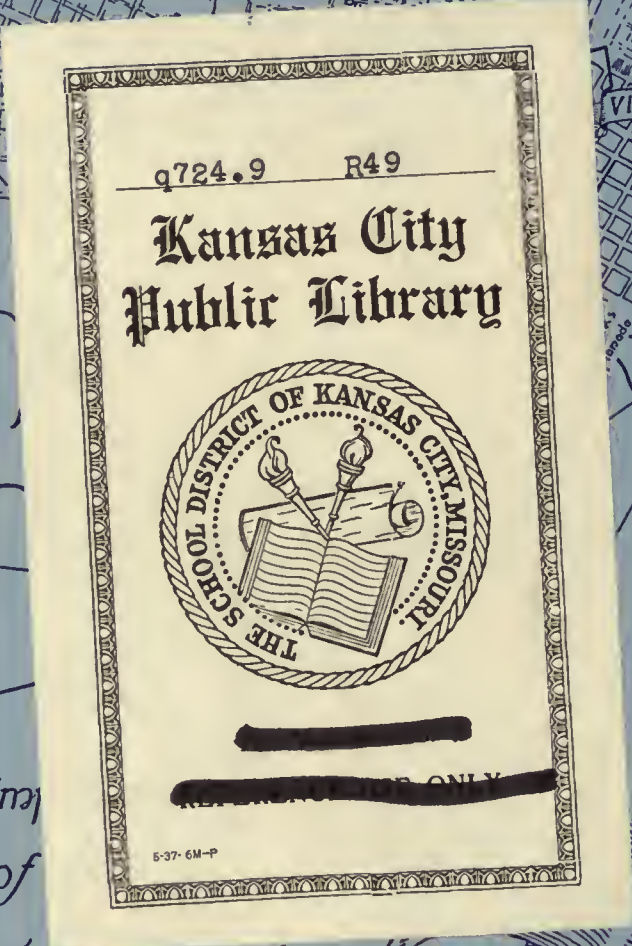


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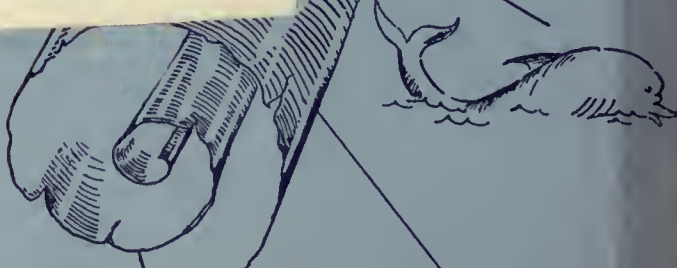
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- 1763 - Treaty of Paris cedes Louisiana to Spain.
- 1788-1794 - Fires destroy a large part of the city.
- 1801 - Louisiana ceded back to Spain.
- 1803 - Purchase of Louisiana by the United States of America.
- 1812 - First steamboat descends Mississippi River.
- 1812 - Louisiana admitted to the Union.
- 1825 to Civil War - Period of greatest prosperity.
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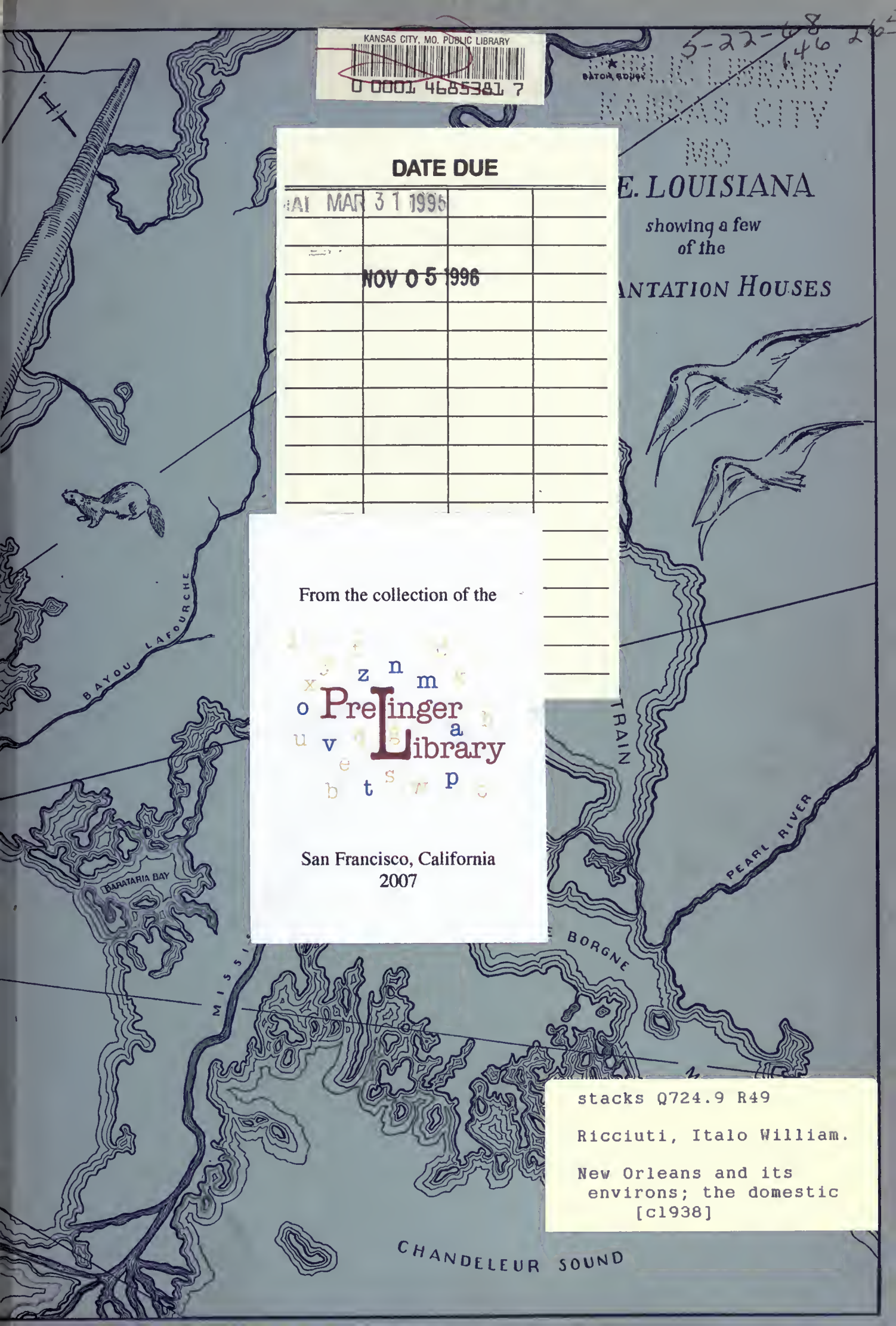
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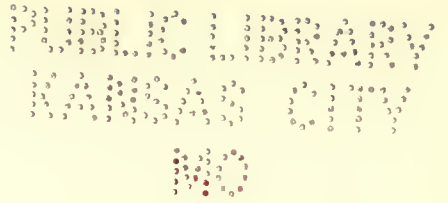
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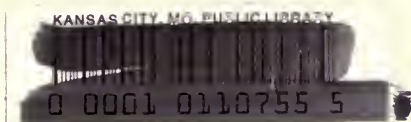
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# INTRODUCTION



NEW ORLEANS is unique among the cities of the United States. Climate and history have combined to make its people and its life different from those of other towns, and its architecture, always a sensitive expression of both factors, has necessarily developed its own characteristic forms, full of a special flavor. Yet, until now, these forms have remained largely unpublished. Nathaniel Courtland Curtis has brilliantly sketched the architectural history of New Orleans, in *New Orleans, Its Old Houses, Shops, and Public Buildings* (Philadelphia and London, J. B. Lippincott Co., 1933), but the limitations in a book of that kind prevented the extensive illustration of details necessary to give the architect and the interested layman a comprehensive knowledge of the forms themselves. This book of Mr. Ricciuti, with photographs by Rudolf Hertzberg, thus comes at a peculiarly opportune time, and for the first time through its pages the reader may gain an adequate idea of the real architectural wealth which New Orleans contains. It is an admirable complement to Mr. Curtis's work; in addition, its myriad pictures contain a vast fund of information and inspiration in themselves.

New Orleans was the country's first melting pot. French, Spanish, French again, and finally American, it has received gifts from many peoples and cultures. Yet both Spaniard and Frenchman built with such a sure eye to its climate and site and conditions, that it is always definitely American. Its Cabildo (built in 1795) may resemble the motives and the proportions shown in the drawings for the Casas Reales at Antequera in Mexico (1781) preserved in the archives of the the Indies in Seville; but the same archives show a military commander's house in Baton Rouge (1788), which, in its wide-spreading verandah and hipped and gabled roofs, is a characteristic Louisiana form. Similarly, the old Ursuline Convent, later used as an archbishopric, finished in 1734, may recall to us the gracious buildings of many a provincial French town; yet the early French houses, in their windows, their stairs, and their arrangements, are at least as American—or, rather as New Orleans-like—as they are French. You will find here neither the Spanish Baroque of Spain or Mexico, nor the manoirs and hotels of France; instead, the place from the very beginning stamped upon its buildings its own special character, from the small, one-story houses built in stuccoed half-timber, to the later high fronts gay with scrolled iron-work.



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The same thing happened when, after New Orleans had become a part of the United States, immigrants poured into it from the North and the East. New Orleans was a dream city, then; cotton trade was booming, population was growing by leaps and bounds; despite floods and yellow fever, the flood of wealth was more important, the economic exuberance more attractive. Yet, as men from New England, New York, the entire Atlantic Seaboard came in on the tall ships that lay along the levees, as men from western Pennsylvania and Ohio and Illinois came floating down the river, the locality placed its stamp on them quite as much as they changed it, and though the front of the Grima house, built in 1830, has the red brick walls, the many-paned windows, and the white door of far-away New England or New York, its plan and its appointments are those of the regular New Orleans house. Each of these waves, and each of these peoples left a solid residue in architectural form, as they did in the population of the city, so that no other city anywhere has its character.

One examining these photographs is surprised, first, I think, by the strong "colonial" and classic revival character of the architectural detail. Two terrible fires, one in 1788 and one in 1794, account partly for this, for they swept away much of the early Spanish and French Building, so that the city today, even in its older parts, is the product largely of the American period since 1813, and the whole Garden District dates almost entirely from the great cotton boom days of 1830-1850. One enters an oval arched passage that gives a view of an almost tropical court beyond; the door through which one passes may have the delicate leaded side-lights and fan-lights of the North. Within, in the cool high living rooms, one comes with surprise upon a mantel which might grace a house in Massachusetts or early Ohio. On Chartres and on Royal Streets are houses the fronts of which—save for the ubiquitous balconies—might be found in Greenwich Village. Even in the cast iron work, so famous as to make the name, "New Orleans", almost synonymous with its lacy elegance, study reveals again and again motives identical with those of Charleston, Philadelphia, or New York.

There are two chief reasons for these similarities: the settling in New Orleans of architects and builders with a northern background, and the importation and wide use of such builders' and architects' handbooks as those of Benjamin and Lafever. A characteristic case is that of James Gallier, Senior. Born in Ireland, trained as builder and architect in Ireland and England, he came to New York in the spring, 1832, and worked as an architect and draftsman there, and in Boston, for some two and a half years; for one of these he was a partner of Minard Lafever. Disappointed in the opportunities offered in New York, he went to New Orleans in the fall of 1834, and rapidly became one of its busiest and most prosperous architects, the designer, for instance, of the City Hall. His son followed him, and between the two the Gallier



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family contributed not a little to the appearance of New Orleans. Through Gallier, moreover, the Dakin family came to New Orleans. James Dakin had been a pupil, and later a partner of Alexander Jackson Davis in New York, where Gallier had made his acquaintance, and he, like Gallier, had a son who followed him in the profession. Thus these two families, with training and background English and northern, joined with the French de Pouilly and the Freret family in making New Orleans what it is.

The evidence of the use of the architectural handbooks of Benjamin and Lafever—especially the latter—is wide-spread. Mantels, door, window, and dormer details, decorative plasterwork can again and again be traced to plates in these works. Some of the marble mantels are so similar, in fact, to mantels in New York, that one is led to wonder whether or not they were imported, ready-made, from some outside source, on the northern seaboard; or whether both northern and southern examples came from the same European manufactory, and the books merely copied them. Some of the cast iron balcony work may also have been shipped from the north, from one of several northern foundries; but we know that much of it was cast locally from patterns or sections of the work brought in from elsewhere.

Thus, out of the combined influences of France, Spain, England, New England and New York, New Orleans developed that peculiar and characteristic architectural expression which forms so great a part of its charm. It is good to have these New Orleans buildings and their details at last so carefully photographed. This book is a valuable record of a unique city and a unique portion of American culture.

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## AUTHOR'S FOREWORD



NO BOOK using New Orleans either as background or principal theme has ever been able to escape its architecture. Yet, up to now no book has appeared which has done for the unique old architecture of this city that which has been done for the remains of the old buildings of other places. No previous attempt has been made to present an illustrated record of this architecture for use as a reference work for architects and draftsmen.

Being an architect, the lack of such a work was doubly noticeable to me, and resolving that something could be done about it, I began the task of gathering material—a task which would have been undertaken with reluctance had it not been for the encouragement and help received from the publishers of this book. Once begun, a sense of duty and a sort of patriotism had often to be called on to bolster up drooping enthusiasm as the months went by and the material accumulated, oh so slowly.

In gathering the material into book form, the reference character of the work was kept constantly in mind. Only buildings and details which possessed architectural merit were included, little or no attention being paid to historical, romantic or literary connections; consequently many buildings which are the mecca of visitors and tourists were omitted. Also, in an effort to cater to the contemporary interest in small buildings and dwellings and in order to keep the volume down to a reasonable size, concentration was almost entirely on structures of a non-public nature.

For easy reference it was believed feasible to keep photographs of building exteriors separate from various details such as iron work, doors, staircases, etc. Measured drawings of several of the illustrations found in the earlier pages have been placed at the end of the book. This arrangement has one disagreeable feature, the scattering of various parts of one building throughout the book. Chances are, however, that details of a specific kind will be more in demand than all the details of any one house. Nevertheless, whenever such a scattering occurs, attention is always called to those plates which illustrate other parts of the same building. Details have been arranged in chronological sequence as much as possible so that development and evolution may be traced. As for the exteriors of buildings they have inevitably fallen into three main groups, so sharp is the definition separating them. Occasional over-



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lapping of one group into another exists but is always of minor importance, New Orleans having been saved for the most part from that ingrowing development which throttled the historic architecture of so many American cities. These three main groups—The Vieux Carré, The Garden District, and the Plantations—have been arranged as nearly as possible in their natural order of evolution. It is hoped that the following of the very obvious architectural development from page to page will give as much pleasure as was found in weighing the value of and judging the evidence which established precedence of one building over another.

All of the photographs shown herein were taken expressly for this purpose by Mr. Hertzberg. Mr. Hertzberg's help was invaluable also in the preparation of the measured drawings.

The great majority of the measured drawings were taken from the valuable material gathered by the Louisiana Division of the Historic American Building Survey and made available through the courtesy of Mr. Richard Koch of this city, director of the project. Mr. Koch's kindness saved much time and work and knowing the care and thoroughness with which the project under his direction is being carried out there was not the slightest hesitancy in accepting the authenticity of whatever material was used.

I am also greatly indebted to Mr. Nathaniel Courtland Curtis and his book, *New Orleans, Its Old Houses, Shops and Public Buildings*. I am so much in sympathy with Mr. Curtis's opinions that it is suspected that many of the ideas which I believe to be my own are actually more his than mine, or at least have their roots well planted in his writings and teachings.

Mr. Stanley Clisby Arthur's recent book on New Orleans has also proved invaluable. This work, result of painstaking study of notarial records, will inevitably be consulted by anyone whose interest lies in the architecture of the "French Quarter", as the Vieux Carré is called by New Orleanians.

Finally, in giving thanks, Mr. Hertzberg and I would be definite in assigning the place of honor to those good and courteous people who allowed us to photograph and measure their houses. Any hospitality which can still be gracious in the face of such utter disregard for the privacy and sanctity of the home, moving of furniture, strewing of electric wires and floodlights, removal of pictures and hangings, blocking of doorways and general disruption of the quiet and peace, deserves far greater reward than can possibly be satisfied by the mere mention of gratitude.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION



WHEN in 1718, he was confronted with the need of a new trading post for John Law's *Compagnie de l'Occidente*, Jean Baptiste de Bienville found that the site upon which was to grow the city of New Orleans presented several distinct advantages. Three were of great importance; it possessed that which was lacking in the sticky morass which was most of South Louisiana, dry ground; it was accessible by two waterways, the Bayou St. John and the more dangerous Mississippi River; and the fact that the spot was well known to the Indians of the surrounding country as the home of the Houmas, making it excellent trading ground for the *Compagnie* just granted a twenty-five year charter of free trade in the province by the Duc d'Orléans, regent of France.

Fifty men, under Sieur Le Blonde de la Tour, cleared and laid out the town—in rectangles, barely more than 100 in number. In the center facing the Mississippi and commanding the magnificent view which the broad sweep of the river gives at this point, was placed the town square later called the *Place d'Armes*, still later *Jackson Square*, the vandals of commerce and politics having long since substituted railroad tracks and dirty wharf sheds for vista and cool breezes. To the rear of the square was to be the church, the school and the government house.

The first houses were rudely built of split cypress slabs and palmetto thatched. Only rarely were clay plastered logs used. A sandy clay found along the banks of the river soon served for the manufacture of a soft brick, easily crushed. The weakness of the early brickwork led to the then rampant *Briqueté entre Poteaux* construction shown on Plate 1. In this type of construction a framework of heavy cypress timbers, giving structural stability to the building, was filled in solid with the soft brick. There are some examples of this "half-timber" mode of building which used adobe instead of brick for the filling in. The soft brick which eroded so easily was bonded by a mortar made from lime secured from clam shells found in nearby Lake Pontchartrain and the numerous bayous in the vicinity—this mortar, excellent if kept dry, becomes chalky and useless if exposed to the weather. The problem was solved by covering the brickwork with a coating of plaster. The same plaster covers the majority of brick buildings of the Vieux Carré today—for later when brick and mortar were of more durable character the habit of plastering brick walls had become so firmly rooted that to leave brickwork uncovered was tantamount to leaving a building naked.

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The later buildings of the first French domination were usually one story, built flush with the sidewalk, and had wide projecting roof overhangs protecting sidewalks from the rain and glaring sun. The rooms facing the street were occupied by the shop of the business man who lived with his family in the rear or in a wing which flanked the small secluded court. Later the introduction of dormer windows made it possible for the heretofore waste space under the sloping roof to be used for living quarters.

In 1768, over the protest and rebellious objections of the French colonials much of Louisiana, including New Orleans, was turned over to Spain, Louis XV in a secret treaty six years before having ceded the territory to his cousin Charles III of Spain. This change so despised by the colonials was nevertheless the signal for a decided freshness in the architecture of the town. Permission of free trade with France and the American Colonies did much to bring money into the city and consequently stimulate building. Houses for the first time looked toward an occasional comfort outside the purely rudimentary necessity for shelter. Slight ornamentation became apparent in cornices and after the addition of dormers they too came to be outlined by mouldings. Later these dormers became full second stories, low-ceilinged as yet, but serving to give better accommodations as living quarters. Thus the architecture of New Orleans began to come of age.

But it was actually the disastrous fires of 1788 and 1794, razing more than nine hundred buildings, which gave the greatest impetus to building. Unfortunate as those fires were to archaeology (they all but wiped out the old town) the building reforms and their stimulus to build in an entirely new manner proved invaluable in the architectural development of the city. Moreover wealth was accumulating, for New Orleans was now growing rapidly in importance as a commercial port through the development of the Middle West. Heretofore construction had more or less followed French colonial habits even into the Spanish era. Now, however, over the smoking ruins of the burned city appeared an architecture whose paved courtyards, massive arched doorways with their ponderous doors, iron-barred windows and wrought-iron balconies had a Spanish flavor which went well with the French heritage and the colonial exigencies of the place. Professional and business men of the community soon had the ostentation to build full two story and two story and a half houses. They still found it convenient to keep to the old plan of making their places of business and their residences in one building, but a more gracious social life among the colonials demanded that greater attention be paid to those rooms to be used for receiving and entertaining.

The primitiveness of the buildings slowly and surely disappeared, until the turn into the nineteenth century—when New Orleans was undergoing an astonishing



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change from Spanish to French and finally into American hands all within three years—saw the city standing on the threshold of an architectural development which within thirty years blossomed into a robust style, unique, truly indigenous. A style which can be called neither French nor Spanish nor Colonial even though these three influences are strongly distinguishable. The mannerisms of these three influences were combining into attitudes so strongly defined as to mark a truly independent style, an architecture whose determining factors were not traditional nor romantic but were those very factors which have always been the springboard of great architecture; climatological conditions, topography, local materials, and the social customs and cultural tastes of the times.

The chief factor was climate. New Orleans has a nine-month summer with predominant southeast moisture-laden breezes contributing to a humid subtropical climate. The winters are mild, slight freezes occurring about three times a year. For these general conditions the houses of this period were excellently suited. Courtyards shaded by high brick walls and wide-spreading banana leaves; cooling draughts through lofty-arched carriage drives; wide fanlight windows admitting the river breezes through broad halls and high-ceilinged rooms; long "galleries" shielding from the intense glare and thick brick walls excluding the heat of the street; everything was calculated to cool and refresh.

In plan the more important mansions followed fairly closely a single scheme. The main wing faced the street and contained on the ground floor the shop or counting room and above, the apartment of the owner. An arched flagstoned carriage drive flanking the shop led from the street to the courtyard. To one side and at the end of this passageway an open arcaded vestibule gave access to the gracefully sweeping staircase leading to the well-proportioned rooms of the floor above. At the head of the stairs an ample stairhall landing, enriched by wide fanlight windows, looked down on the brick or flagstone paved courtyard with its low bordering flower beds abundant in subtropical plants and its small cast iron fountain splashing coolly in the shade of oleander and camphor trees. It is here in these Vieux Carré courtyards that the Spanish were most successful in breaking through the stubbornness of French influence on the architecture of the city—a stubbornness which prevails to the present day.

On the rear of the main wing and extending along one side of the courtyard was the *garçonnière*; a name which came to be given because of its function as quarters for the younger members of the family and their friends and to take care of whatever overflow of guests there was from the main house. The *garçonnière* was always of two and sometimes three floors, each with its balcony overlooking the court, these floors seldom on the same level as those of the main house. The connection between the two

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was effected by means of little runs of stairs. The ground floor of this wing was given over to kitchen, service rooms and stables.

Entrance to the carriage passageway was through a massive door with hand-wrought hinges and cast knocker. A small door cut in one of the leaves of this large door was used for ordinary occasions when the full opening of the door was not only unnecessary but cumbersome.

The façades, setting flush with the sidewalks, were simple but excellently proportioned and of good scale, great care always being taken in the disposition of openings. The usual smoothly troweled plaster predominated in wall finishes. Long balconies, or "galleries" as they are called in the city, ran the full width of the building at the principal floor level. The supporting brackets, the railings and watershed supports of these balconies were of beautifully wrought iron often of decided Spanish pattern. Monograms together with other indentifying marks of the owner were cleverly interwoven into geometrical and stylized floral designs. The early wrought iron was imported, possibly from Spain, there being no then known deposits of iron ore in the vicinity. Much later local craftsmen began to work iron comparable to the imported product. Up to this time the use of cast iron for "galleries" was negligible. Later, after about 1830, the material came into such popularity that it is no exaggeration to say that buildings had "cast iron façades", as one authority puts it. Even though the effect of all this cast iron, such a distinguishing feature of old New Orleans architecture, is generally pleasing in its often-mentioned "lace-like" appearance, it can hardly be compared with the earlier wrought iron for sheer beauty and grace of design. Early architects achieved, however, extremely happy effects in cast iron by using motifs inspired by the luxuriant plant life of their own climate. The live oak, the rose vine and the morning glory are only a few among the infinite variety of designs produced at this time.

The consistent growth of the city meanwhile had caused more and more important houses to be built on the very fringe of the old town, along Rampart, Esplanade and Canal Streets. Numerous fortune-seeking Americans, lured by the advantageous situation of the city and the stories of fabulous riches and pleasures, began to settle in New Orleans. The antipathy of the Creoles to the newcomers caused most of these Americans to settle on the upstream side of the town in what was then the Faubourg Ste. Marie, and by 1850 many mansions had been built on the American side of Canal Street. With the pre-civil war prosperity of 1850-60 came a great boom for this section, later known as the Garden District. By this time, too, the wave of classical interest which had carried the Greek Revival on its crest had broken over the entire cultural element of the city. Two architects, a Frenchman, J. N. B. de

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Pouilly, and an Irishman, James Gallier, Sr., were doing the most distinguished work. To the latter can be attributed much of the finest Greek Revival architecture in the city. The houses along Esplanade and Rampart Streets as well as several within the confines of the old square itself now assumed a different character. Cast iron was everywhere, covering the entire faces and much of the sides of buildings, Greek motifs being used extensively in their design. Great pains were taken in the correct use of the orders in the design of doorways. In the detailing of cornice mouldings great care was taken to adhere to Greek profiles. Brick was still the favorite material and plaster covered the surface of most of the "Creole" buildings. The influence of the Georgian architecture of the eastern states was asserting itself strongly, however, and many of the new buildings displayed many characteristics which cannot be called indigenous to New Orleans. Among these was the practice of leaving brick exposed.

The houses, used entirely as residences now, were larger, their principal floor raised from two to five feet above the street level. Small runs of stone steps led to the sidewalk through a small vestibule, open and re-entrant, in the face of the building. Generally an "L" in plan, the principal wing on the street rose higher than the service wing to the rear.

The interiors contained rooms of almost monumental proportions. Three elements were given great prominence on the first floor: the staircase, usually placed opposite the entrance door and at the end of the central hall; the double parlor, rooms identical in treatment and separated by a massive set of paneled sliding doors; and the carved marble mantels which graced every room in the house save those used for servants. Treatment of the bed rooms of the second floor was almost as careful as that accorded the parlors and dining room on the first floor. Cornices were always accented with plaster mouldings. The center of the ceilings of the more important rooms were invariably enriched by well designed rosettes of plaster. Doors and windows were treated alike, the window casings carrying clear to the floor with a panel treatment under the sill. The deep reveals of window openings often ingeniously concealed shutters which folded back out of sight when not in use.

Floors were usually of wide planks of pine or cypress painted a dark brown which became almost black with frequent polishing.

In plot plan the houses of the Garden District differed somewhat from those of other sections built during the same period. Being blessed with more room they usually were set far back from the property lines leaving areas for large informally planned gardens and lawns, usually on fills about one foot or so above the level of the sidewalk. The bases of stone walls or iron fences did double duty as retaining



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walls for these fills. Cast iron was used extensively and here gained its most intelligent function. The plant motifs of the designs made an excellent and admirable transition from the walls of the buildings to the foliage of the surrounding gardens. The result was a complete wedding of the house to its *entourage*. Large "galleries", one for each floor, covered the entire front and back and occasionally part of the sides of the building. These "galleries" were supported either by cast iron panels or by doric pilasters the full height of the façade. This latter, however, was properly a development of the plantation type of house which had an evolution all its own.

During the early days of the city a small settlement sprang up around the boat landing on Bayou St. John. Large plantations lined the banks, plantations which have long since been subdivided into city blocks, leaving the residences of their owners standing disconsolate among puny neighbors. These houses, with their broad verandahs and high hipped roofs, have a peculiar West Indian aspect, possibly dictated by the memories carried to New Orleans by immigrants many of whom came from the West Indies. Whatever the reason, the plan and arrangements of these houses were admirably suited to the climate and to the exigencies of plantation life. Of two stories they followed the Latin custom of placing the important floor on the second level, the ground floor serving the approximate functions of a basement. Hipped roofs extended over the broad "galleries" or verandas which often completely surrounded the house. Small turned wooden columns with square base and capitals supported the overhang. These columns were set over the large plaster-covered brick piers, either square or round, of the ground floor.

Usually staircases were on the inside and given a prominent place in the plan. The rooms of the principal floor above were of stately and elegant proportions, numerous French doors opening onto the "galleries" being the only windows in most of the rooms.

The "raised basement" of this type of house shared with several examples in the "Quarter" and the Garden District in giving to New Orleans a development uniquely indigenous. The water-soaked condition of the soil made the building of subsurface basements an impracticable procedure. The problem was solved by raising the whole house to allow room for a basement above the ground level. Several examples still stand today in every section of the city which date from the earliest times of New Orleans. In the "Quarter", Madam John's Legacy, illustrated in the frontispiece, the so-called "Beauregard House", Plate 16, and the house on Dauphine Street whose iron ballustraded staircase is shown on Plate 55, are the principal examples. In the Garden



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District, Madam Chaffraix's House, Plate 32, the Maginnis House, Plate 28, and indeed most of the houses in the section are raised considerably above the ground. Of the latter plantations, the Hurst Plantation, now the Ike Stauffer home, illustrated in several plates of this book, is the outstanding example. It is this characteristic which marks the chief difference between the plantation houses of Louisiana and those of the northeast states of Southern tradition where the plantation houses had their principal floor at the ground level or very nearly so.

Later, plantation houses in Louisiana, influenced by the Greek Revival and by the American influx, lost much of their original characteristics. In the vicinity of New Orleans several examples of plantation houses of the period of greatest development are standing. Usually of stately proportions these buildings have columns, generally plastered brick, extending two full floors. These columns often surrounded the building, Doric or Ionic capitals supporting the overhang of the roof which extended to shelter the second floor "gallery". Often a *belvedere* crowned the meeting of the roof hips coming from the four corners of the building.

In plan a centrally located hall extended from front to back on both floors. A mahogany handrailed staircase connected the two halls—if the staircase was on the interior. When outside stairs were used they were of simple design and usually led directly to a fine doorway at the front end of the second floor hall. The disposition of rooms followed fairly closely the same arrangement as the earlier houses mentioned above. Mantels, usually of marble, sometimes of wood, were delicately carved. The plaster cornices and center rosettes of the important rooms were of interesting profile of Greek derivation. Door and window casings were treated alike, wood paneling being used between the window sills and the floor. In the later examples the mouldings of the door and window cases represented intricately woven leaves and garlands making a framing of indescribable elegance.

By the 1860's cotton had completely supplanted the Port as New Orleans' chief economic reliance, the opening of the Erie Canal and the building of railroads having diverted tons of produce from the Middle West to the Atlantic Seaboard. But with the shift to cotton came absolute dependence on slavery and the surrender of New Orleans to the Federal Forces in the War of Secession in 1862 marked the end of the city's greatest period of prosperity. Perhaps it was just as well for already the dread symptoms of architectural decadence had begun to show themselves. Coarse detail and coarser ornament forecast the beginning of that period so aptly called by someone "the dark ages of American architecture", a period which New Orleans like most

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other American cities far from escaped. In the past few years, after three quarters of a century of "gingerbread" and "façade builders", it is gratifying to note the return to New Orleans of architecture which, though totally different in outward forms, seems to be motivated by the same simple formulas of living comfort which gave to the "Courtyard Houses" of the Vieux Carré, the houses of the Garden District and the Plantation Houses in the vicinity so much of their charm.

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE I



Typical "Briquele Entre Poteux" Construction  
Measured Drawings, 118 and 119

Built sometime between 1772 and 1791

"LAFITTE'S BLACKSMITH SHOP"

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 2



*Note Double Pitched Roof and Large Overhanging Eaves*

*Late 18th Century*

DUMAINE STREET



*This Cottage Has One of the Few Remaining Flat Tiled Roofs Which, Shipped from Nantes, France, Were Used after the Fires of 1788 and 1794*

*Late 18th Century..*

KERLEREC STREET



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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 3



*Cottage*

Measured Drawing of Cornice, 134

*Late 18th Century*

ST. PHILIP STREET



*Cottage*

*Late 18th Century*

BURGUNDY STREET

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 4



*Cottage*

*Early 19th Century*

DUMAINE STREET

Note Typical Front and Back Sloped Roof Due to Necessity of Keeping Water Out of Narrow Passageways between Buildings.



*Cottage*

*Late 18th Century*

ST. PHILIP STREET



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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 5



*Early Use of Arched Openings*

DAUPHINE STREET



*Note Transom Treatment*

ST. PHILIP STREET

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*Typical Story-and-One-Half Cottage of the Late 18th Century*

ST. ANN STREET

PLATE 6



*Date 1800*

Additional Illustration, 65

CHESNEAUX HOUSE



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PLATE 7



*Example of Business-Residential Building*  
Additional Illustration 54

"PATIO ROYAL"

*Built about 1801*

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PLATE 8



Date 1808

Built about 1806

Additional Illustration, 79

TYPICAL BUSINESS-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

MARCHAND HOUSE

"ABSINTHE HOUSE"



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PLATE 9



TYPICAL BUSINESS-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

TOULOUSE STREET

BARRACKS AND ROYAL STREET

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PLATE 10



Additional Illustrations 11, 83 and 88  
Drawings, 120, 121 and 133

TYPICAL PORTE-COCHÈRE ENTRANCES TO "COURTYARD HOUSE"

ROYAL STREET

CASA FLINARD



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PLATE 11



*Early 19th Century*

*Garçonnère, Rafter Ends and Steps to Main Part of House*

Additional Illustrations, 10, 83 and 88

Drawings, 120, 121 and 133



*Street Façade*

*Early 19th Century*

CASA FLINARD

ROYAL STREET



*Fanlight Windows Overlooking Courtyard*

*Date 1813*

MAISON JACOB

These, with the Passageways and Courtyards Shown on the Facing Page, Are the Ever-Present Elements of the "Courtyard House."

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Built about 1822  
Benjamin F. Fox, Arch.

TOULOUSE STREET

PLATE 12



First Half of 19th Century

"CONTRASTING TYPES OF GARÇONNIÈRES"

ORLEANS STREET



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PLATE 13



*Garçonnère*

Additional Illustrations, 16, 17, 72, 86, 90, 97, 102 and 107

*Built in the 1820's*

GRIMA HOUSE

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 14



*Back of Main Building from Courtyard*

*Built about 1801*

LANGUILLE HOUSE



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VIEUX CARRÉ



*Date 1821*

Benjamin Henry Latrobe, Arch.  
Additional Illustrations, 66 and 111

OLD LOUISIANA STATE BANK

PLATE 15



*Built about 1798*

Additional Illustrations, 54, 80, 89 and 109

GIROD HOUSE

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 16



*Example of "Raised Cottage"*  
Additional Illustrations, 70 and 96  
Drawing, 128

*Date 1826*  
Francisco Correjoles, Arch.

"BEAUREGARD HOUSE"



*Courtyard Kitchen*  
Additional Illustrations, 13, 17, 72, 86, 90, 97, 102 and 107

*Built in the 1820's*

GRIMA HOUSE



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PLATE 17



*Rear of Main Building from Courtyard*  
Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 72, 86, 90, 97, 102 and 107

GRIMA HOUSE

*Built in the 1820's*

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PLATE 18



Date 1835

Additional Illustration, 59

LE PRÊTE HOUSE

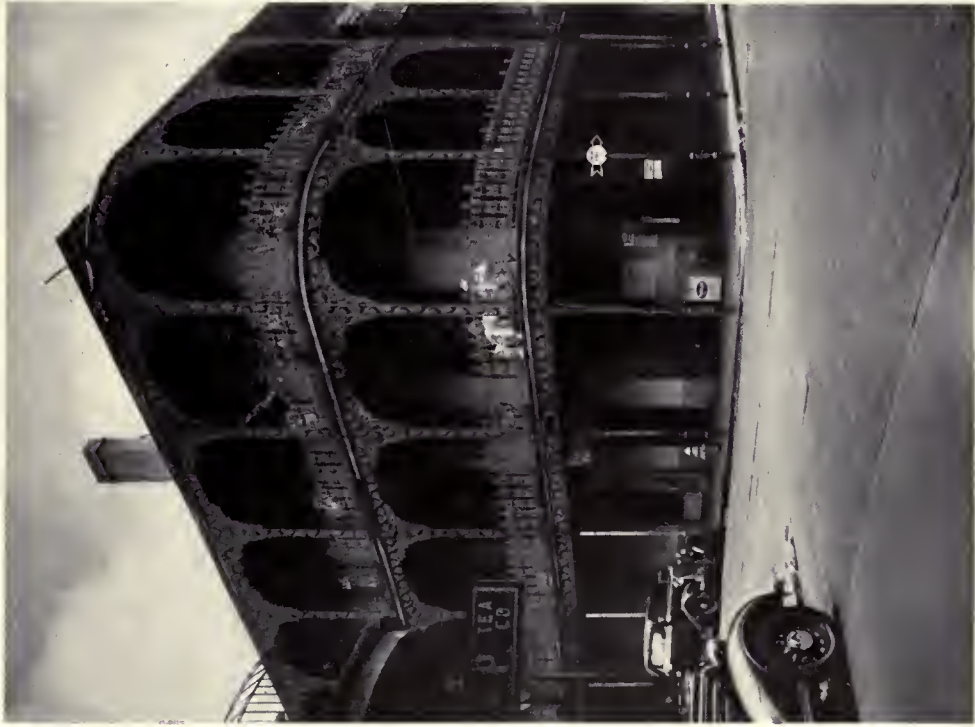
*Orleans Burgundy  
1914*



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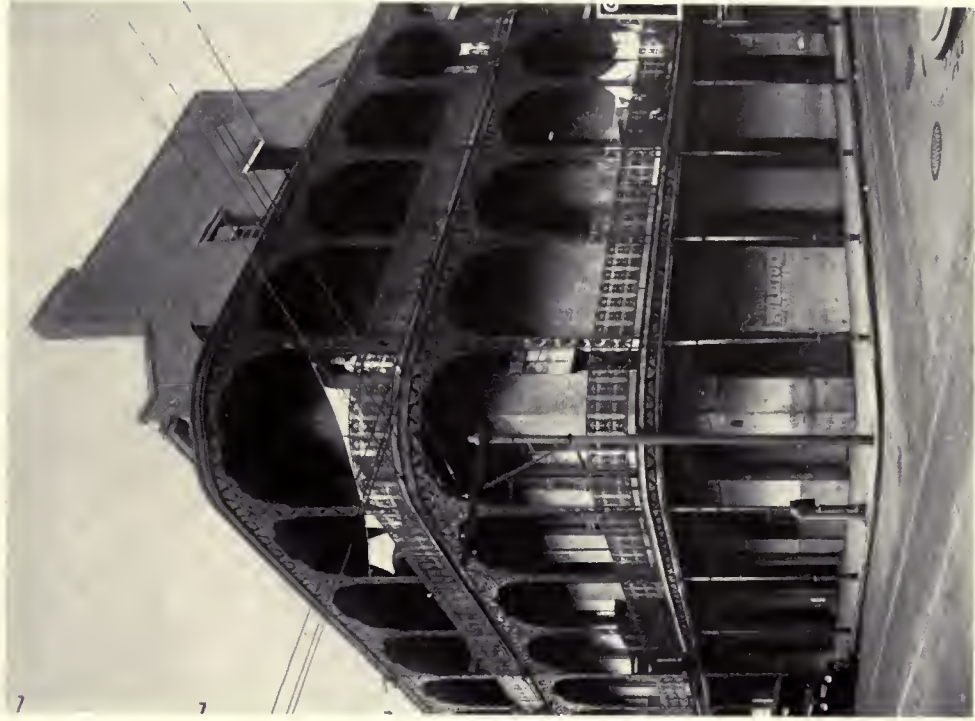
VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 19



Built about 1837

LA BRANCHE BUILDING



Date 1837

TYPICAL "CAST-IRON FAÇADES"

MILTENBERGER BUILDING

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 20



*The "Eastern" Influence on the Greek Revival of the Old Quarter*  
Additional Illustration, 113

*Date 1838*

"LE PETIT SALON"



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Additional illustration, 74

BOURBON STREET

Two Greek Revival Buildings on the Fringe of the Old Quarter; Note the Contrast between the "Eastern" Type on the Left and the More "Creole" Treatment on the Right.

PLATE 21



BASIN STREET

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VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 22



*Typical Two and One-Half Story Buildings*

*Built about 1840*

ESPLANADE AVENUE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 23



*Typical Two Story House*

*Mid 19th Century*

COLISEUM STREET



*Date 1856*

Additional Illustration, 60

THE GAUCHE HOUSE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 24



*Typical Two Story House*  
Additional Illustration, 77

FIRST STREET

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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 25



*Mid 19th Century*  
Additional Illustration, 78

Attributed to James Gallier, Sr., Arch.

LOGAN HOUSE



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 26



*Another Type of Two Story House*  
Additional Illustrations, 77, 100 and 101

Built about 1848

FORSYTH RESIDENCE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 27



*Typical Two Story House*

ST. CHARLES AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 28



*Example of "Raised Cottage"*

MAGINNIS RESIDENCE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 29



*Example of "Raised Cottage"*

DAMERON HOUSE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 30



*Side View of Main Building*  
Additional Illustrations, 31, 62 and 87

*Date 1870*  
James Freret, Arch.

BRADISH JOHNSON HOUSE

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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 31



*Servants' Wing*

*Date 1870*  
James Freret, Arch.

BRADISH JOHNSON HOUSE



*Garden Wall*

Additional Illustrations, 30, 62 and 87

*Date 1870*  
James Freret, Arch.

BRADISH JOHNSON HOUSE



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 32



*Example of "Raised Cottage"*  
Additional Illustration, 117

*Built in the Late 1860's*

MADAM CHAFFRAIX'S HOME



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GARDEN DISTRICT

PLATE 33



*Date 1864*

Additional Illustrations, 61, 83, 87, 93, 103 and 117

Attributed to James Gallier, Jr., Arch.

ROBINSON HOUSE

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THE PLANTATIONS

PLATE 34



*Typical Bayou St. John Dwelling*

*Built about 1784*

"SPANISH CUSTOM HOUSE"



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THE PLANTATIONS

PLATE 35



*Typical Bayou St. John Dwelling*

DUCAJET HOUSE

*Early 19th Century*



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THE PLANTATIONS

PLATE 36



*More Pretentious Bayou St. John Dwelling*  
Additional Illustration, 70

BLANC HOUSE

*Early 19th Century*



*Although This Building Is Actually Situated in the Garden District  
It Originally Served as a Plantation Overseer's House*

Additional Illustration, 114  
Drawing of Cornice, 134

*Built about 1830*

THOMAS TOBY HOUSE



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PLATE 38



*Second Half 18th Century*  
Additional Illustration, 108  
Measured Drawing of Dormer, 135

"DELOR SARPY", NEW ORLEANS



*Built about 1803*  
Additional Illustration, 40  
Measured Drawings, 122, 123 and 127

Wings added sometime between 1811 and 1819

"ORMOND", ST. CHARLES PARISH



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PLATE 39



*Column Detail*

*Mid 19th Century*

"ELMWOOD", HARAHAN

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THE PLANTATIONS

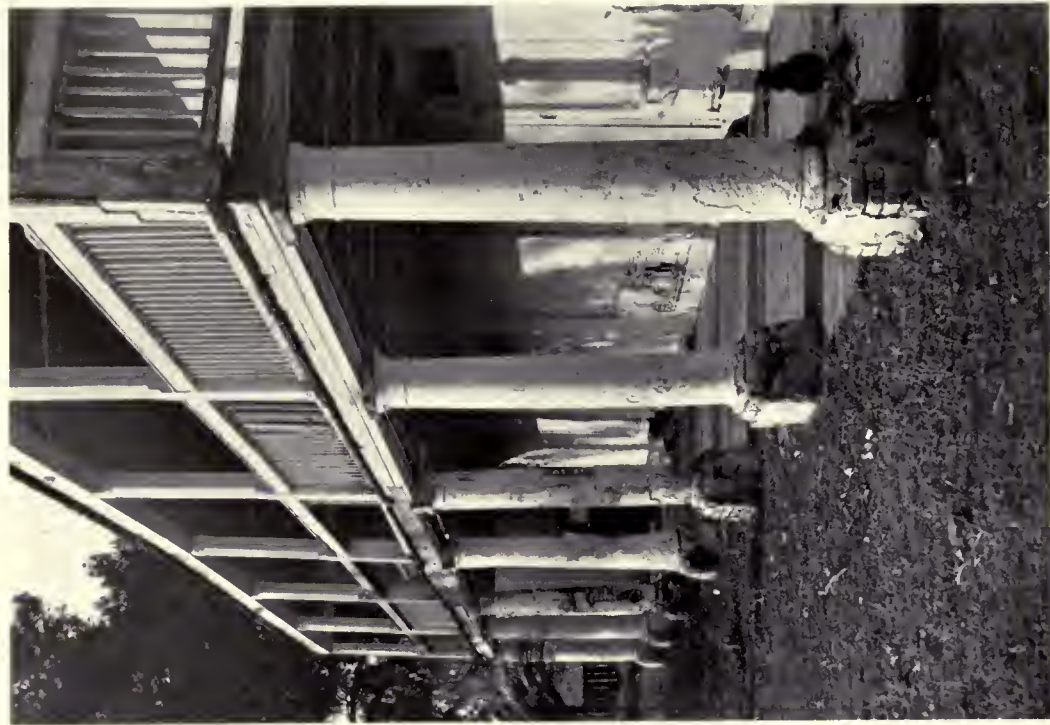
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Additional Illustrations, 41 and 91  
Measured Drawing, 129

"THREE OAKS," ST. BERNARD PARISH

Contrasting Column Treatment; the "Eastern" Influence on the Left and the Typically Louisiana on the Right,  
Probably Springing from West Indian Origins.



Additional Illustrations, 38  
Measured Drawings, 122, 123 and 127

"ORMOND," ST. CHARLES PARISH

Built about 1803



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PLATE 41



Additional Illustrations, 40 and 91  
Measured Drawing, 129

"THREE OAKS", ST. BERNARD PARISH



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PLATE 42



*A Remodeling of an Earlier House*

"THE HERMITAGE", GEISMAR

*Built in 1812*

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PLATE 43



*Date 1840*

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"RENÉ BEAUREGARD", ST. BERNARD PARISH



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PLATE 44



Date 1830

"SEVEN OAKS", WESTWEGO



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PLATE 45



"EVERGREEN", WALLACE

*Built about 1840*

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PLATE 46



*Front of Main Building*

*Date 1830*

*An "Eastern" Georgian House, Not Typical  
of Louisiana Plantation Buildings*

Additional Illustrations, 47, 83, 91, 97, 98, 107 and 113

"THE SHADOWS", NEW IBERIA



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PLATE 47



*Facing Bayou Teche*

Additional Illustrations, 46, 83, 91, 97, 98, 107 and 113

*Date 1830*

(The Central Portion Added about 30 Years Later.)

"THE SHADOWS", NEW IBERIA



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PLATE 48



*Built 1837*  
Recently Restored

Additional Illustrations, 71, 85, 94, 106 and 115

"OAK ALLEY", DONALDSONVILLE

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PLATE 49



*Built about 1832*  
Recently Moved from Its Original Site

Additional Illustrations, 71, 104, 105, 107, 115 and 116

"HURST", NEW ORLEANS



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PLATE 50



*Pigeonnier*

*Date 1836*

"UNCLE SAM", CONVENT



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IRONWORK

PLATE 51



*Date 1800*

OLD GAZ BANK, VIÉUX CARRÉ



*Wrought Iron Balcony Details*  
Measured Drawing, 124

*Date 1811*

"FIRST SKYSCRAPER"

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IRONWORK

PLATE 52



*Date 1834*

CASA CORREJOLLES, VIEUX CARRÉ



*Note Masonic Emblem Over Monogram  
and Snakes Worked Into Side Panel*

*Wrought Iron Panel  
Details on Balconies*

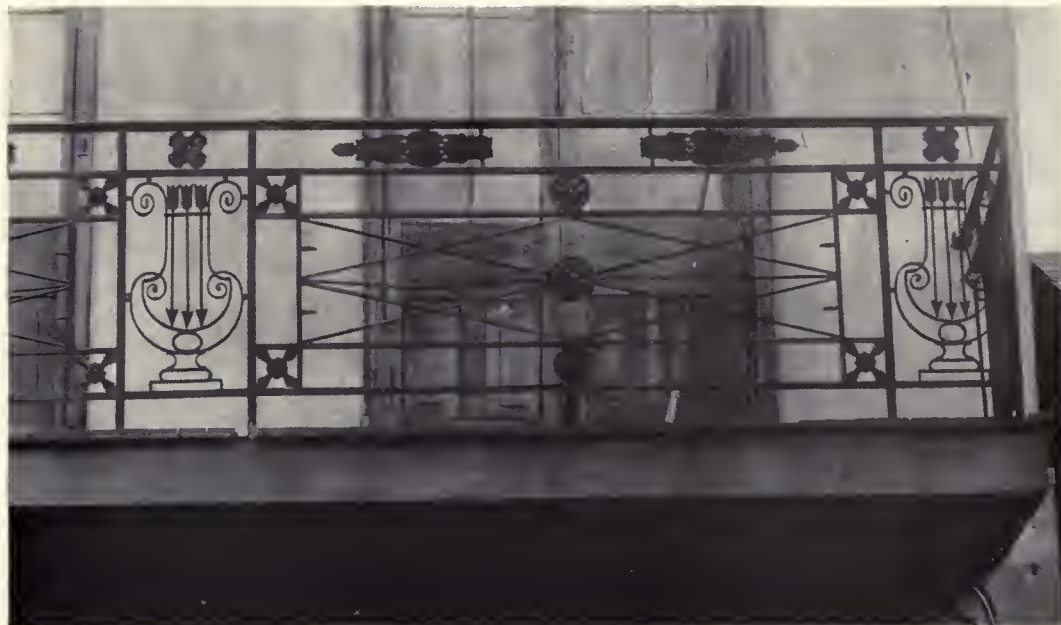
VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

IRONWORK

PLATE 53



*Early 19th Century*

VIEUX CARRÉ



*Combination Wrought and Cast Iron Balcony Details*

*Early 19th Century*

VIEUX CARRÉ



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IRONWORK

PLATE 54



*Wrought Iron Bracket Details*

House Illustrated, 7

"PATIO ROYAL", VIEUX CARRÉ



House Illustrated, 15  
Details, 80, 89 and 109

GIROD HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

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IRONWORK

PLATE 55



*Railing Detail*

*Date 1851*

J. H. B. DuPouilly, Arch.

XIQUES HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



*Garde de Frise*



*Railing Detail*

*Early 19th Century*

DEJEAN HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

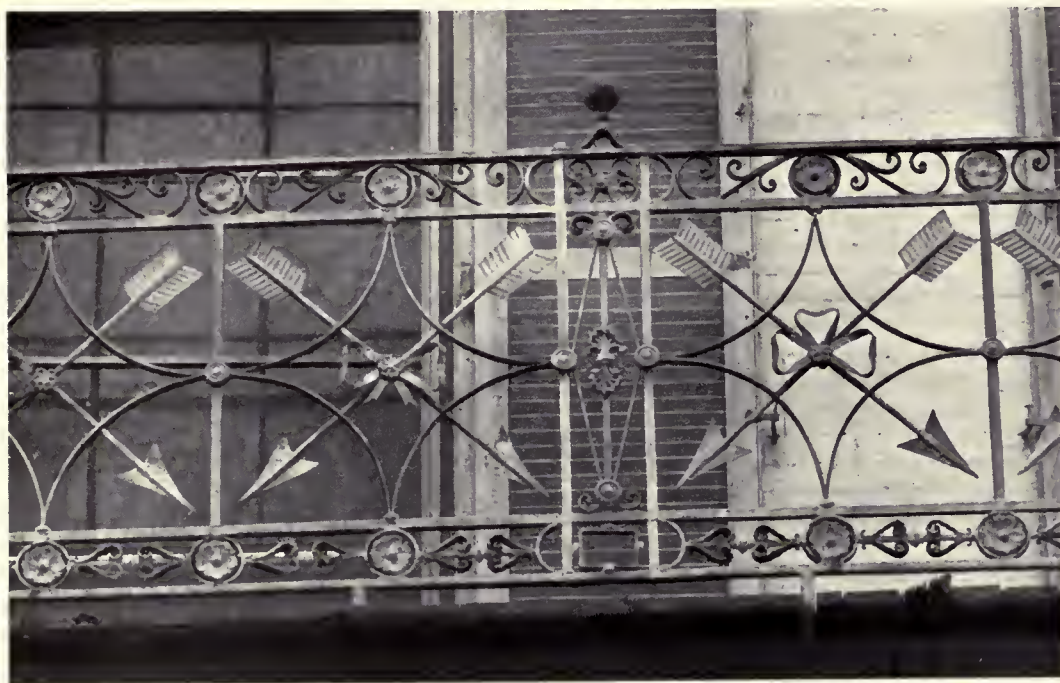
IRONWORK

PLATE 56



*Rosette and Arrow Design*

VIEUX CARRÉ



*"Bow and Arrow" Design*

*Combination Wrought and  
Cast Iron Balcony Details*

VIEUX CARRÉ



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IRONWORK

PLATE 57



VIEUX CARRÉ



*Interesting Imitation of Wrought Iron Mannerisms*  
Additional Illustrations, 90 and 95

*Cast Iron Balcony Details*

"CASA MIRO", VIEUX CARRÉ

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IRONWORK

PLATE 58



*Cast Iron Panel Detail*

VIEUX CARRÉ

*Mid 19th Century*



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IRONWORK

PLATE 59

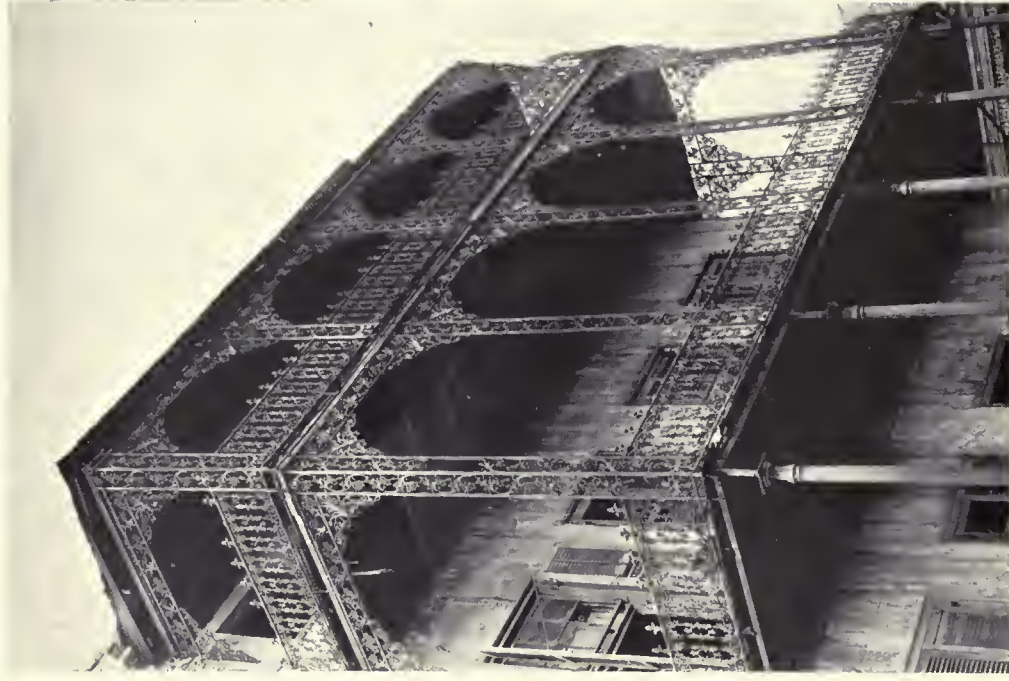


*Cast Iron Balcony Details*

*Date 1851*

*James Gallier, Sr., Arch.*

PONTALBA BUILDING, VIEUX CARRÉ



*Date 1835*

House Illustrated, 18

LE PRÊTE HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

IRON WORK

PLATE 60



House Illustrated, 23

*Date 1856*

GAUCHE HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

IRONWORK

PLATE 61



*Stable Gates*

*Date 1864*

Additional Illustrations, 33, 87, 92, 93, 103 and 117

Attributed to James Gallier, Jr., Arch.

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



*Entrance Gate and Wall*

*Built about 1857*

VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

IRONWORK

PLATE 62



*Entrance Gate*

Additional Illustrations, 30, 31 and 87

BRADISH JOHNSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

IRONWORK

PLATE 63



*Entrance Gate*

*Built about 1850*

THE ROBB HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



*Entrance Door and Transom*

*Late 18th Century*

VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 65



*Porte Cochère*

*Date 1800*

*Note Small Door for Use on Ordinary Occasions*

House Illustrated, 6

CHESNEAUX HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS



PLATE 66

*Date 1821*

Building Illustrated, 15

Additional Illustration, 111

Benjamin Henry Latrobe, Arch.

OLD LOUISIANA STATE BANK, VIEUX CARRÉ

VIEUX CARRÉ



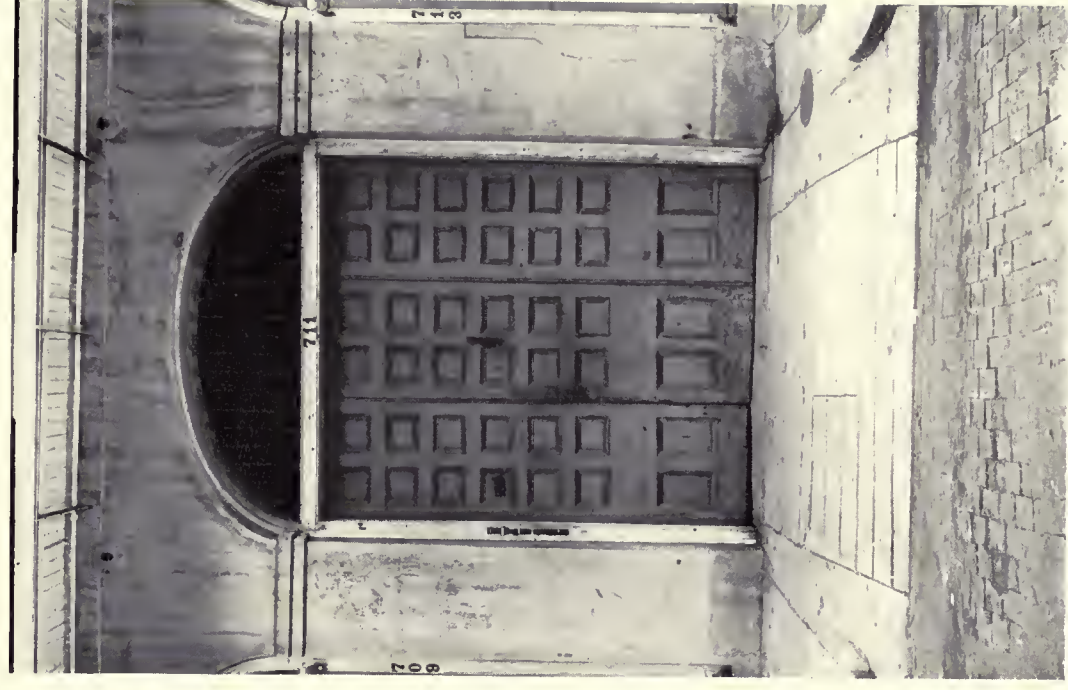
NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 67



VIEUX CARRÉ



*Portes Cochères, Early 19th Century*

VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS



*Date 1834*

Measured Drawings, 130 and 134

BRIGOT HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 68



*Date 1811*

VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 69



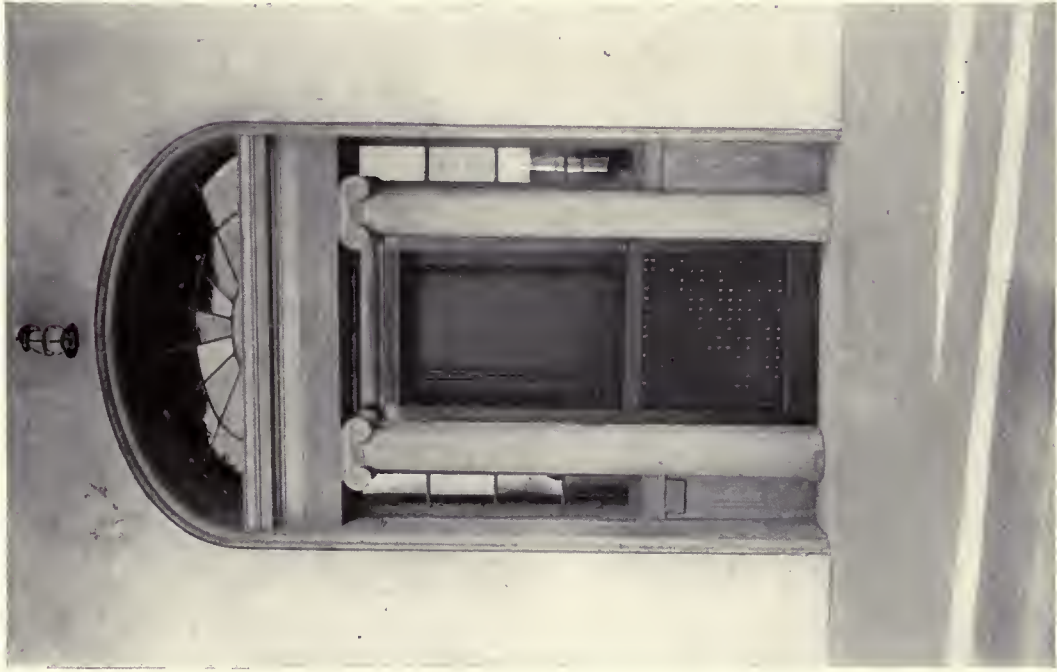
*Date 1828*

VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

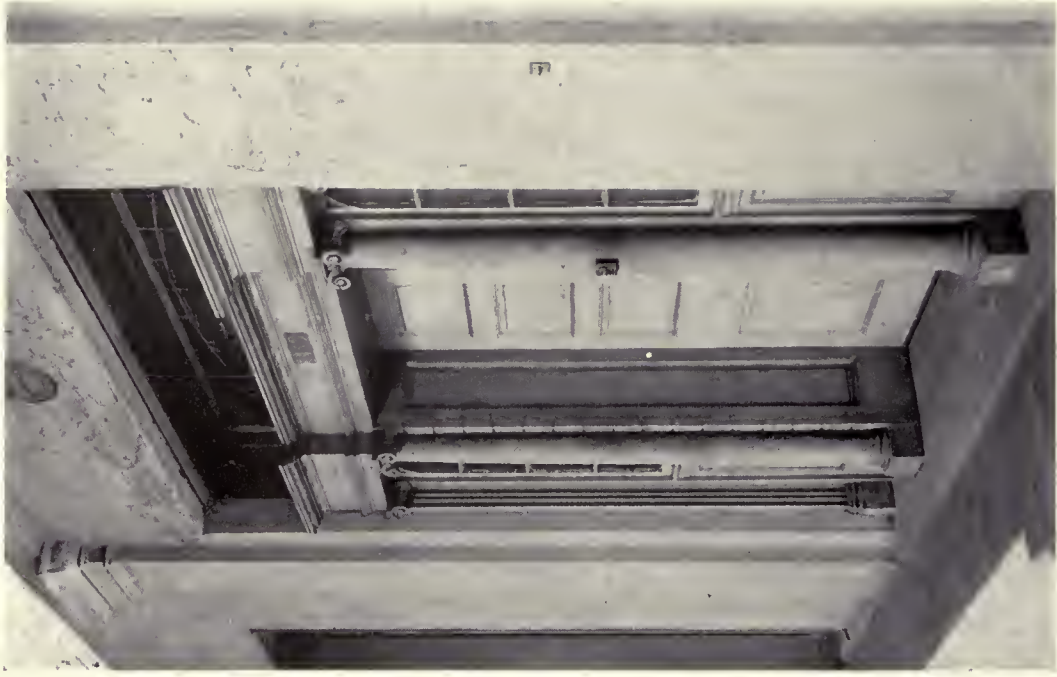
DOORWAYS

PLATE 70



Early 19th Century

House Illustrated, 36



Date 1826

House Illustrated, 16

Detail, 96

Measured Drawing, 128

"BEAUREGARD HOUSE", VIEUX CARRÉ

BLANC PLANTATION





*Built about 1832*

House Illustrated, 49

Additional Illustrations, 104, 105, 107, 115 and 116

HURST PLANTATION



*Date 1837*

House Illustrated, 48

Additional Illustrations, 85, 94, 106 and 115

"OAK ALLEY"

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 72



Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 17, 86, 90, 97, 102 and 107

*Built in the 1820's*

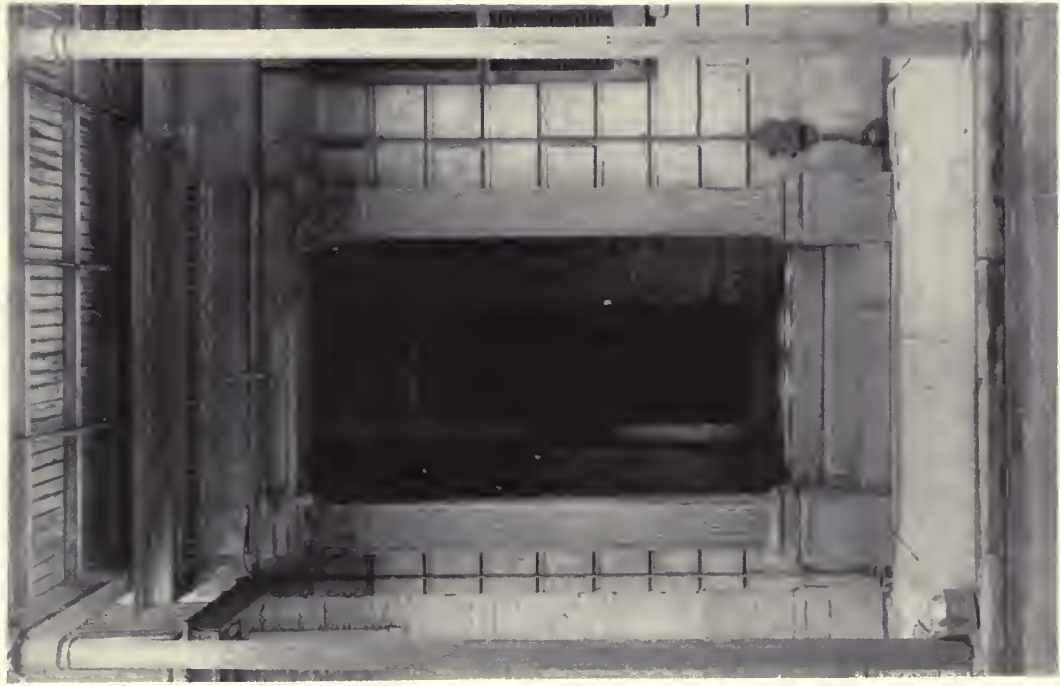
GRIMA HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 73



*Date 1857*

GALLIER HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



*Date 1832*

LA LAURIE HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 74



*Mid. 19th Century*



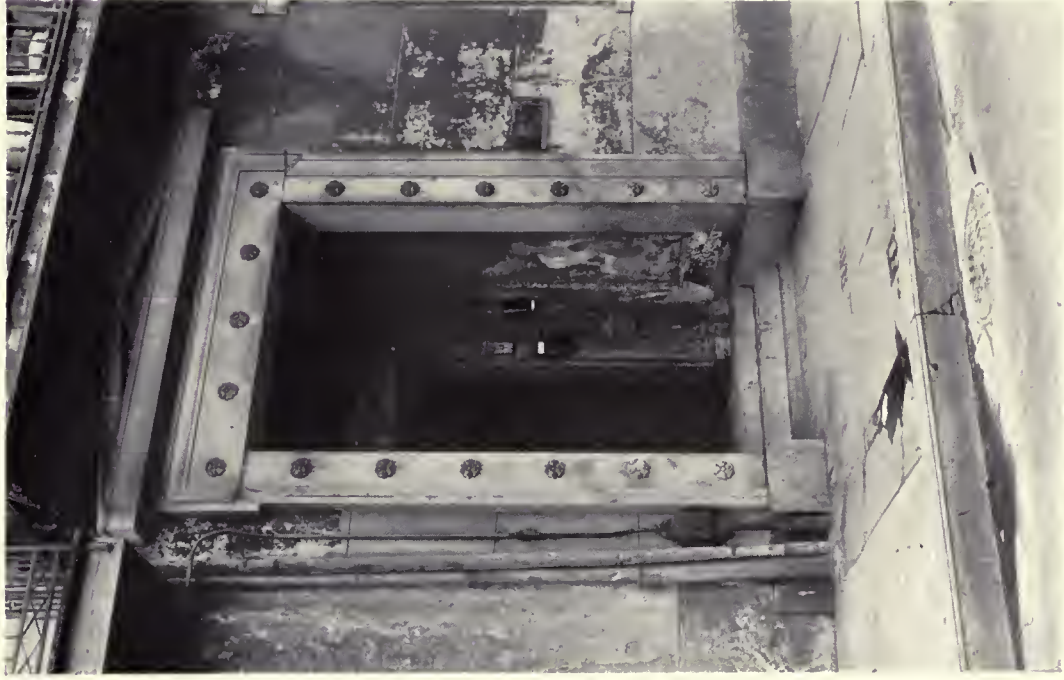
*House Illustrated, 21*

*Built about 1840*

VIEUX CARRÉ



DOORWAYS

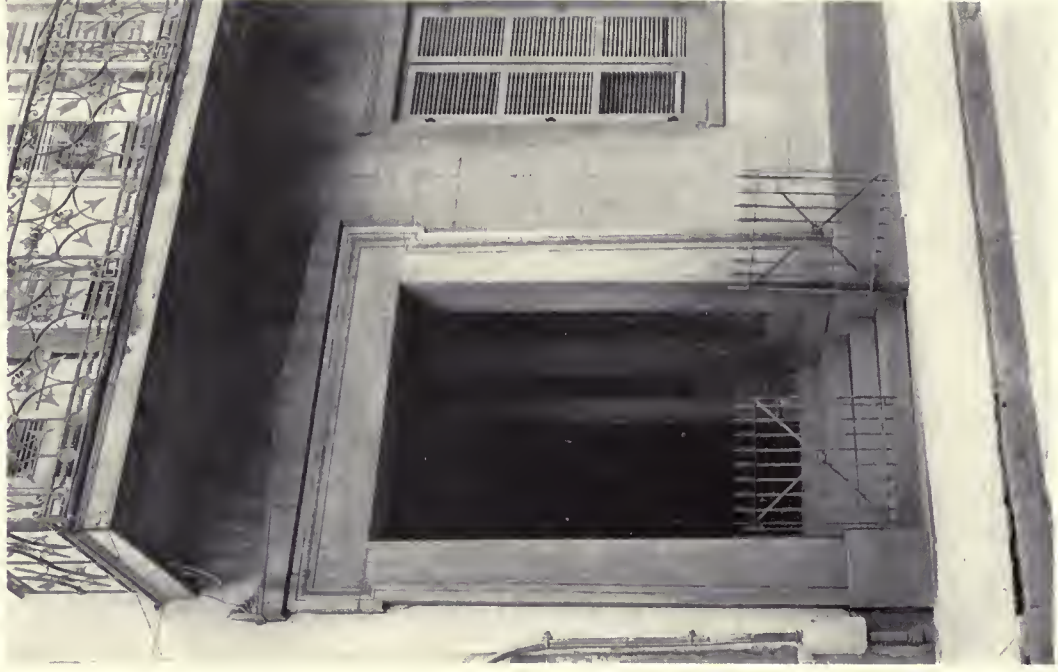


Additional Illustration, 81

BIENVENUE HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

*Date 1836*

PLATE 75



VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 76



*2nd Half 19th Century*

VIEUX CARRÉ





House Illustrated, 24

GARDEN DISTRICT



House Illustrated, 26

Additional Illustrations, 100 and 101

FORSYTH RESIDENCE, GARDEN DISTRICT

*Built about 1848*

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

DOORWAYS

PLATE 78



House Illustrated, 25

*Mid 19th Century*  
Attributed to James Gallier, Sr., Arch.

LOGAN HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

PLATE 79



*Courtyard Stair to Apartments Above*  
House Illustrated, 8

*Date 1808*

MARCHAND HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

PLATE 80



*Built about 1798*

House Illustrated, 15  
Additional Illustrations, 54, 89 and 109

GIROD HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

PLATE 81



Additional Illustration, 75

*Date 1836*

BIENVENUE HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

PLATE 82



LOUBIES HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

*Built about 1795*



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES



*Early 19th Century*

Additional Illustrations, 10, 11 and 88  
Measured Drawings, 120, 121 and 133

CASA FLINARD, VIEUX CARRÉ

PLATE 83



*Date 1830*

House Illustrated, 46 and 47  
Additional Illustrations, 91, 97, 98, 107 and 113  
"THE SHADOWS"

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

PLATE 84



*Newel and Turn*  
Additional Illustrations, 90, 96, 99 and 106



*Entry and Porte Cochère Beyond*

LABATUT—PUIG HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ  
Date 1831

Two Views of Courtyard Staircase to Apartments above  
(A Typical "Courtyard" House Staircase)



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

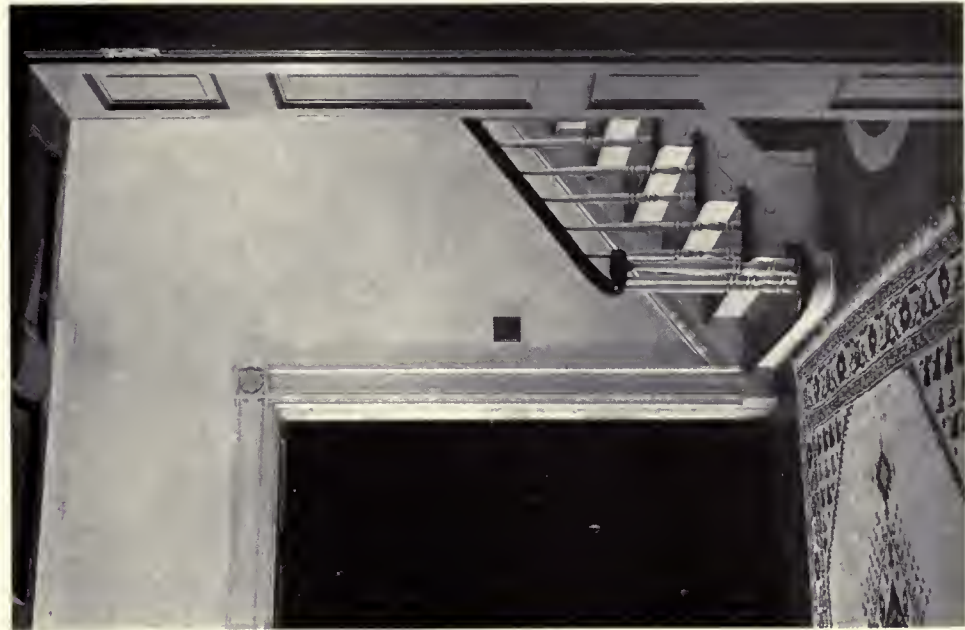
PLATE 85



*Stair Turn*

House Illustrated, 48

Additional Illustrations, 71, 94, 106 and 115



*Nevel*

Date 1837

*Two Views of Interior Staircase*

"OAK ALLEY"

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

STAIRCASES

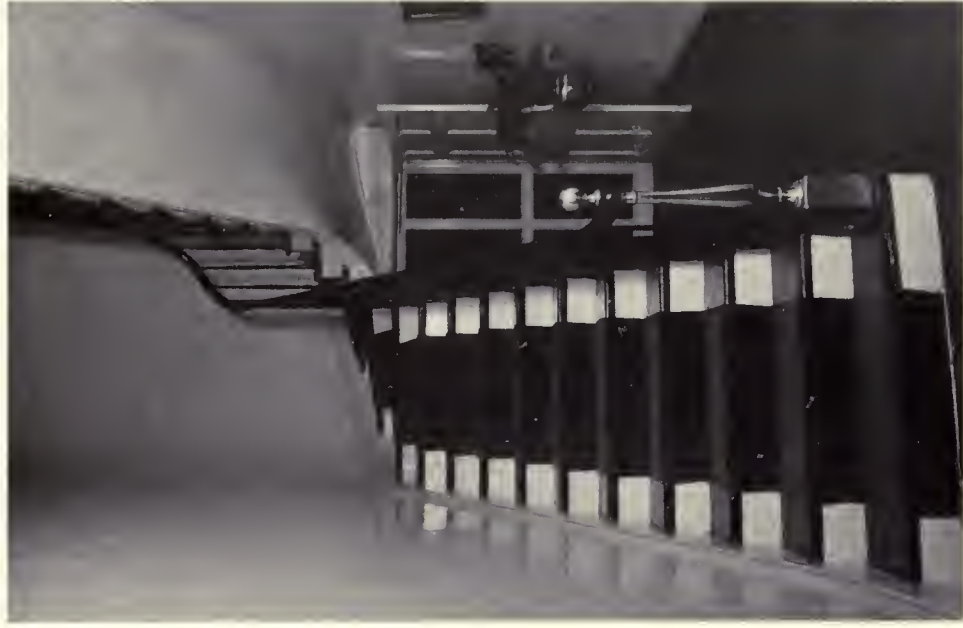
PLATE 86



*Late 18th Century*

*Interior Staircases*

DESTREHAN PLANTATION



*Built in the 1820's*

*Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 17, 72, 90, 97, 102 and 107*

GRIMA HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



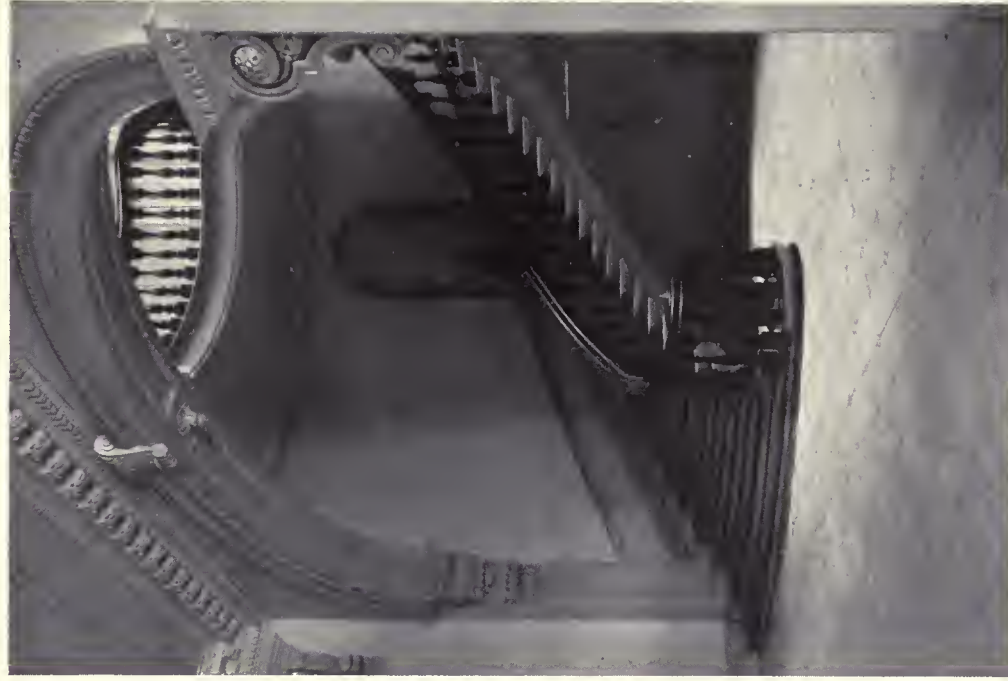


*Date 1864*

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ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



*Date 1870*

Additional Illustrations, 30, 31 and 62

James Freret, Arch.

BRADISH JOHNSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 88



Additional Illustrations, 10, 11 and 83  
Drawings, 120, 121 and 133

*Drawing Room Mantels, Early 19th Century*  
CASA FLINARD, VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 89



*Drawing Room Mantel*

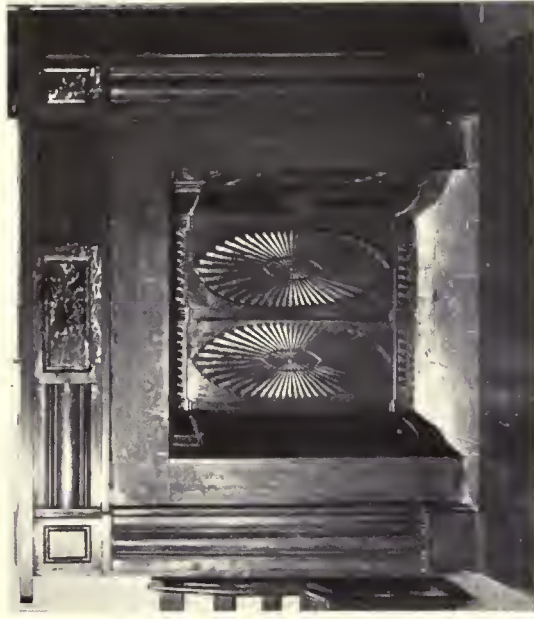
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Additional Illustrations, 54, 80 and 109

GIROD HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



Early 19th Century

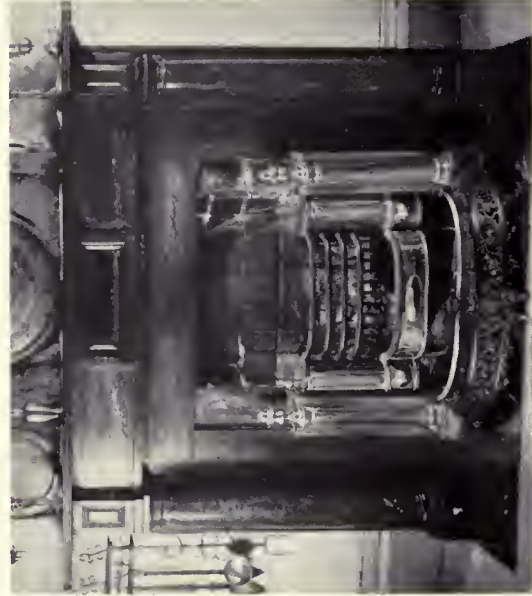


Note Cast Iron

LABUTUT—PUIG HOUSE

Additional Illustrations, 84, 96, 99 and 106

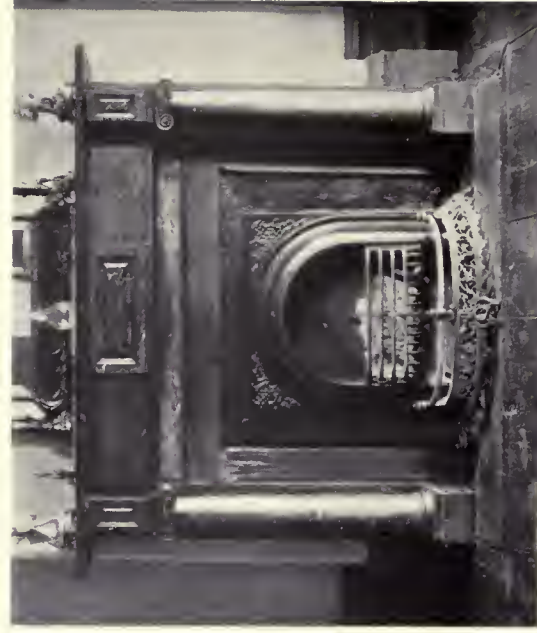
Date 1831



Built in the 1820's

GRIMA HOUSE

Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 17, 72, 86, 97, 102 and 107



"CASA MIRO"

Additional Illustrations 57 and 95



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 91



*Mantel*

*Date 1830*

House Illustrated, 46 and 47

Additional Illustrations, 83, 97, 98, 107 and 113

"THE SHADOWS"



*Mantel*

House Illustrated, 41

Additional Illustration, 40

Drawing, 129

"THREE OAKS" PLANTATION

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 92



*Bed Room Mantel*

*Date 1864*

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



*Dining Room Mantel*

*Date 1864*

Additional Illustrations, 33, 61, 87, 93, 103 and 117

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 93

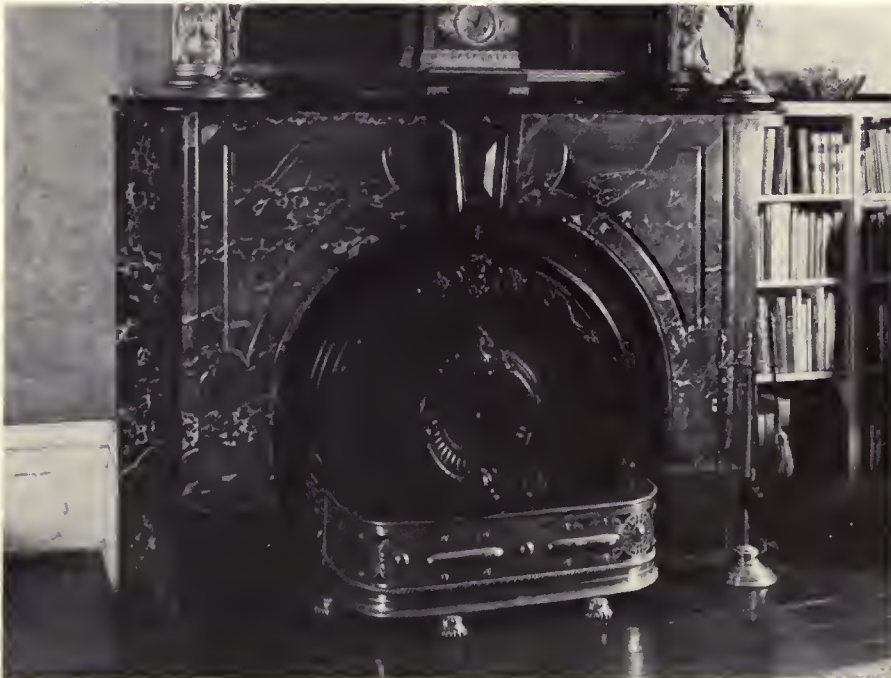


*Library Mantel*

*Date 1864*

Additional Illustrations, 33, 61, 87, 92, 103, and 117

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT



*Drawing Room Mantel*

*Date 1864*

FRERET HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 94



House Illustrated, 48  
Additional Illustrations, 71, 85, 106 and 115

"OAK ALLEY"



Additional Illustrations, 57, 90 and 95

*Door and Transom Details*

"CASA MIRO" VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 95



Additional Illustrations, 57, 90 and 94

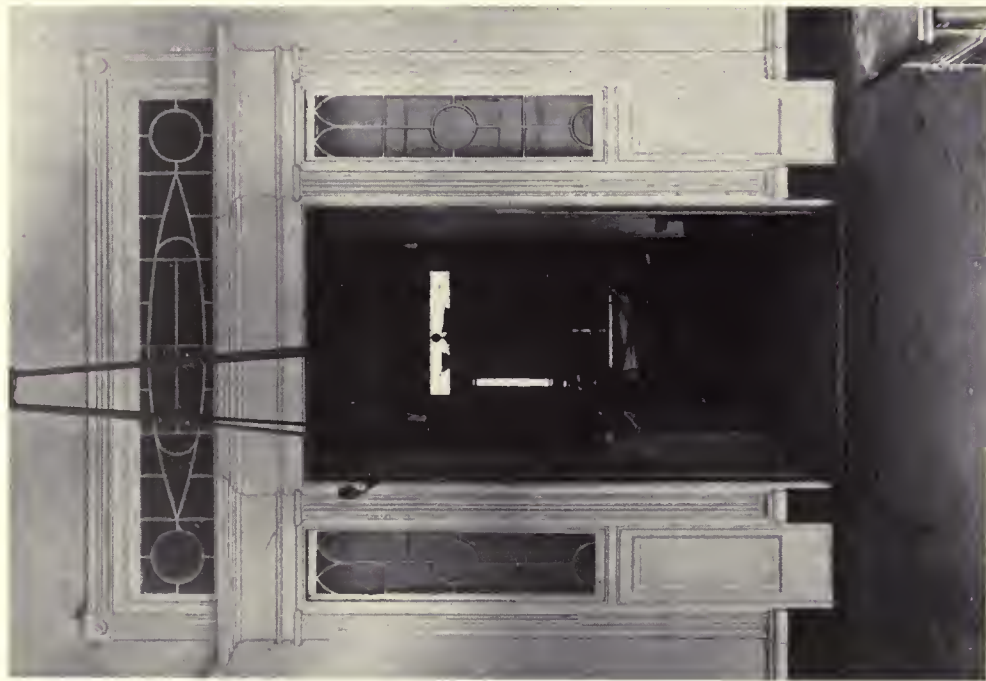
*Door and Transom Details*

"CASA MIRO", VIEUX CARRÉ

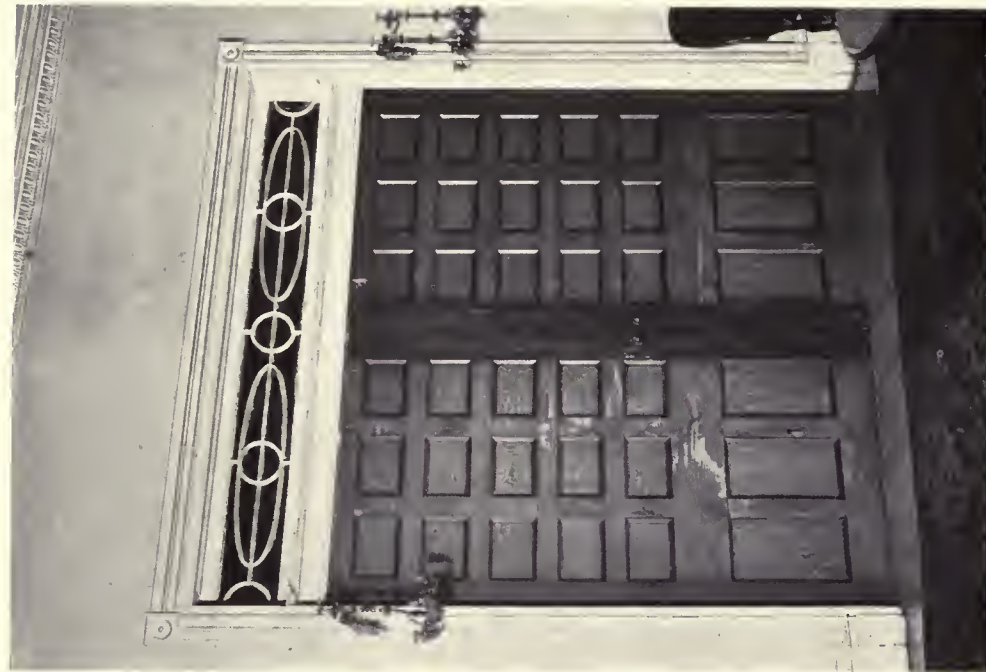
NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 96



*Door Detail*  
House Illustrated, 16  
Additional Illustration, 70  
Measured Drawing, 128



*Double-Parlor Door*  
Additional Illustrations, 84, 90, 99 and 106

*Note Transom and Side-Light Treatment*

"BEAUREGARD HOUSE," VIEUX CARRÉ

LABATUT-PUIG HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



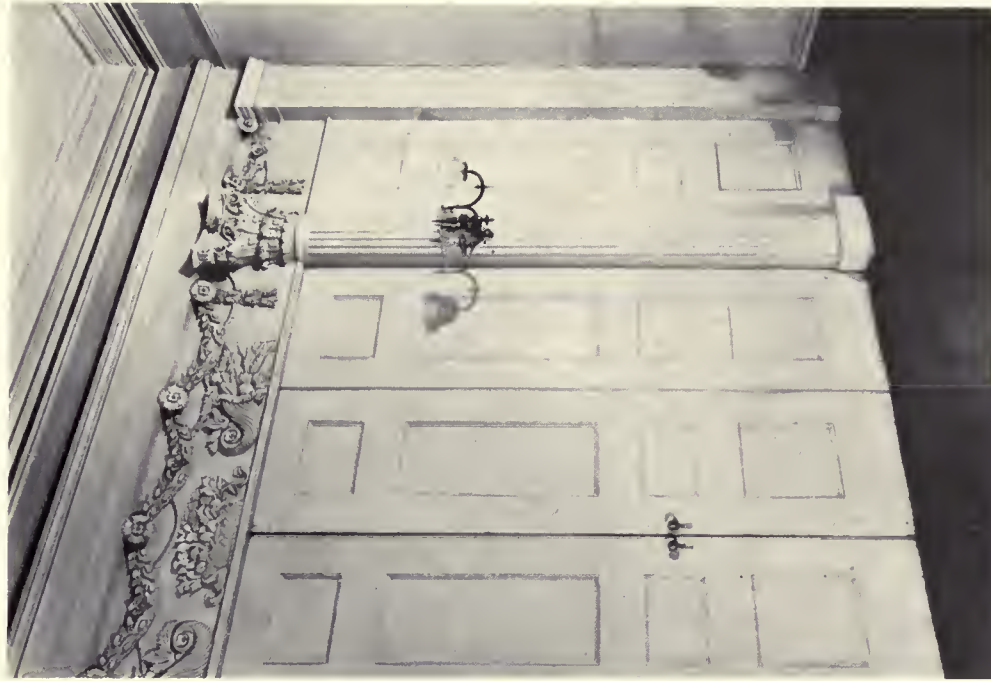
NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 97



House Illustrated, 46 and 47  
Additional Illustrations, 83, 91, 98, 107 and 113



Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 17, 72, 86, 90, 102 and 107

*Double-Parlor Doors*

"THE SHADOWS"

GRIMA HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 98



*Double Parlor*

House Illustrated, 46 and 47

Additional Illustrations, 83, 91, 97, 107 and 113

"THE SHADOWS"





*Double Parlor*

Additional Illustrations, 84, 90, 96 and 106

LABATUT-PUIG HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 100



*Double Parlor*

House Illustrated, 26

Additional Illustrations, 77 and 101

FORSYTH RESIDENCE, GARDEN DISTRICT





House Illustrated, 26  
Additional Illustrations, 77 and 100



*Door Details*  
FORSYTH RESIDENCE, GARDEN DISTRICT

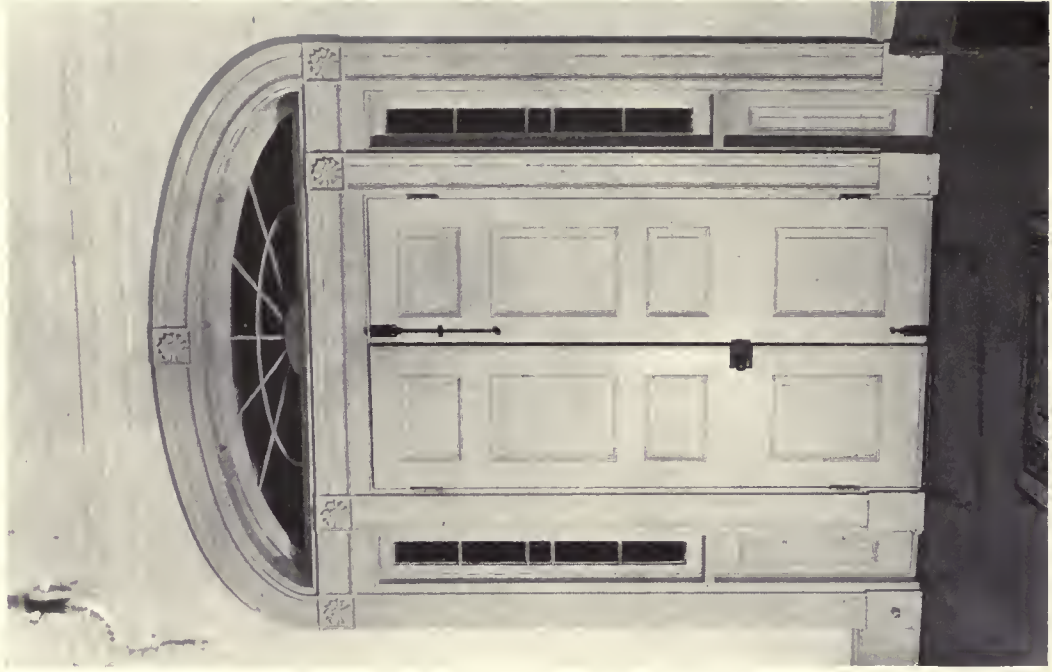
NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

INTERIORS

PLATE 102



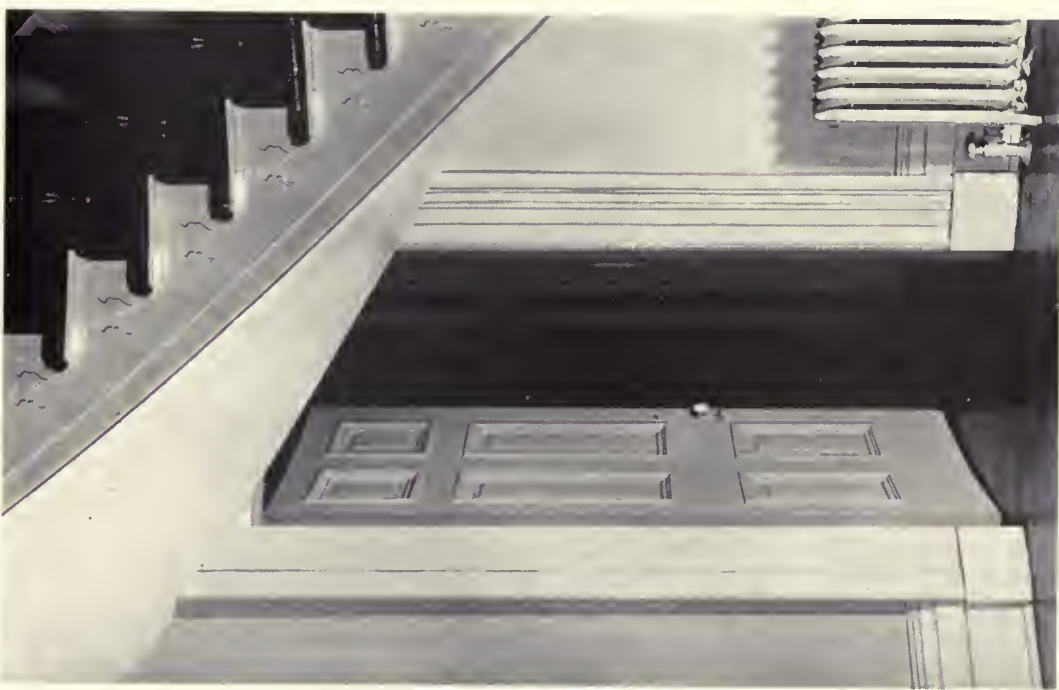
*Door and Window Detail*  
Additional Illustrations, 13, 16, 17, 72, 86, 90, 97 and 107



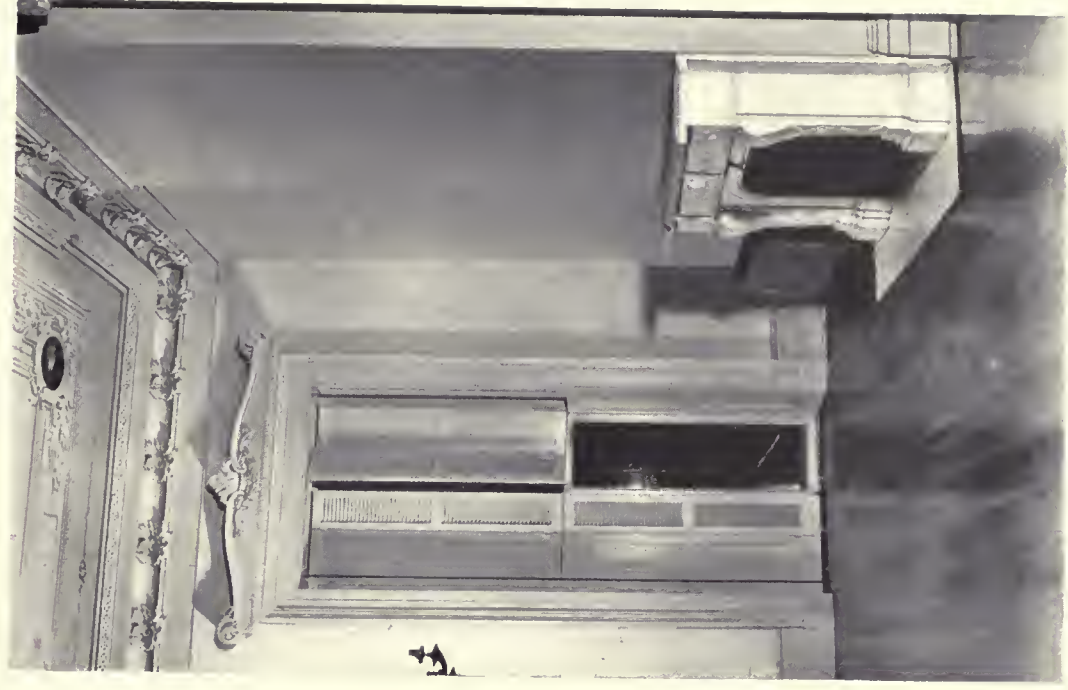
*Entrance Door Detail*

GRIMA HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ





*Curved Door in Stairhall*  
 Additional Illustrations, 33, 61, 87, 92, 93 and 117



*Corner of Drawing Room*

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

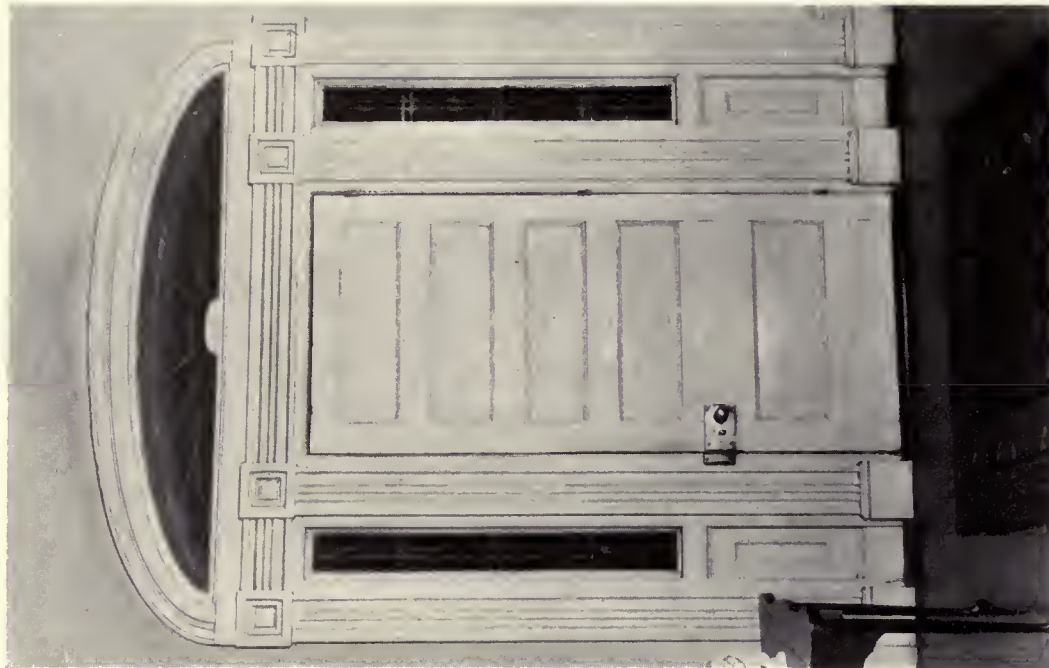
INTERIORS

PLATE 104



*Window Detail*

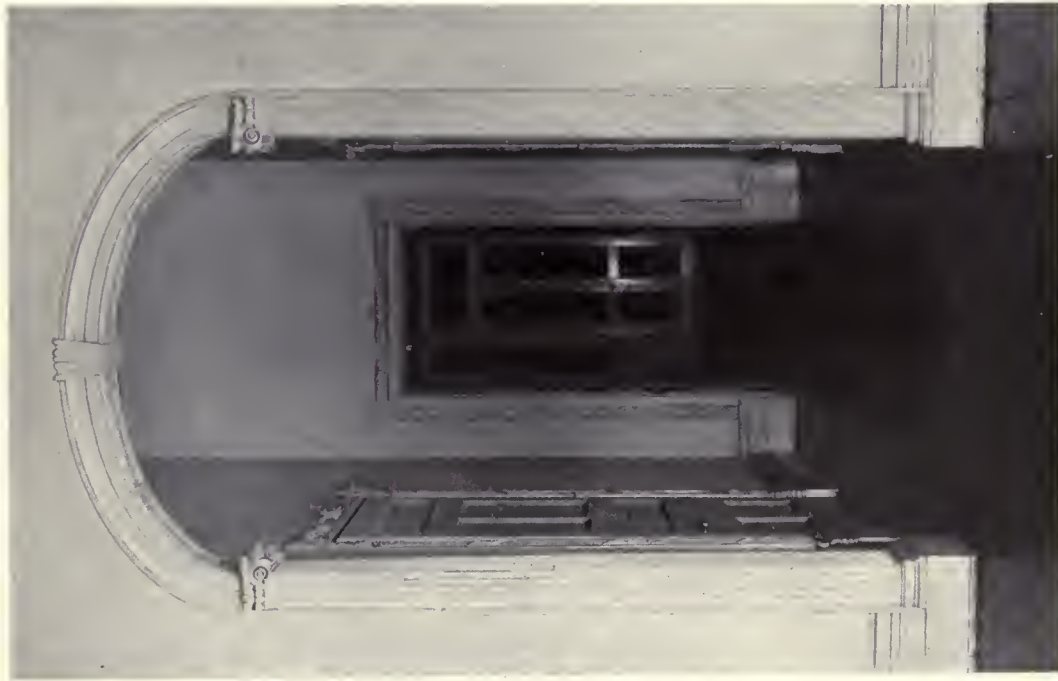
House Illustrated, 49  
Additional Illustrations, 71, 105, 107, 115 and 116



*Entrance Door Detail*

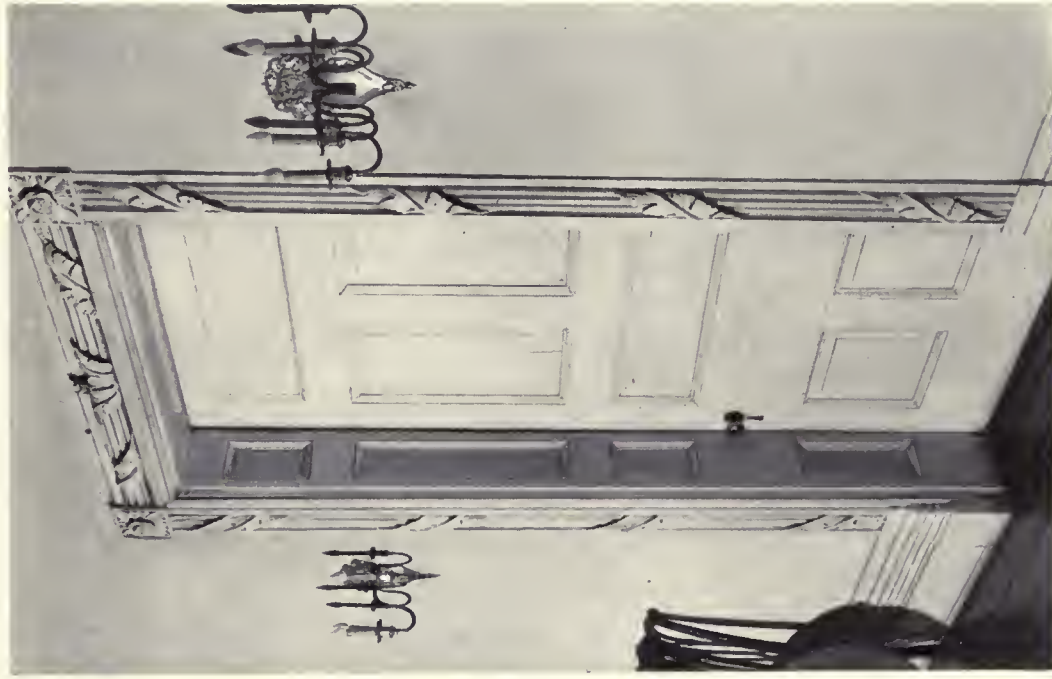
HURST PLANTATION





*Hall*

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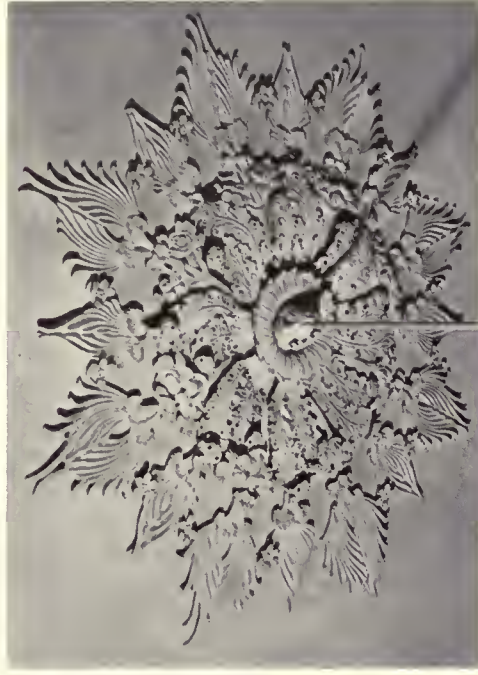


*Door Detail*

HURST PLANTATION



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Additional Illustrations, 71, 85, 94 and 115



Additional Illustrations, 84, 90, 96 and 99

*Plaster Rosettes*

"OAK ALLEY"

LABATUT-PIUG HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



*Plaster Cornice Detail*

LABATUT-PIUG HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



INTERIORS

PLATE 107



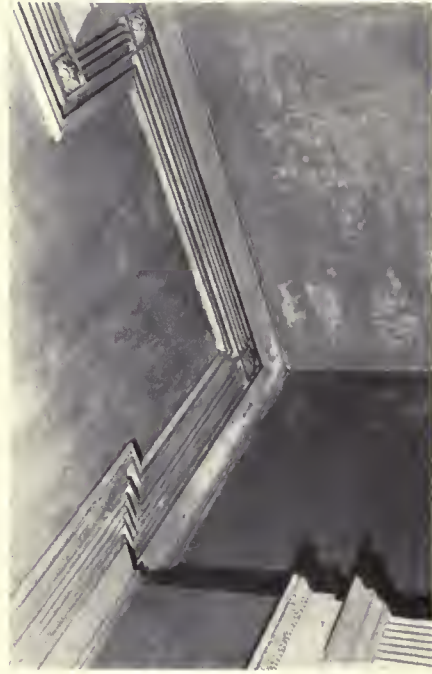
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HURST PLANTATION



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GRIMA HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ



House Illustrated, 46 and 47  
Additional Illustrations, 83, 91, 97, 98 and 113  
"THE SHADOWS"



"THE SHADOWS"

*Plaster Cornice Details*

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 108



VIEUX CARRÉ



House Illustrated, 38  
Drawing, 135

DELOR SARPY PLANTATION



VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 109



VIEUX CARRÉ



House Illustrated, 15

Additional Illustrations, 54, 80 and 89

GIROD HOUSE, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 110



*Plaster-on-Brick Cornices*

VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 111



Building Illustrated, 15  
Additional Illustration, 66

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OLD LOUISIANA BANK, VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

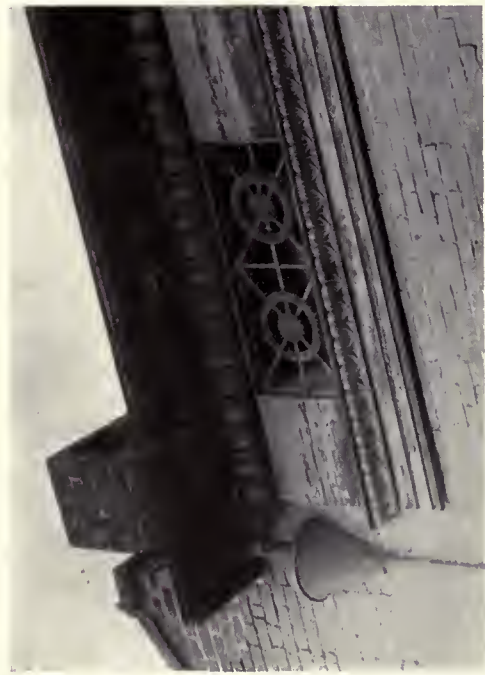
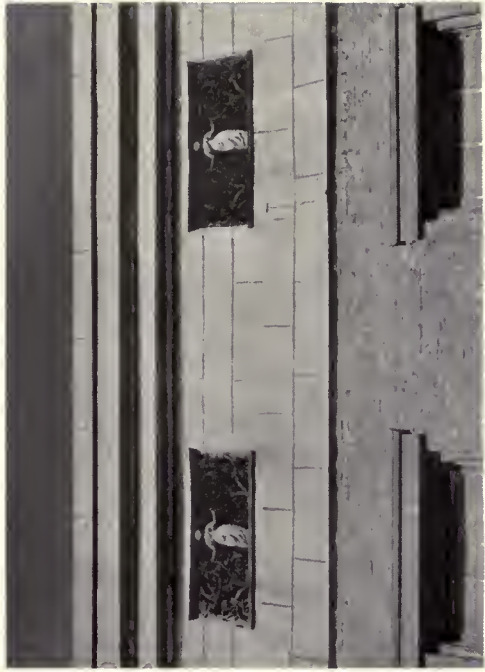


PLATE 112



VIEUX CARRÉ



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 113



*Restored Recently*

House Illustrated, 46 and 47

Additional Illustrations, 83, 91, 97, 98 and 107

"THE SHADOWS"

*Date 1830*



House Illustrated, 20

"LE PETIT SALON," VIEUX CARRÉ

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 114



House Illustrated, 37  
Drawing, 134

THOMAS TOBY PLANTATION



VIEUX CARRÉ



# NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 115



House Illustrated, 48

Additional Illustrations, 71, 85, 94 and 106

"OAK ALLEY"



House Illustrated, 49

Additional Illustrations, 71, 104, 105, 107 and 116

HURST PLANTATION

NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 116



House Illustrated, 49

Additional Illustrations, 71, 104, 105, 107 and 115

HURST PLANTATION



NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

CORNICES AND DORMERS

PLATE 117



*Wood Cornice*

Additional Illustrations, 33, 61, 87, 92, 93 and 103



*Cast Iron Balcony*

ROBINSON HOUSE, GARDEN DISTRICT

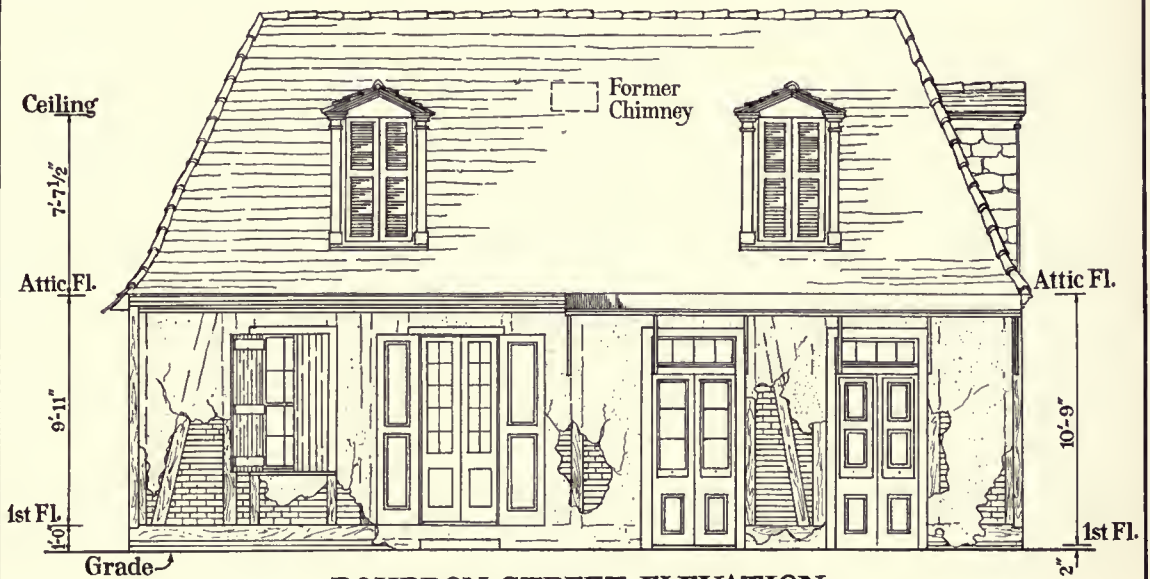


House Illustrated, 32

MADAM CHAFFRAIX'S HOME, GARDEN DISTRICT



ST. PHILIP STREET ELEVATION

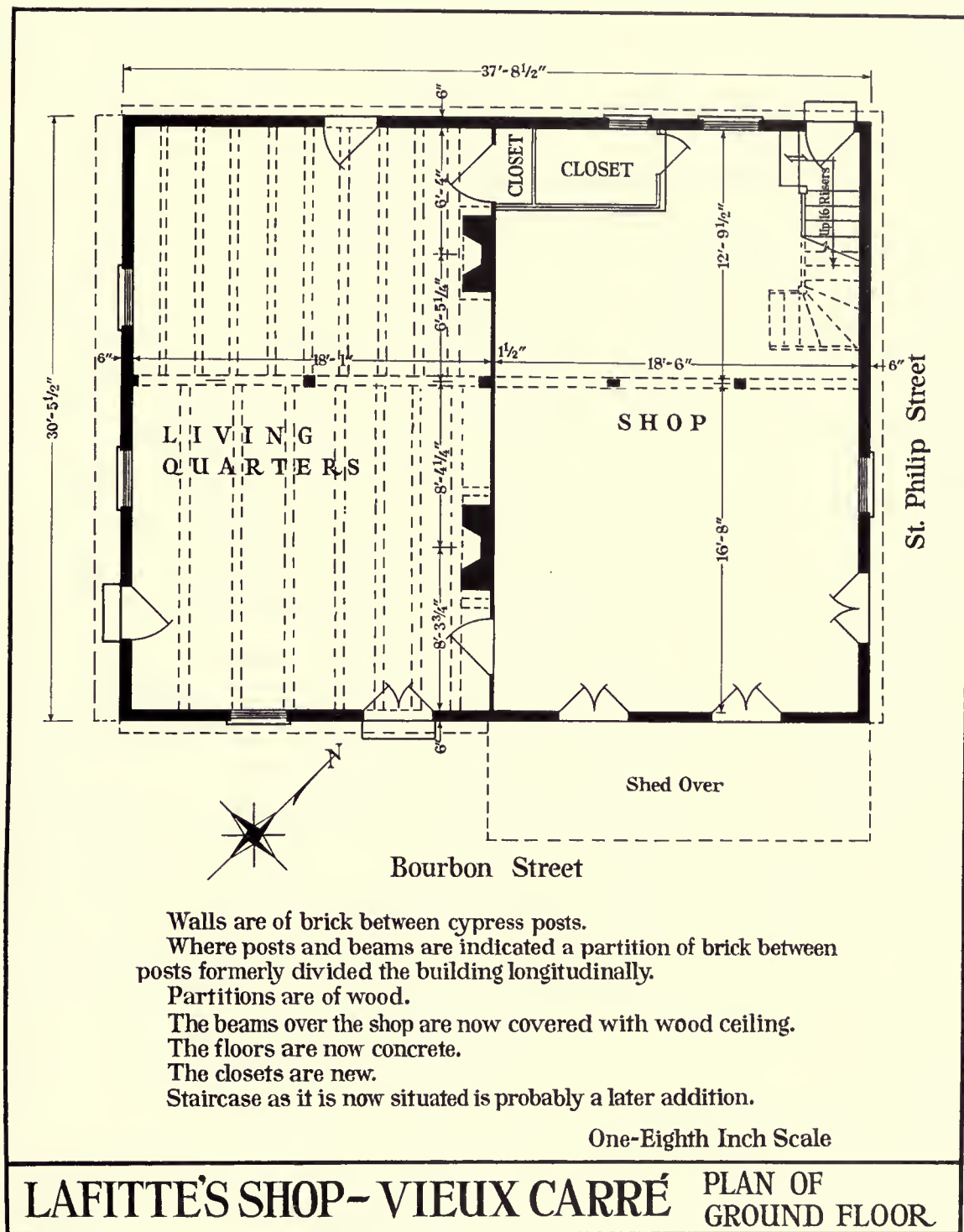


BOURBON STREET ELEVATION

One-Eighth Inch Scale

LAFITTE'S SHOP-VIEUX CARRE ELEVATIONS

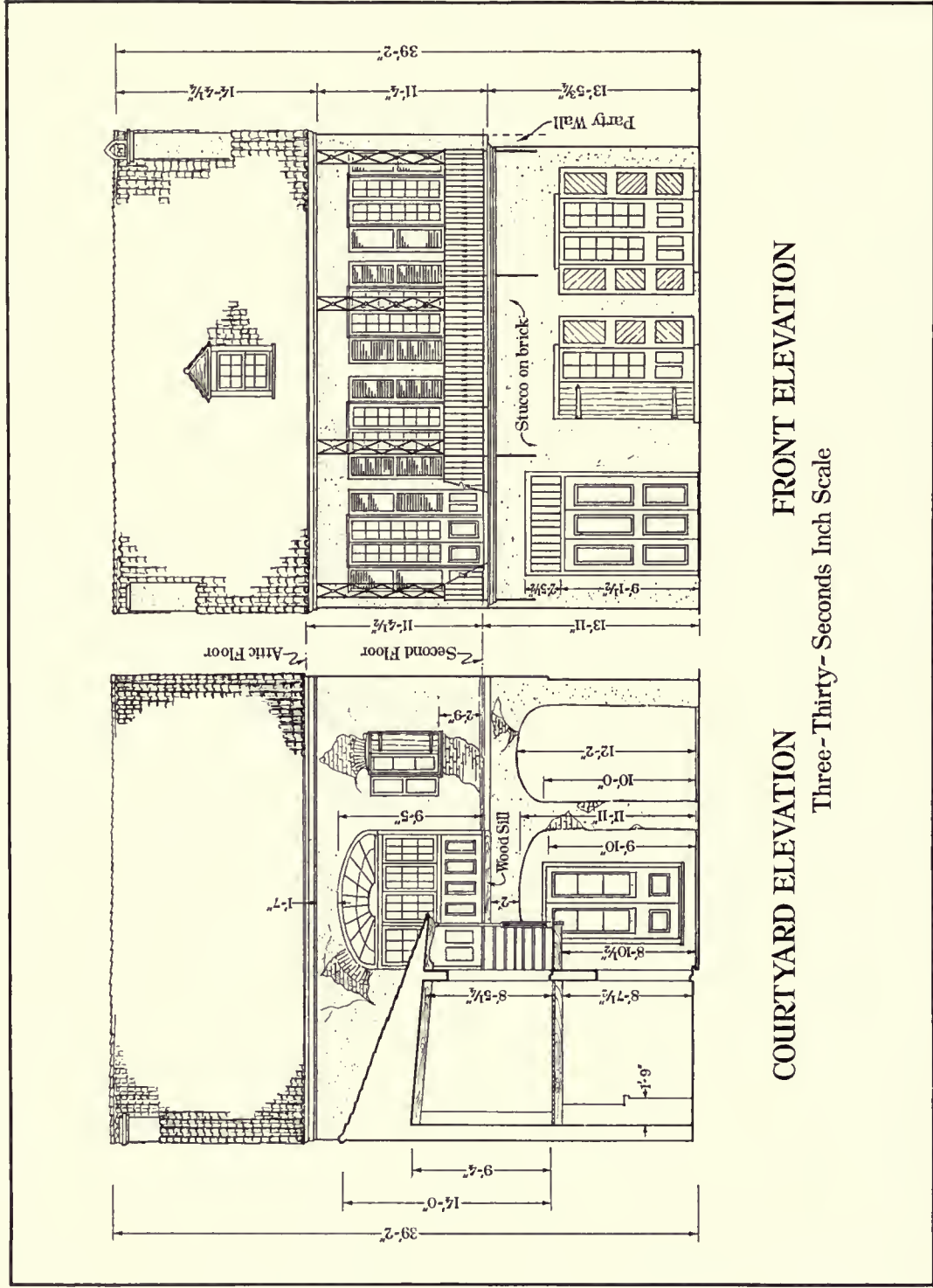




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MEASURED DRAWINGS

PLATE 120



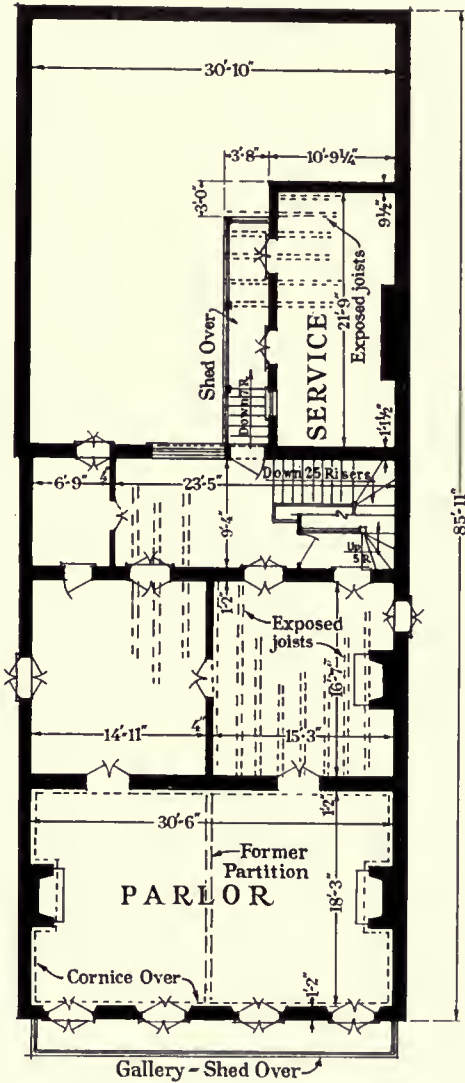
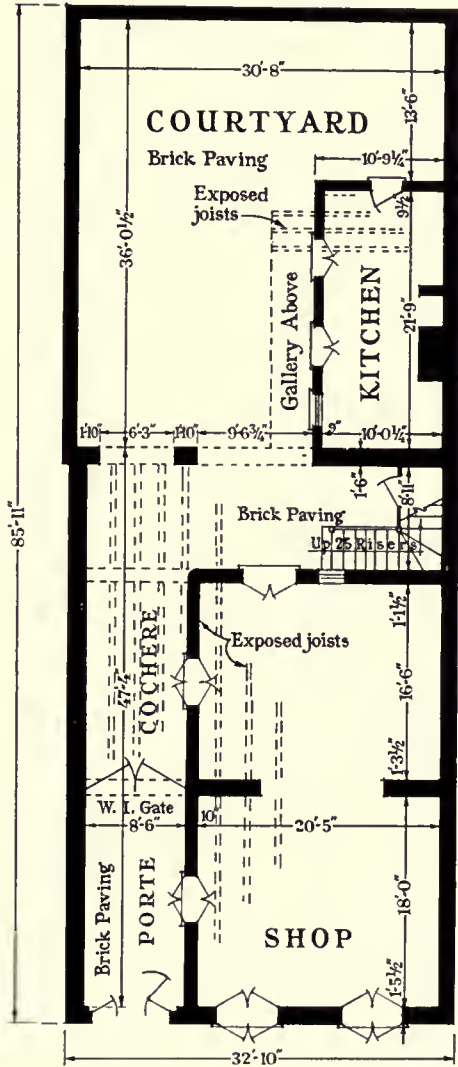
FRONT ELEVATION

COURTYARD ELEVATION

Three-Thirty-Seconds Inch Scale

CASA FLINARD - VIEUX CARRÉ ELEVATIONS





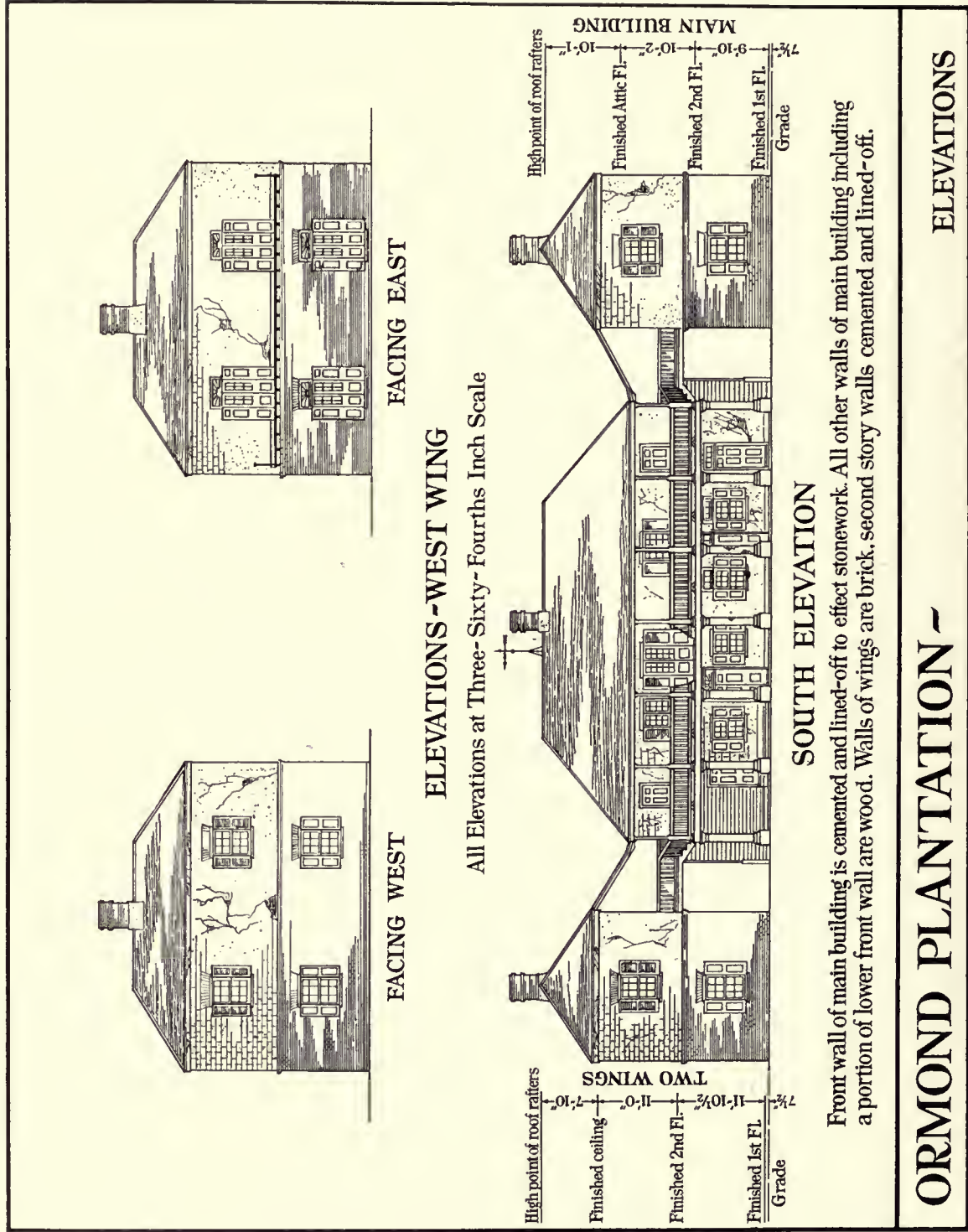
GROUND FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR

One-Sixteenth Inch Scale

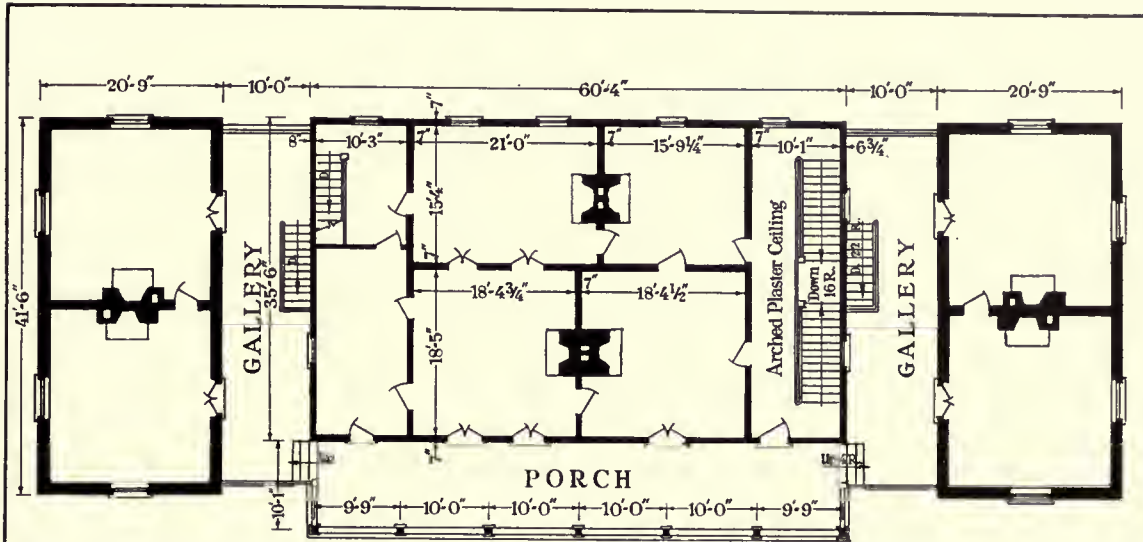
CASA FLINARD-VIEUX CARRÉ

FLOOR PLANS

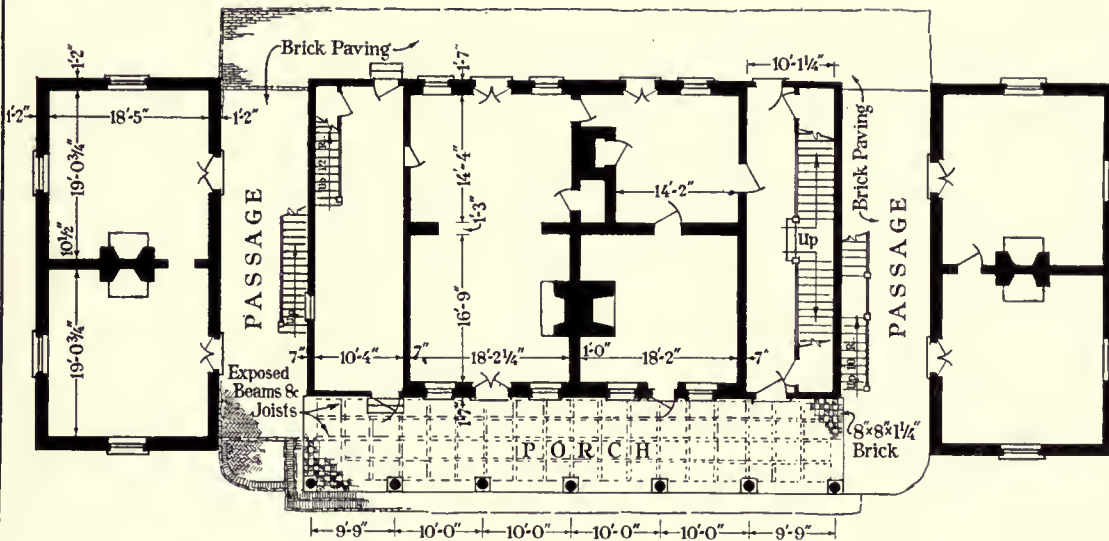


Front wall of main building is cemented and lined-off to effect stonework. All other walls of main building including a portion of lower front wall are wood. Walls of wings are brick, second story walls cemented and lined-off.

House Illustrated, 38  
 Additional Illustration, 40  
 Drawing of Staircase, 127



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



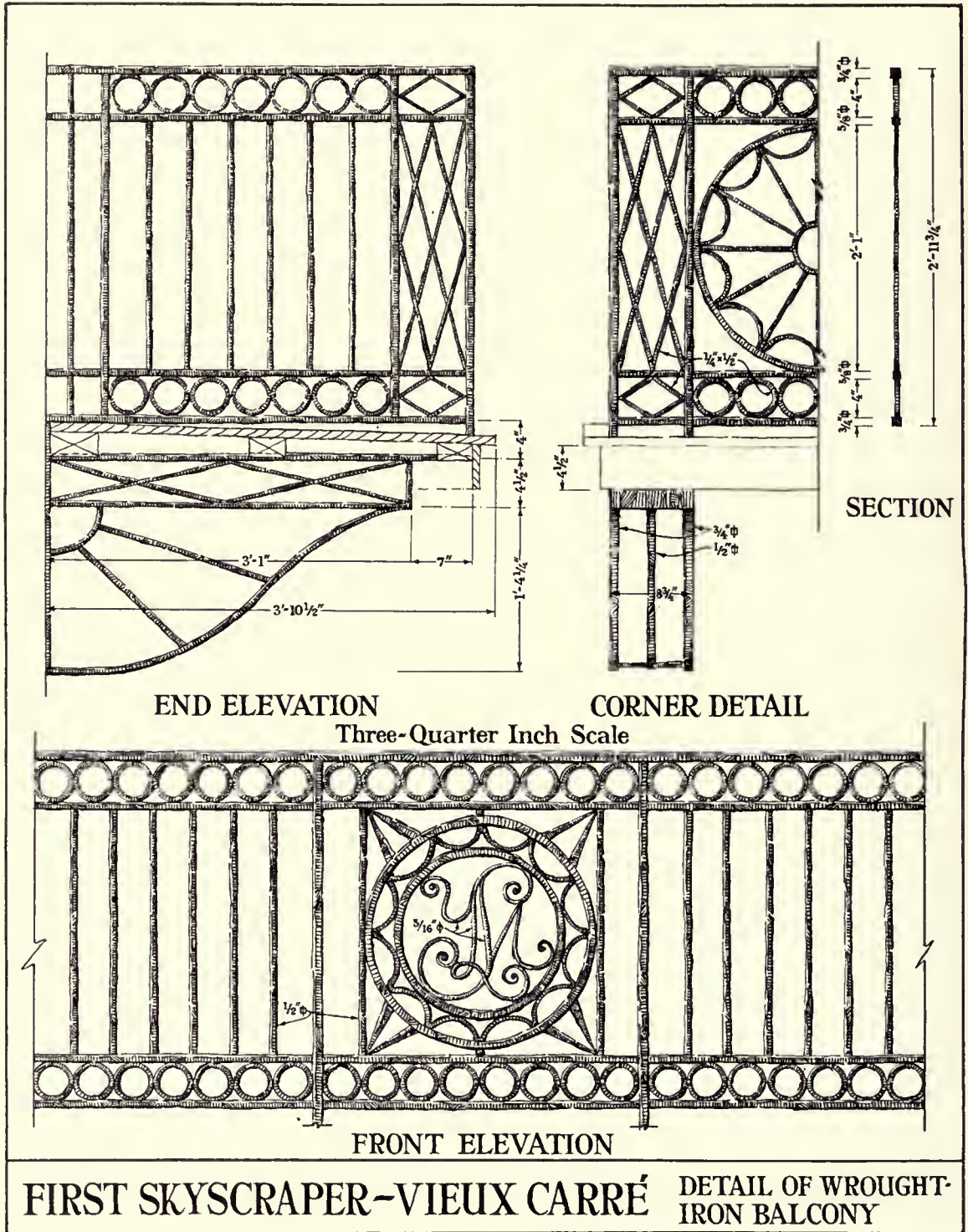
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Front and rear walls of main building are framed with 5x5" rough studs, filled in with brick. End walls are similar except that clay mud filling is used.

Three-Sixty-Fourths Inch Scale

ORMOND PLANTATION - FLOOR PLANS



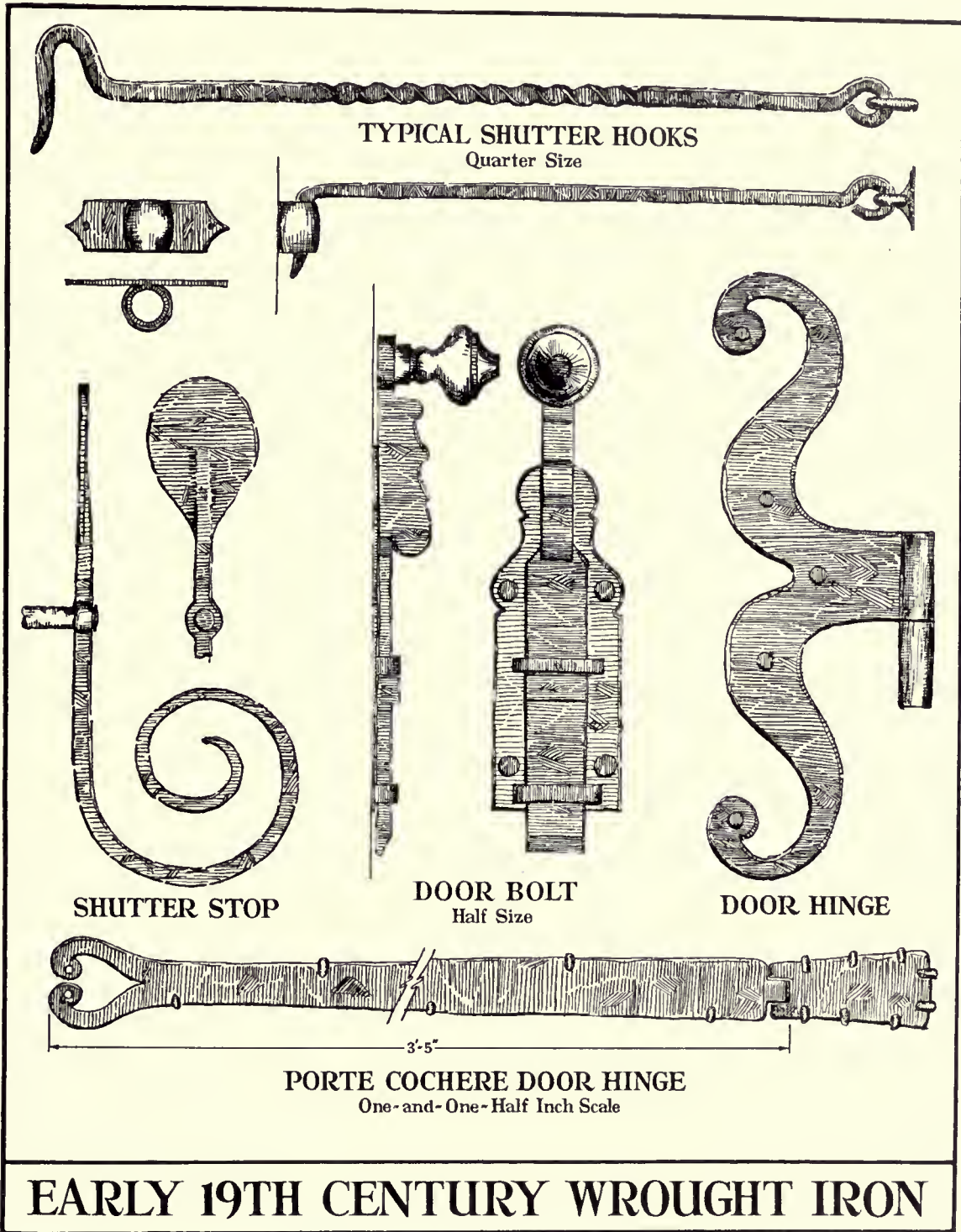


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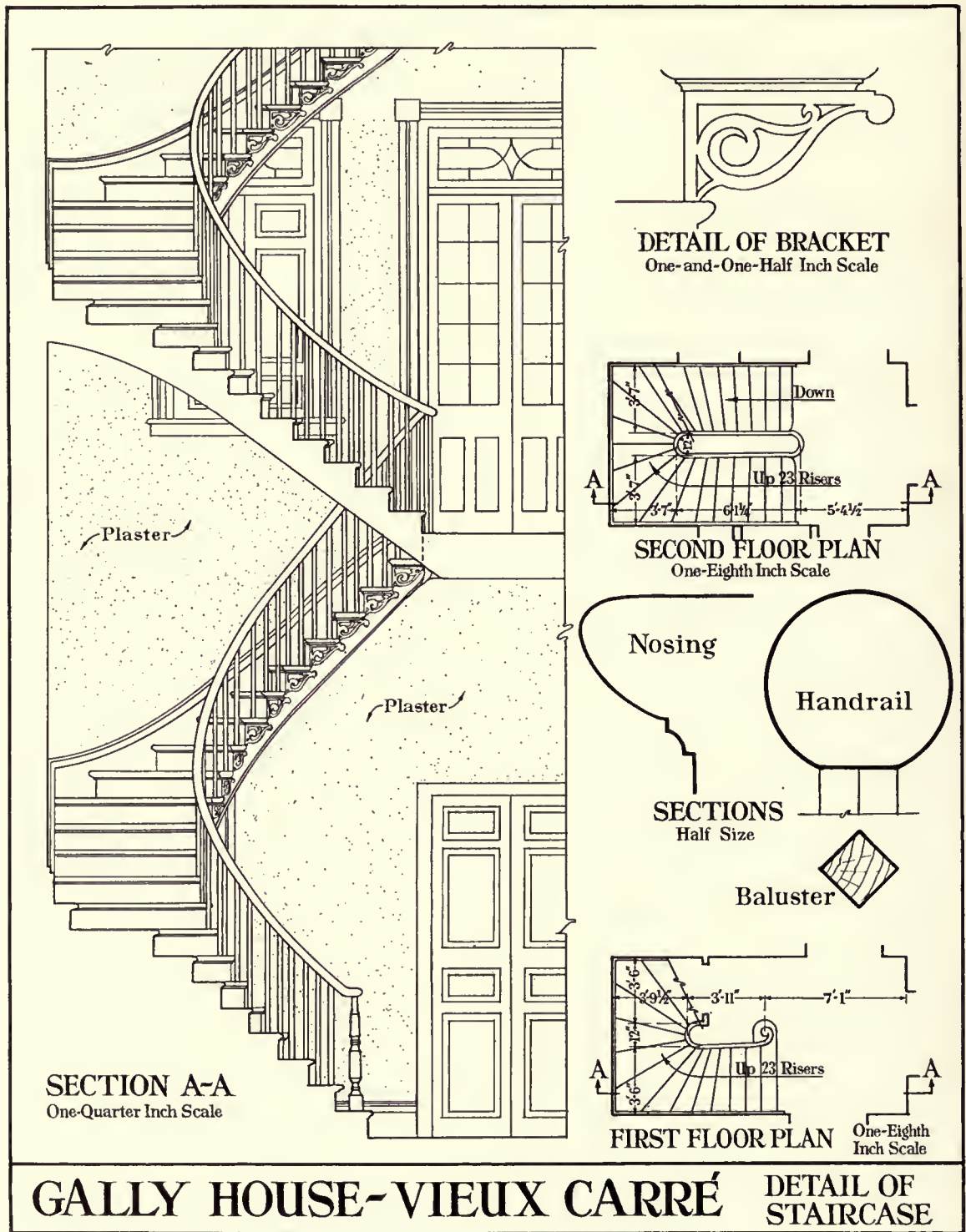
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MEASURED DRAWINGS

PLATE 125





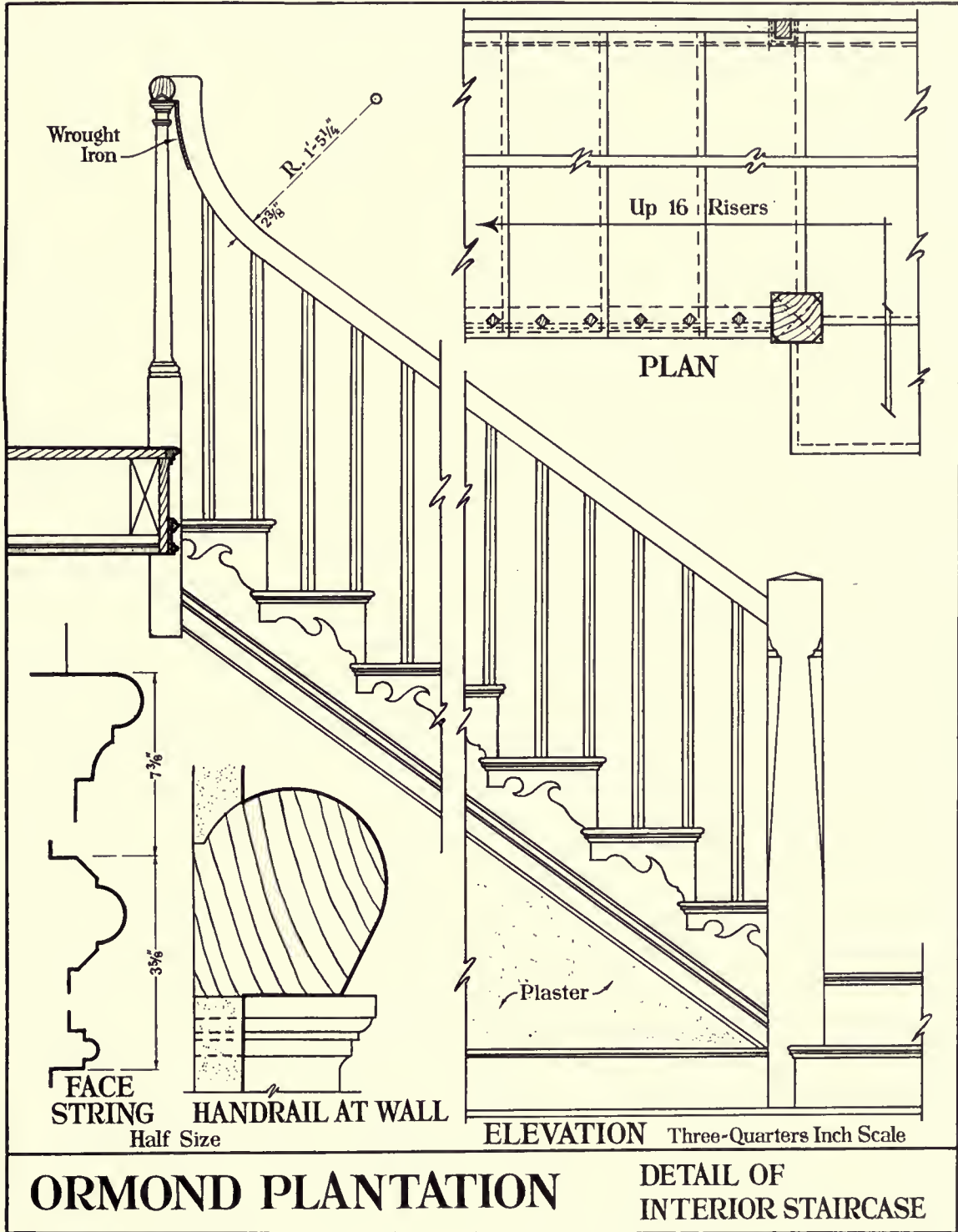




NEW ORLEANS AND ITS ENVIRONS

MEASURED DRAWINGS

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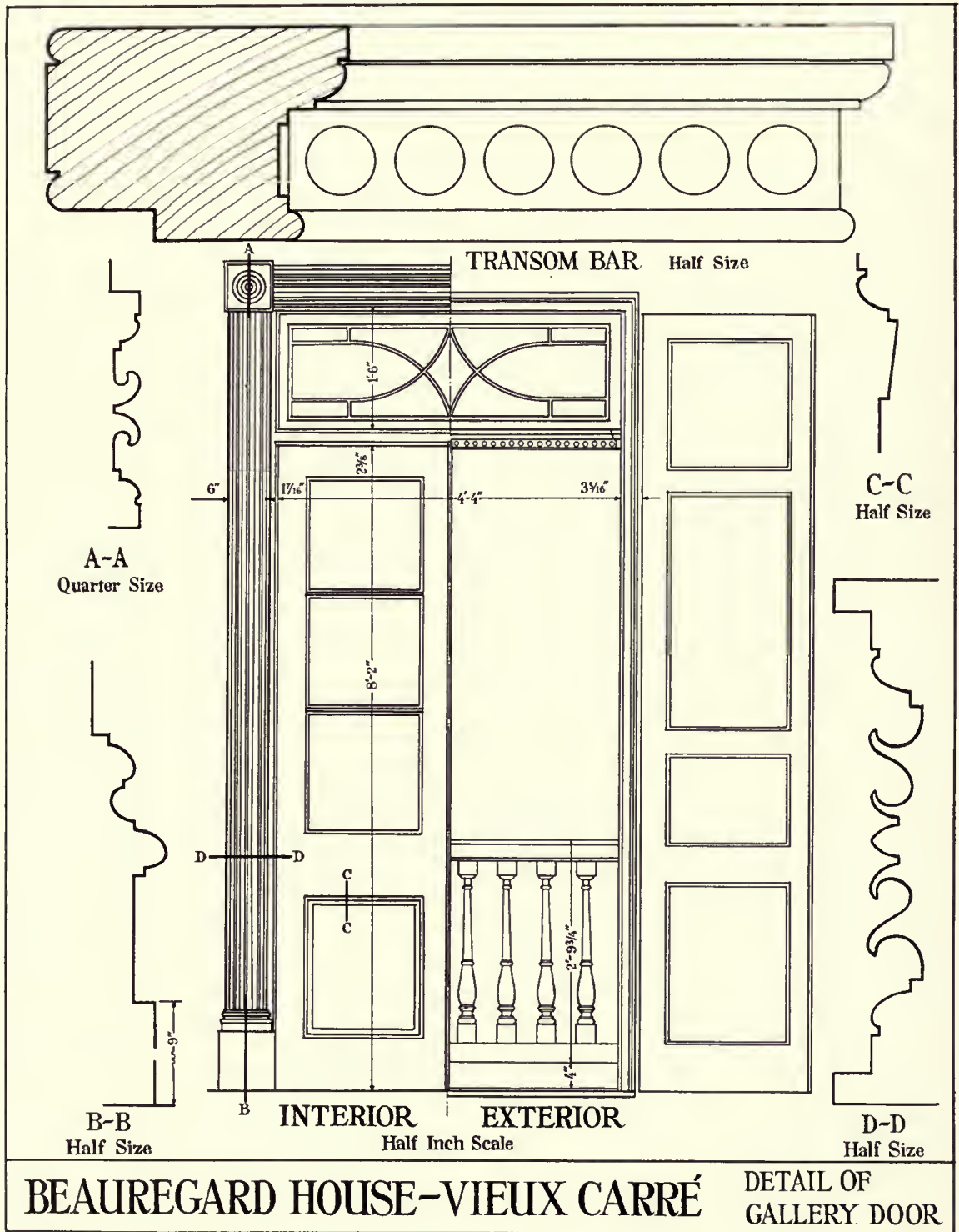
ORMOND PLANTATION

DETAIL OF INTERIOR STAIRCASE

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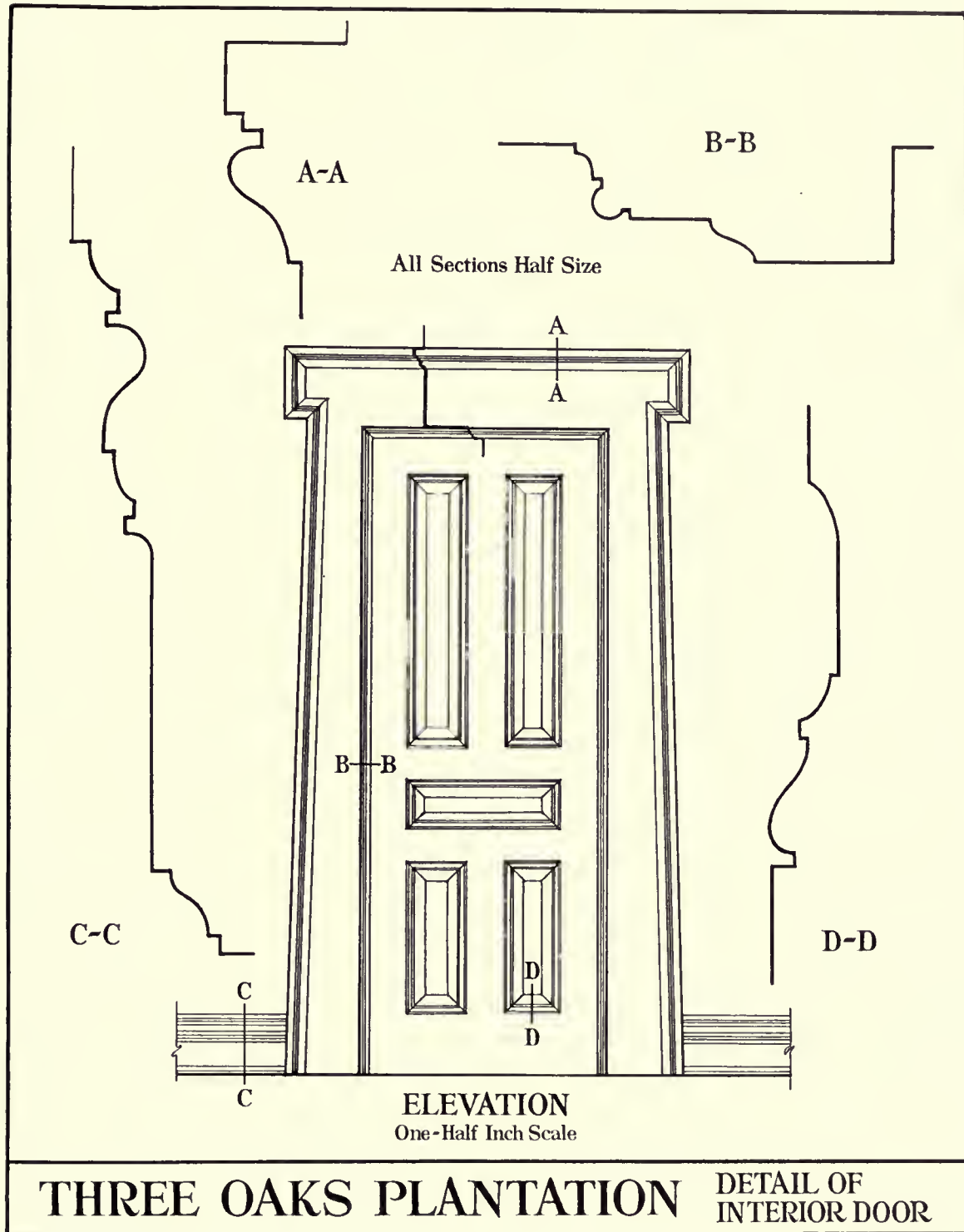
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Additional Drawings, 122 and 123



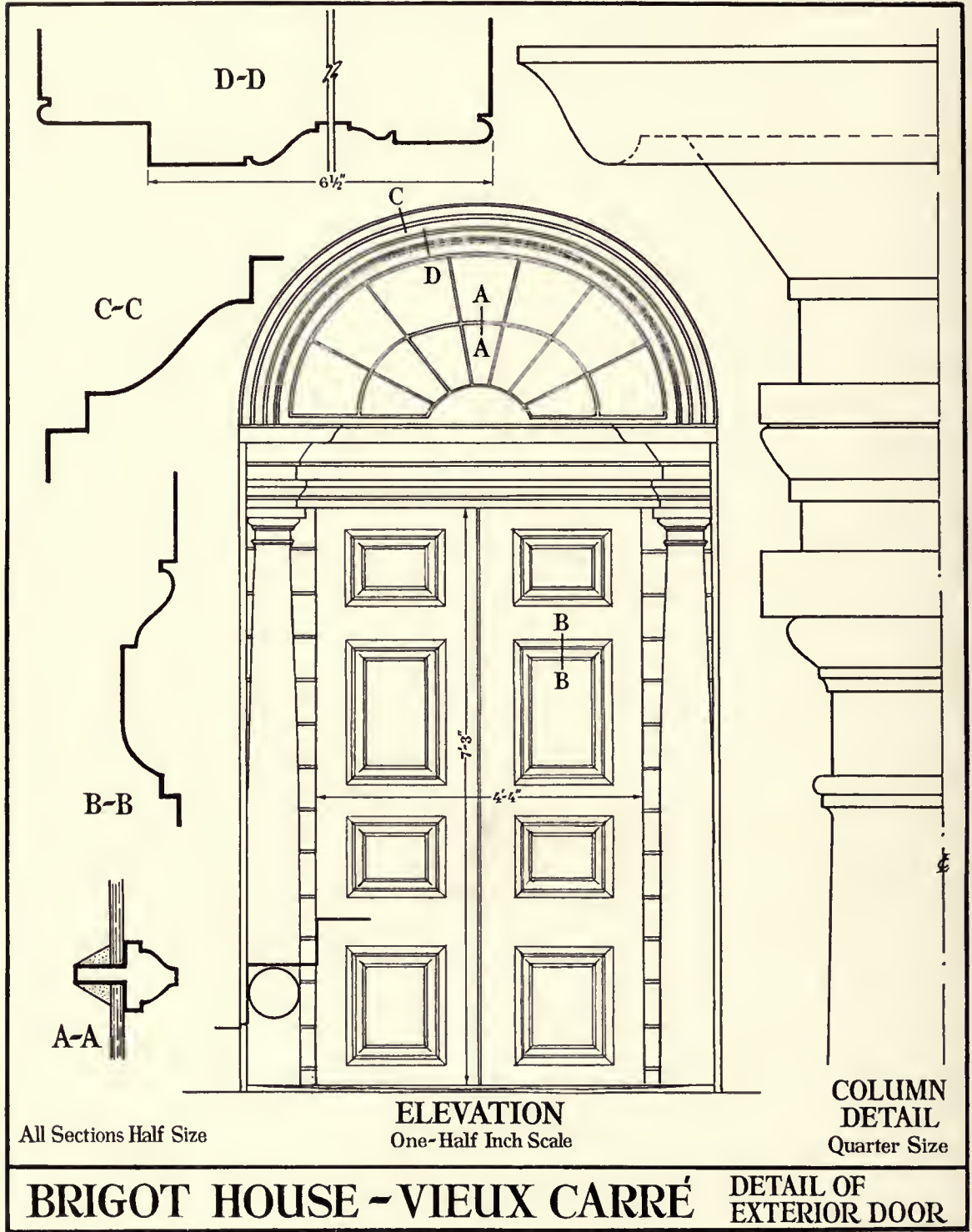
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Additional Illustrations, 70 and 96



House Illustrated, 41  
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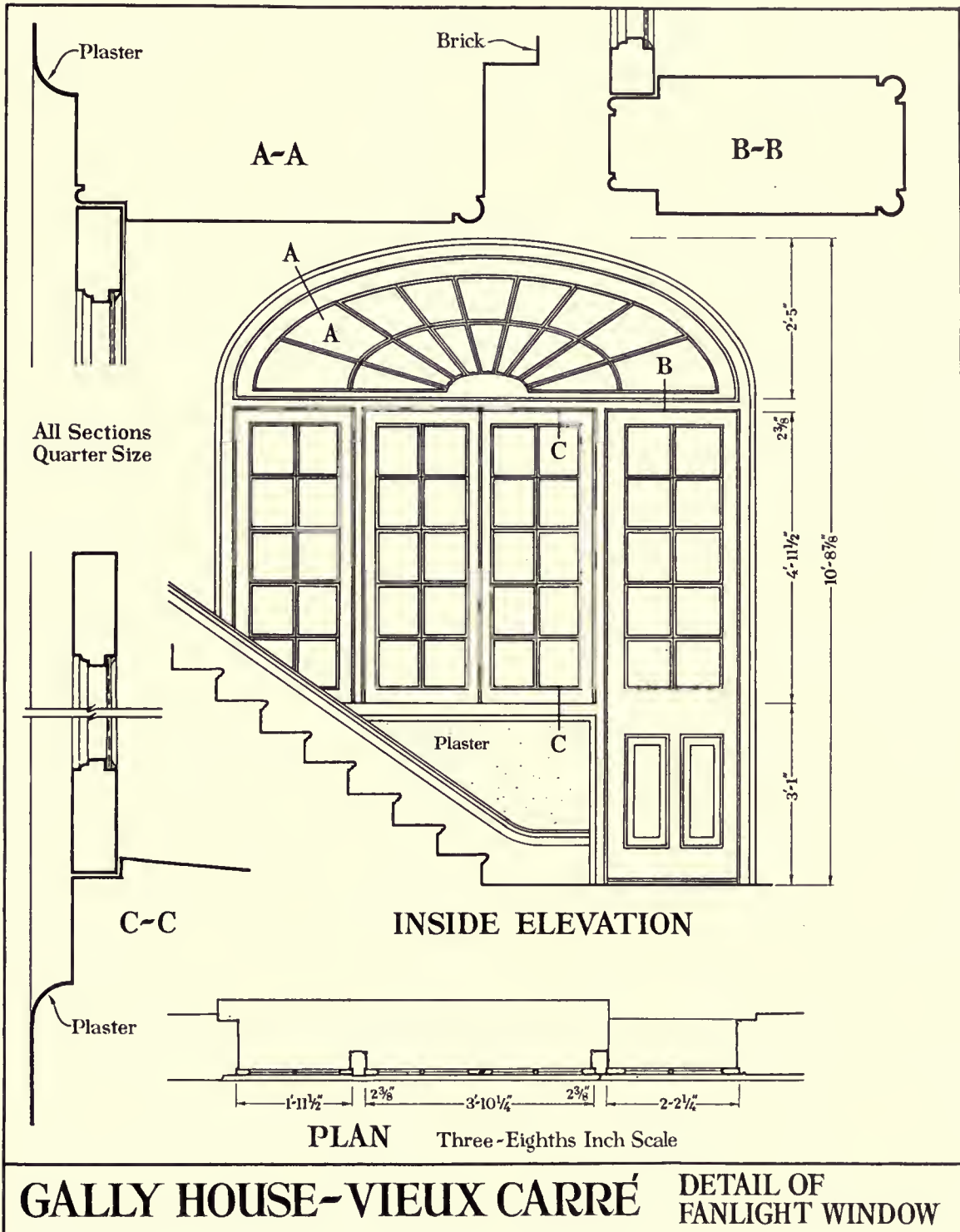


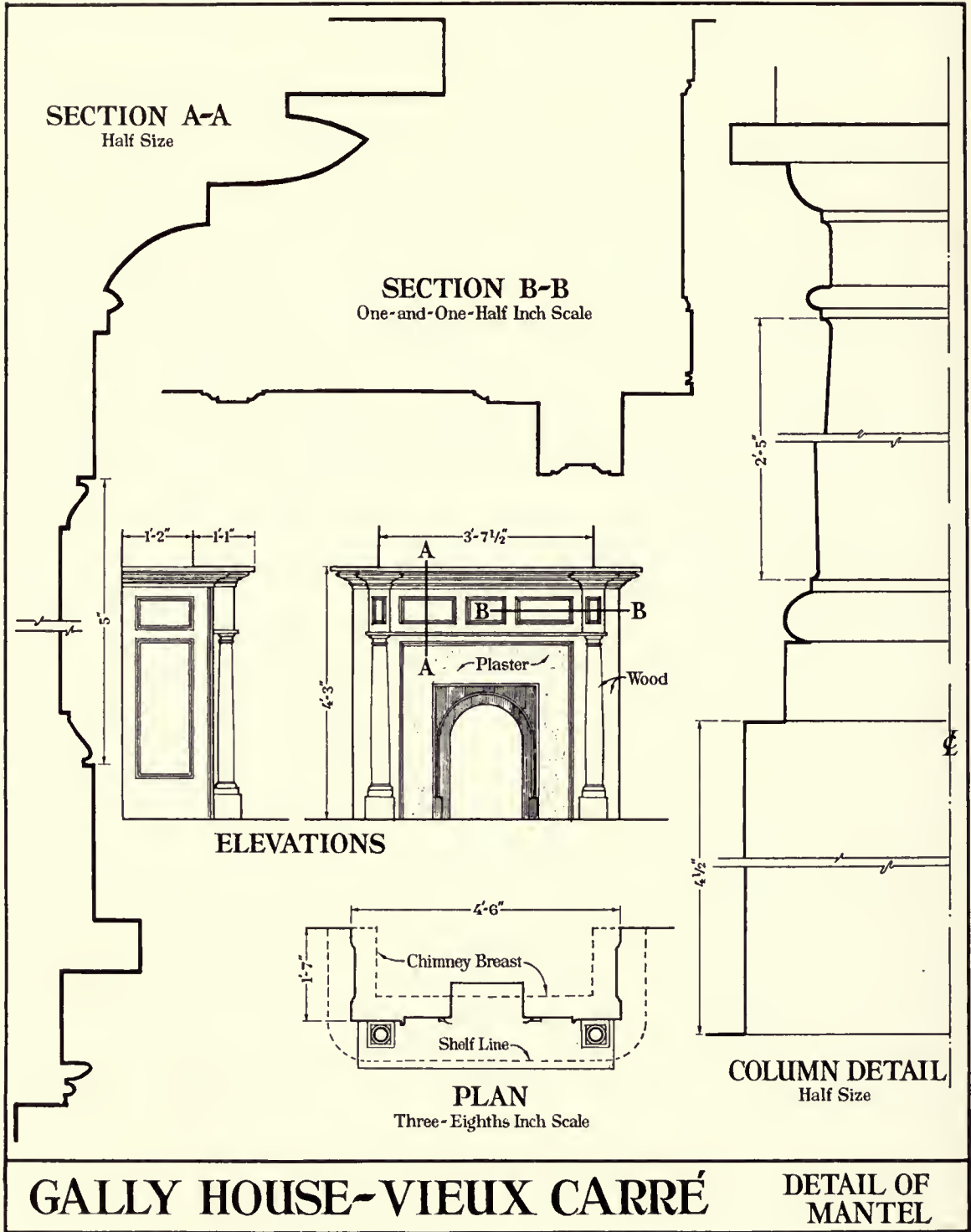
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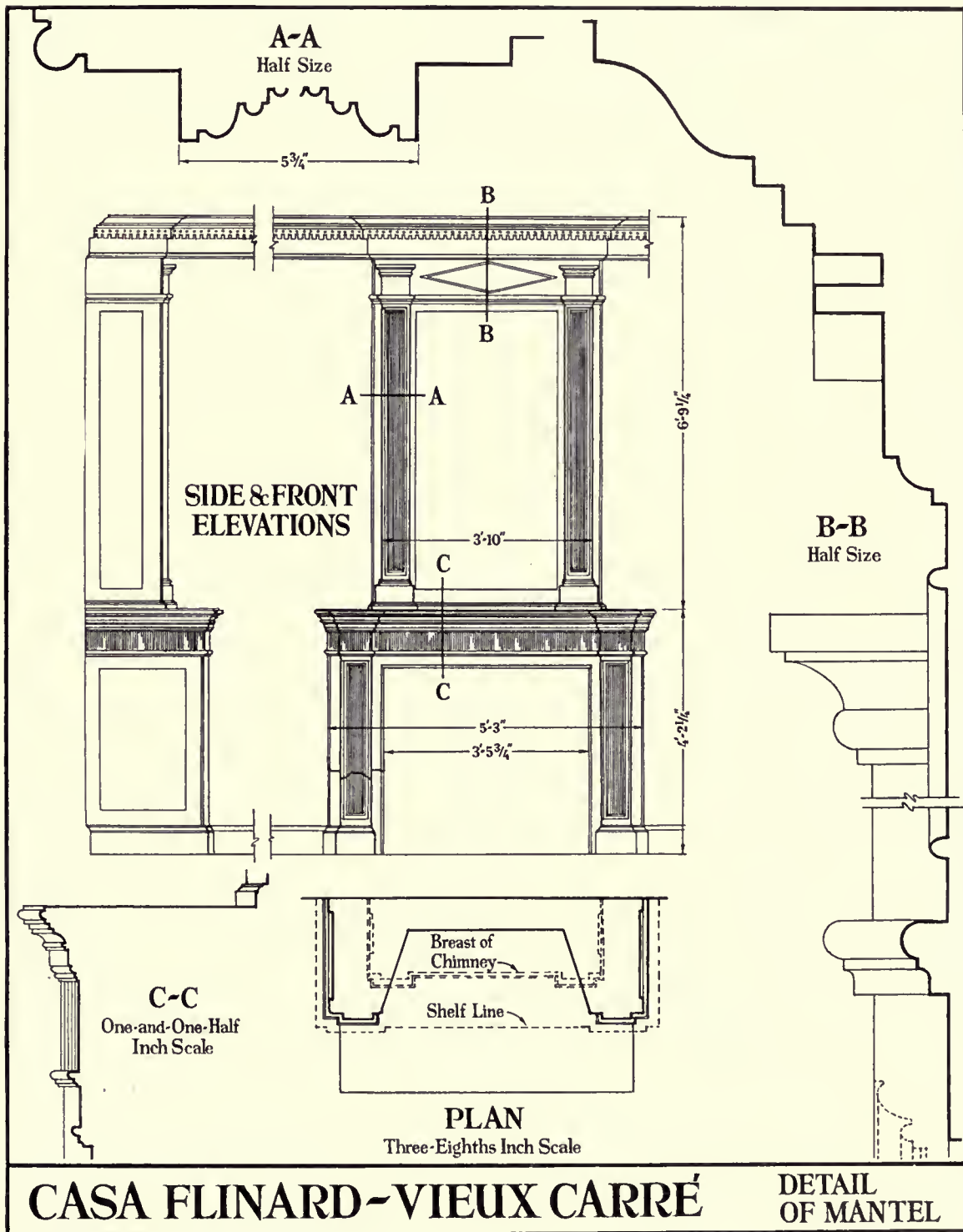




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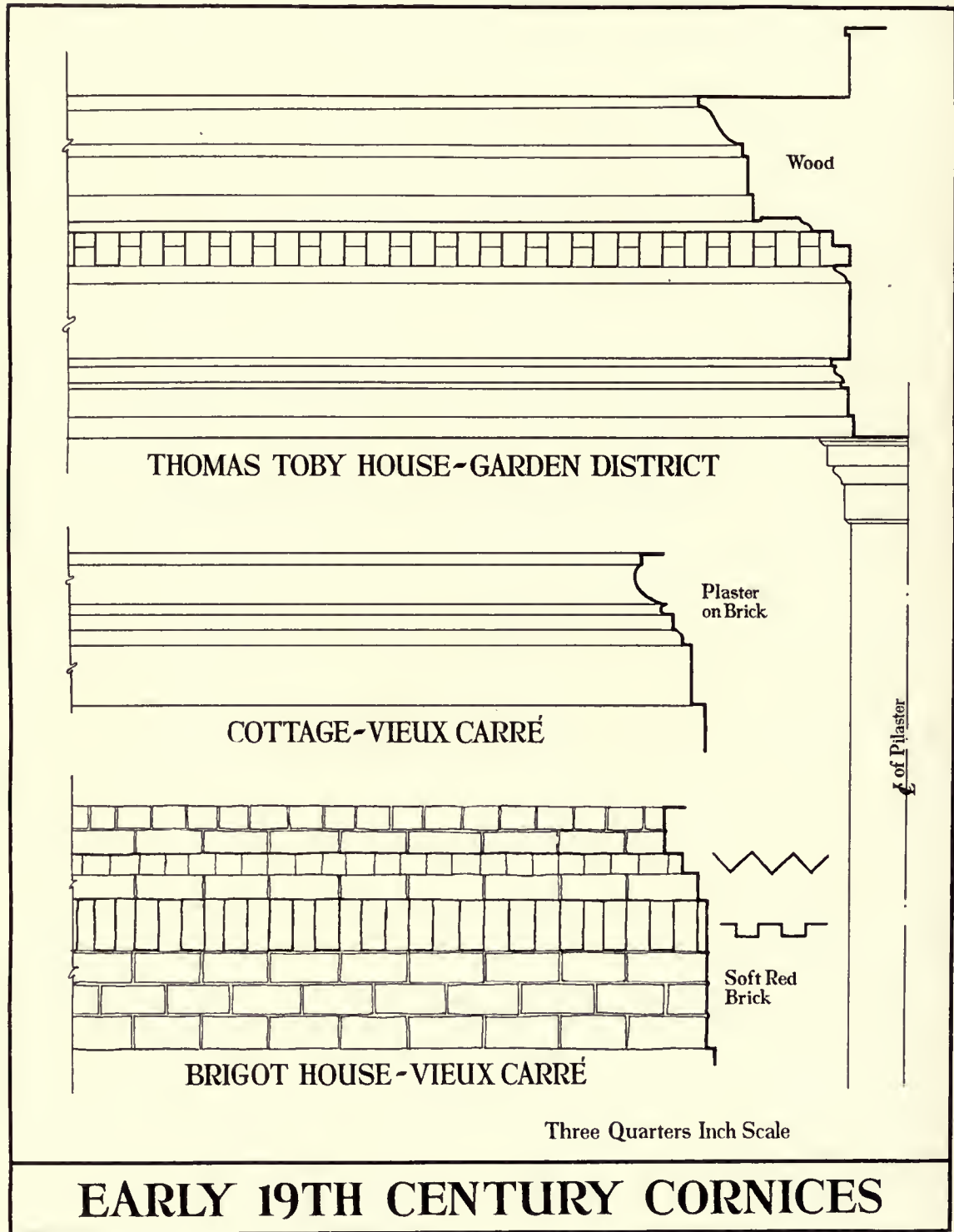
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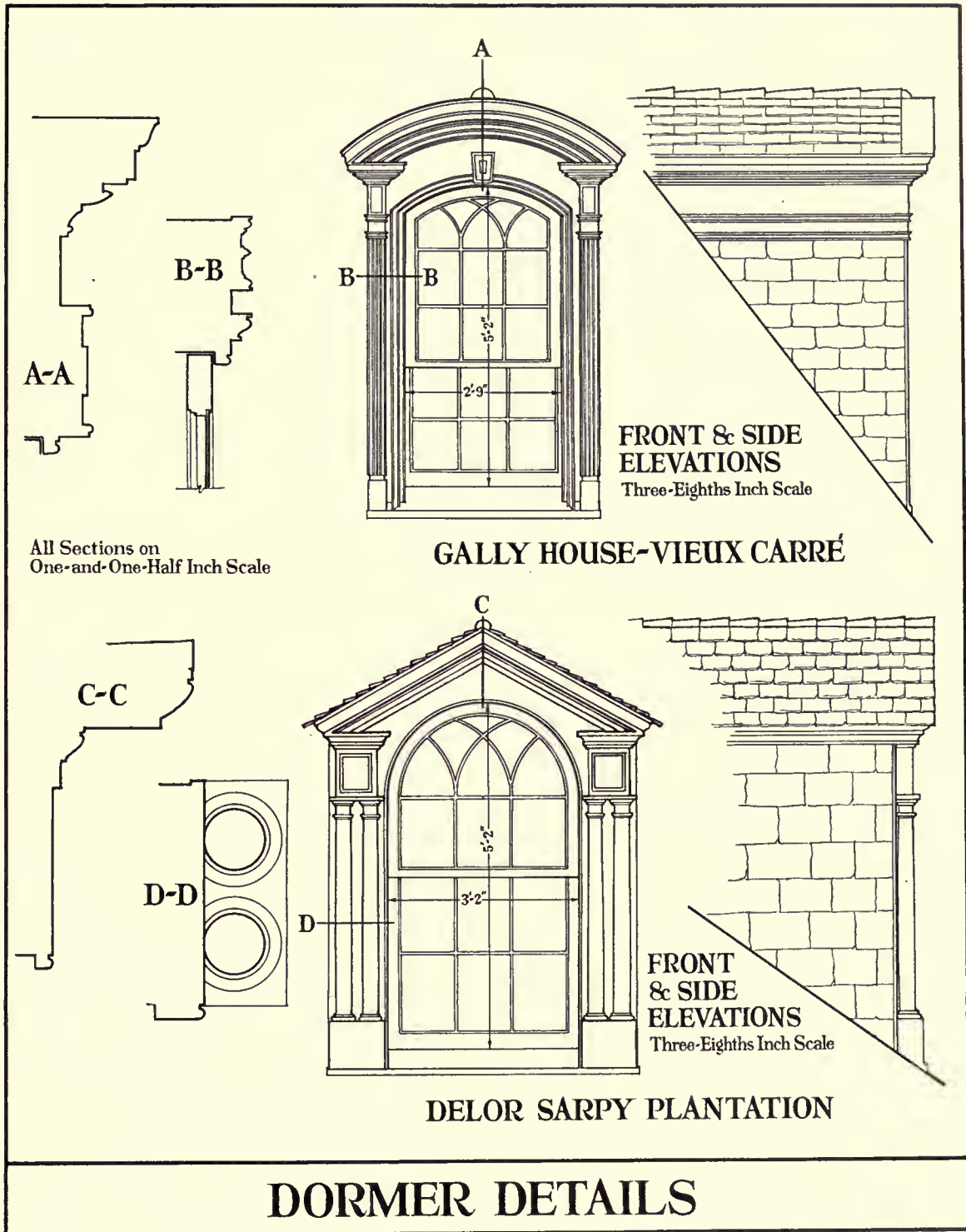
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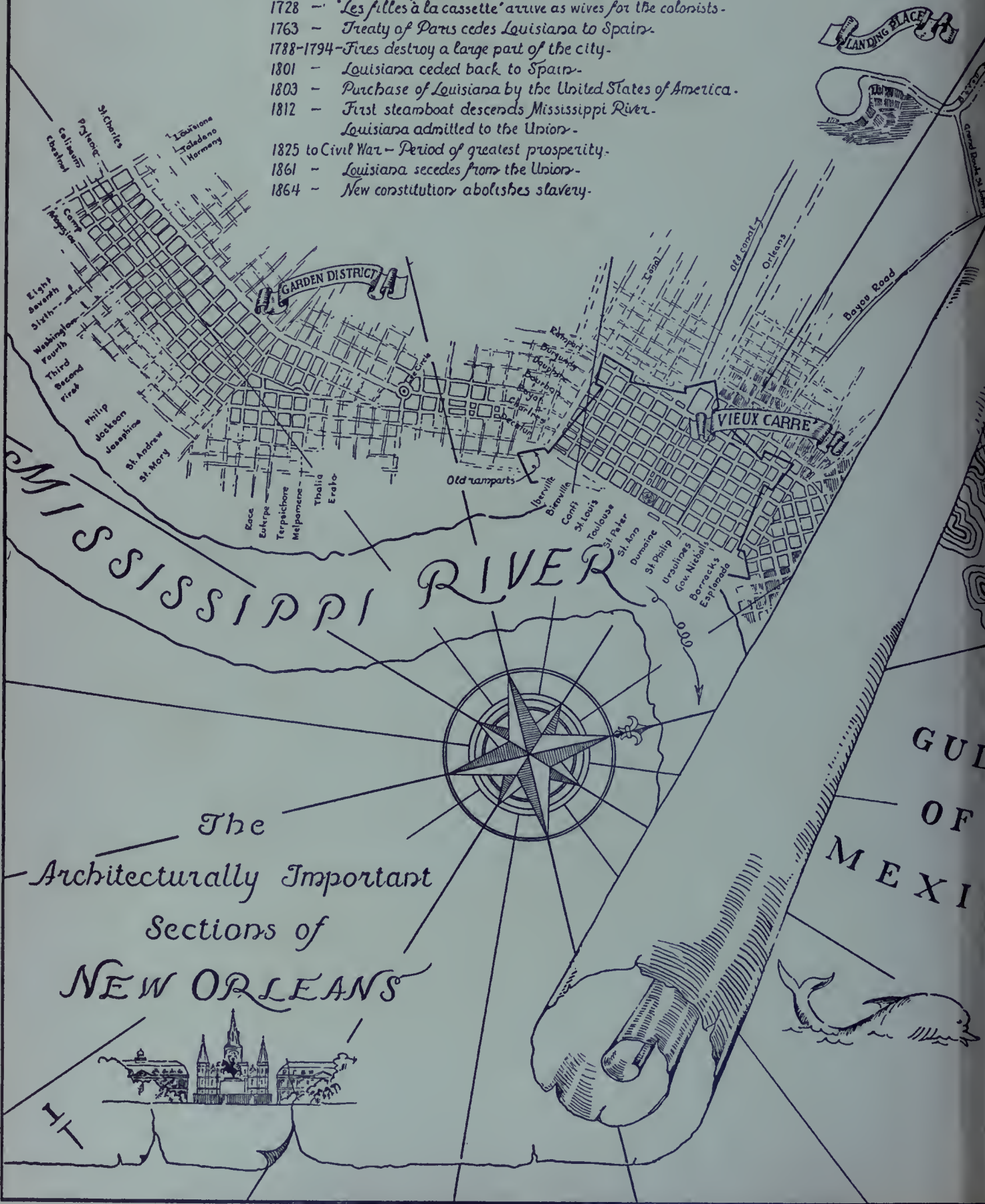


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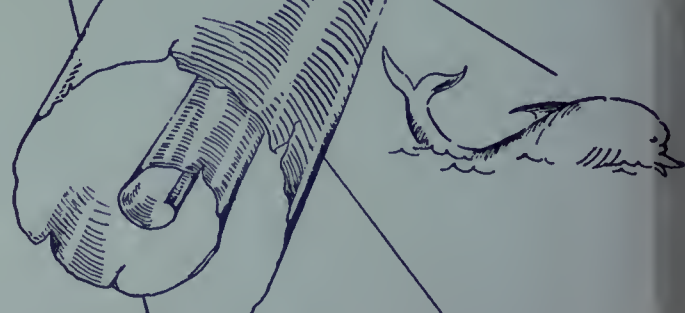


## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- 1682 - La Salle names territory 'Louisiana' in honor of Louis XIV. of France.
- 1718 - Bienville founds 'La Nouvelle Orleans'.
- 1728 - 'Les filles à la cassette' arrive as wives for the colonists.
- 1763 - Treaty of Paris cedes Louisiana to Spain.
- 1788-1794 - Fires destroy a large part of the city.
- 1801 - Louisiana ceded back to Spain.
- 1803 - Purchase of Louisiana by the United States of America.
- 1812 - First steamboat descends Mississippi River.  
Louisiana admitted to the Union.
- 1825 to Civil War - Period of greatest prosperity.
- 1861 - Louisiana secedes from the Union.
- 1864 - New constitution abolishes slavery.



The  
Architecturally Important  
Sections of  
NEW ORLEANS



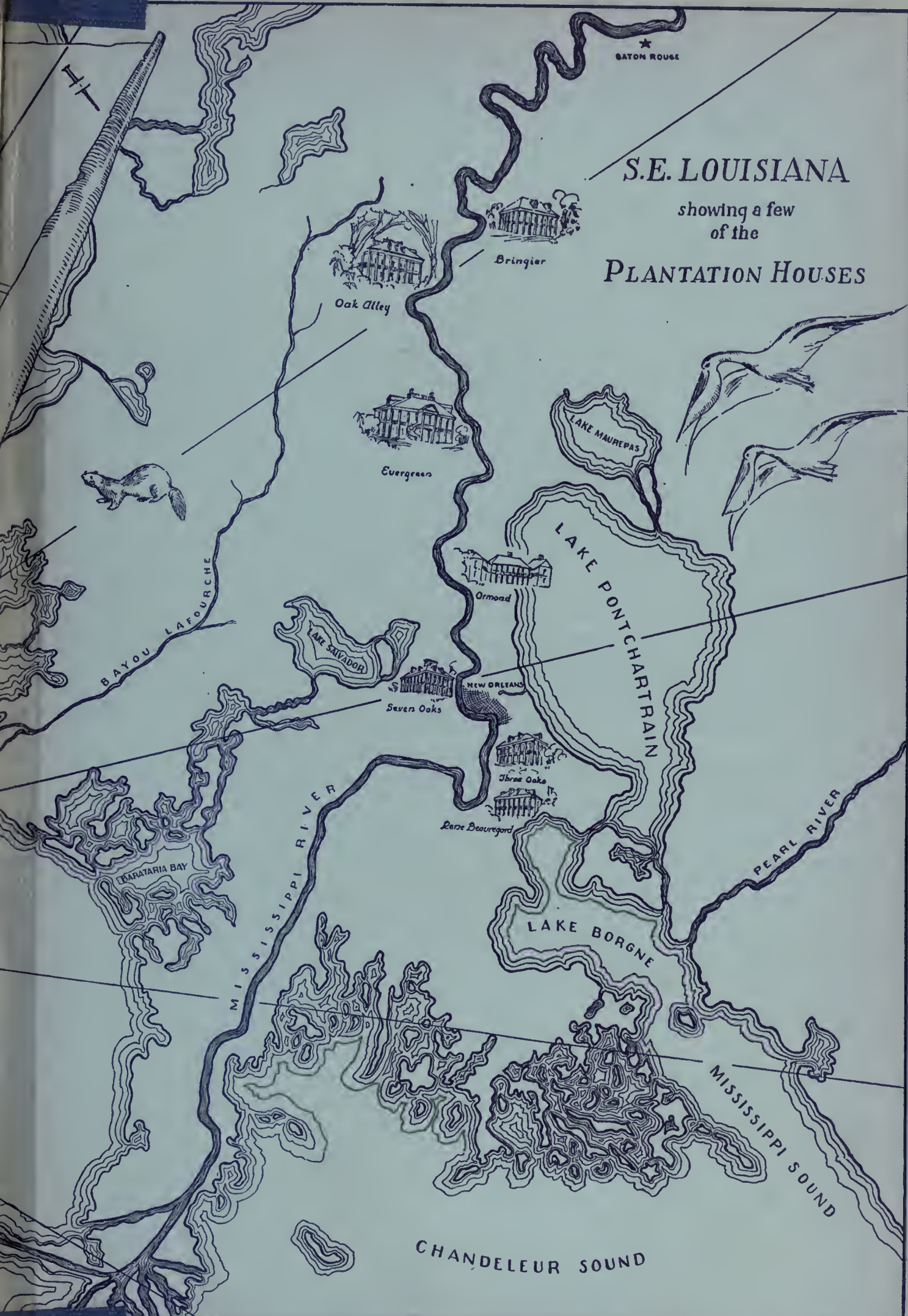


BATON ROUGE

# S.E. LOUISIANA

showing a few  
of the

## PLANTATION HOUSES



Oak Alley

Bringier

Evergreen

Ormond

Seven Oaks

Ibise Oaks

Rene Beaugerard

LAKE MAUREPAS

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

LAKE BORGNE

BAYOU LAFOURCHE

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

PEARL RIVER

TERREBONNE BAY

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