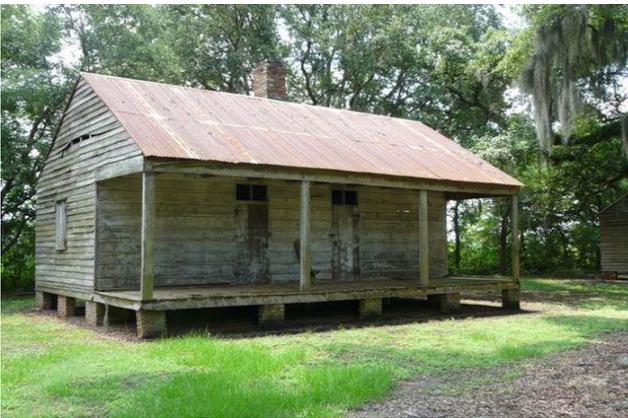


What if nobody cares?

We are fortunate that people cared enough about the Old State Capitol to preserve it. After it ceased being the Capitol, it housed various state offices but was virtually abandoned and near ruin until the Secretary of State's office took it over in 1991.

It takes time and money to preserve old buildings, which are a mirror of the period and the people who created them. But, what if nobody cares?

Below are examples of buildings that meant something to the community but are now gone. There are many examples on the Internet, but here's a start in looking up many more: <http://www.countryliving.com/real-estate/news/g3520/spectacular-demolished-buildings/> Locally, Preserve Louisiana and the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation (<https://lthp.org/>) work to educate about the importance of historic buildings and the story they tell about our humanity.



Tenant farmer's home, Poplar Grove Plantation, WBR Parish Louisiana School for the Deaf, EBR Parish

Take a STAND!

STEP One: Choose one of these forms of communication:

Campaign Slogan *Your words need to be particularly catchy and memorable and fit on a bumper sticker (about 3 1/2" high and 12" long) or a campaign button.*

Haiku *A haiku is an ancient form of Japanese poetry. The first line consists of only 5 syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third and final line has 5 syllables. Traditionally it is used to express the essence of something that evokes an emotional response or to describe the humanity of an element in the natural world. Here's an example:*

My story was lost

when the old house was torn down.

Some grass grows there now.

Rap *Choose this option if you are working with a group. Your rap needs to communicate your stand using concrete examples of why you feel as you do and be compelling enough to encourage others to support your stand.*

STEP Two: Share your results with the rest of your class and see if you have communicated your message effectively. If so, share your work (drawing of your campaign slogan or a video of your haiku delivery or rap performance) on-line via our FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/LAOldStateCapitol/>