CREOLES AND THEIR HOUSES

STANDARDS: The material in this unit may be used to address the following Social Studies Standards:

G-1C-E4       H-1A-E3       H-1A-M4
G-1D-E1       H-1D-M6       H-1B-H1

EXPENSIVE TASTES:

Creoles liked to live and dress well
Floors of cypress
Straw mats used on floor in summer
Candles rather than oil lamps for illumination
Canopy beds and mirrored armoires
Private altars in bedrooms
Larger homes had enormous dining rooms for social events and entertaining
House always open to friends and travelers

CLIMATIC INFLUENCES:

People more concerned with heat than cold
House had:
   High ceilings and windows
   Patios and balconies
   Open galleries
   Galleries sometimes decorated and used as outdoor rooms

INSECT PROBLEMS:

Mosquitoes from earl June to October
   Beds draped with protective netting
   Fumigating smoke to keep insects away