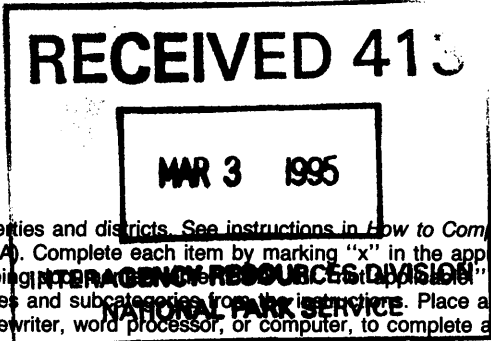


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, mark "N/A". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dautreuil House

other names/site number La Maison Louie Bed and Breakfast

2. Location

street & number 517 East Bridge Street N/A not for publication

city or town St. Martinville N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county St. Martin code 099 zip code 70582

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Gerry Hobdy 2/27/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Gerry Hobdy, Date
LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for
Edson K. Beall Signature of the Keeper
Entered in the National Register 3/30/95 Date of Action

Dautreuil House
Name of Property

St. Martin Parish, LA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Other: French Creole

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls brick

roof metal
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

c.1840

Significant Dates

c.1840

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

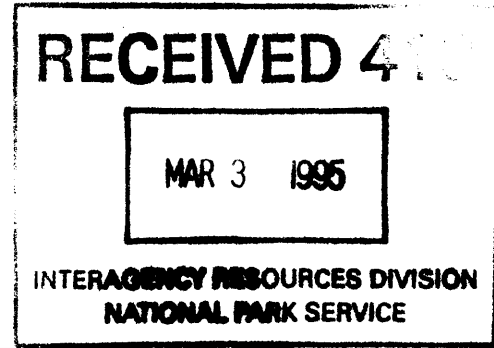
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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The Dautreuil House is a single story brick residence with Creole and Greek Revival influences. It is located on a corner lot in an older residential area near downtown St. Martinville. Despite additions to the rear and a new front porch, the house retains the bulk of its c.1840 character.

The common bond brick house features a central hall with two rooms on each side. A steep staircase ascends from the rear of the hall to a capacious unfinished attic. The house is hesitantly styled in the Greek Revival mode. Features include: 1) the pediment shaped top of the front doorway on the interior; 2) the long bolection molded panels on the ceilings throughout; and 3) the boldly formed plaster molded mantel in the front west room. There are also two Creole features: 1) the distinctive gablet ended roofline and 2) the French doors on the facade that provide access to the two front rooms.

Alterations

The physical evidence indicates that originally the house did not have a front gallery, which is quite unusual for Louisiana. The angle of the front rafters, which is established by the historic roof structural system, does not provide for an overhang of any kind. In addition, the front openings reach so high on the facade that there is virtually no room for a gallery roof to be attached. "Ghost marks" indicate that originally the front doorway was surmounted by an applied plaster lintel with a pointed top roughly suggesting a pediment. This feature was lost when the present owner acquired the house, and the ghost marks have been partially covered by a recently installed front porch (see below). The first documented front porch on the house is shown on a 1927 Sanborn map. The map shows the house with a gallery across the front and the distinctive gablet roof labeled "FR GABLE." By the 1930s/40s a new pitched roof that covered over the gablets had been built (per photos in owner's possession). When the present owner acquired the house, this roofline survived, and a bungalow style porch spanned the facade. Fortunately, the gablets were not destroyed and the gablet roofline was restored as part of a 1994 renovation. At that time the bungalow porch was removed and a shed roof gallery with simple chamfered posts was added.

Other changes include:

- 1) There is a rear frame ell wing which appears to date from

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the early twentieth century. (It appears on the 1927 Sanborn map.)

2) The interior doors, although they appear to be mid-nineteenth century, have been moved around as evidenced by their twentieth century hinges and ghost marks showing where hinges had been mounted.

3) The rear west room exterior door was once a window. The Sanborn map shows a frame lean-to addition in this location. Obviously the window was converted as this time to provide access to the addition.

4) The original mantels were gone in three of the four rooms when the present owner acquired the house. All that was in the front east room was a shelf and this remains. Specially made wraparound mantels in the Greek Revival style were installed in the two rear rooms.

5) The present concrete floor was added in the 1940s.

6) The central hall was furred out a few feet to make room for a bathroom when the present owner acquired the house. The bathroom was accessed via a door from the hall. This opening was removed and the space is now used as a closet.

7) A frame shed roof bathroom was added behind the east rear room as part of the 1994 renovation project. For purposes of privacy, a set of French doors like those on the front of the house were removed and replaced by solid double leaf doors. The French doors were then relocated to the opening between the west rear room and the ell wing.

Assessment of Integrity:

Although the Dautreuil House has experienced various changes over the years, it retains most of its c.1840 character, including its distinctive gablet roofline, floorplan, paneled ceilings, staircase, one mantel and most of its original exterior openings, including those across the facade. The matter of how early the house acquired a porch will most likely remain a mystery. In reference to the present appearance of the house, it is known that at least in 1927 (Sanborn map) the gablet roofline and a front porch existed simultaneously.

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The Dautreuil House is locally significant as an architectural landmark within St. Martinville. It is one of relatively few buildings remaining to represent the town's earliest architectural history.

The parish seat of St. Martinville is among Louisiana's oldest communities, having been settled in the eighteenth century and incorporated as a town in 1817. Located at the head of navigation on Bayou Teche, it thrived in the antebellum period, and up until the late nineteenth century, due to its status as a major interior port. Despite the town's great age, there are only a limited number of pre-Civil War buildings surviving. Admittedly St. Martinville has more antebellum buildings (20-25) than most Louisiana communities; however, this is a small number when one considers what this bustling town must have looked like on the eve of the Civil War. It is also a relatively small number when one considers that there are 200-300 buildings in the community that are fifty years old or older. In short, today's St. Martinville is predominantly a late nineteenth/early twentieth century townscape, despite the presence of notable antebellum landmarks such as St. Martin of Tours Church (NR) and the Castillo Hotel (NR). Among the roughly 20-25 surviving antebellum buildings in the community are institutional buildings, commercial/residential buildings, and residences such as the Dautreuil House. Collectively, these are immensely important buildings because they represent the town's earliest architectural patrimony. The Dautreuil House is particularly conspicuous among this group because of its distinctive, character-defining gabled roofline, which fortunately has been restored.

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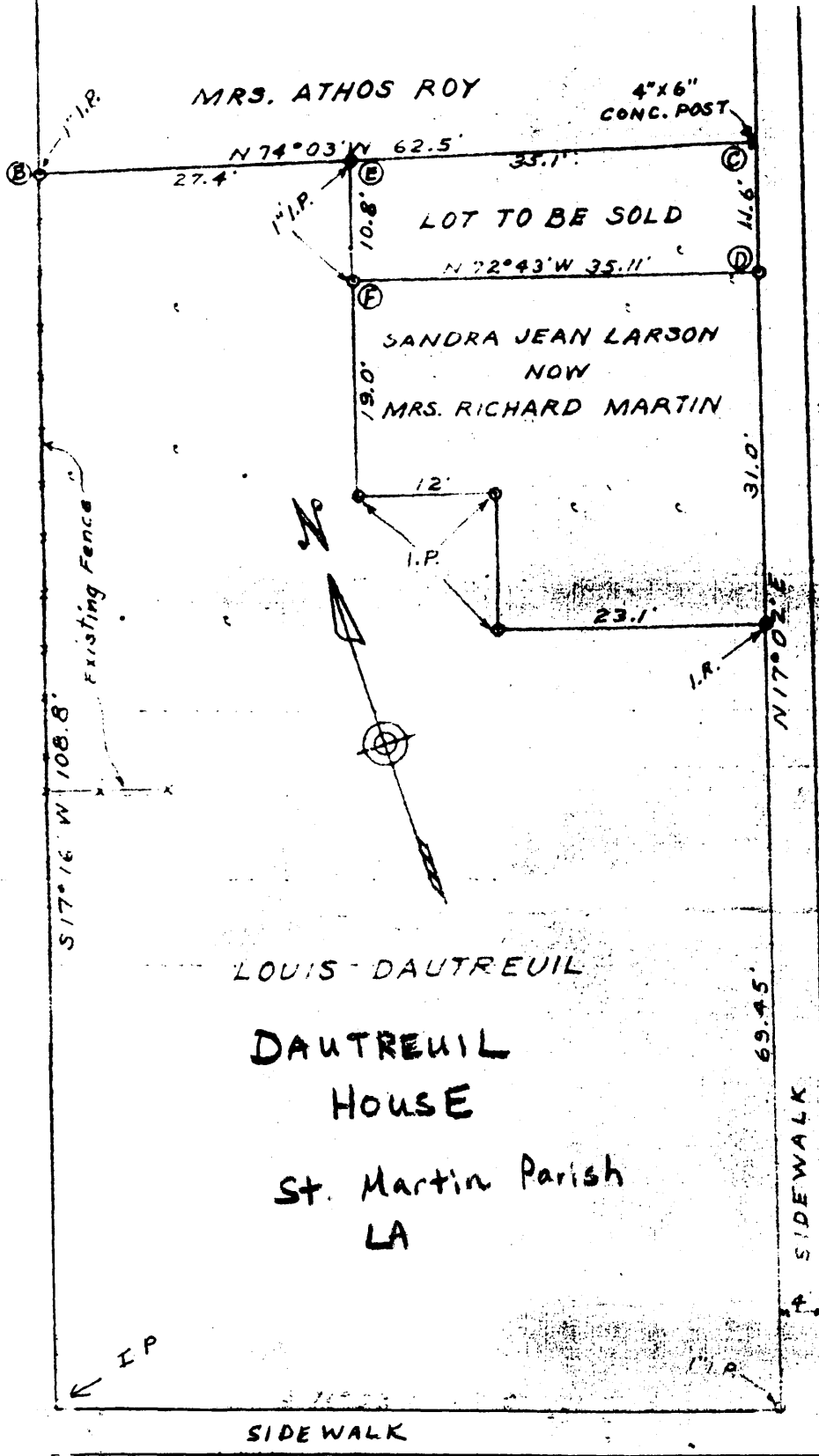
1930s/'40s photographs of Dautreuil House.

Partial chain-of-title, St. Martin Parish conveyance records.

Boundary Description: Please refer to enclosed property plat map.

Boundary Justification: Boundaries follow property lines of parcel of
land upon which nominated resource is located.

ROSA LASSEIGNE



CEMETERY STREET

LOUIS DAUTREUIL
DAUTREUIL
HOUSE
St. Martin Parish
LA

BRIDGE STREET

That certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, irregular in shape, measuring 62 feet front on Bridge Street, and bounded, now or formerly, on the North by Mrs. Athos Roy and by Sandra L. Martin, South by Bridge Street, East by Cemetery Street and Sandra L. Martin, and West by Rosa Lasseigne.



Surveyed by: Herman L. Bienvenu, O.E. 460