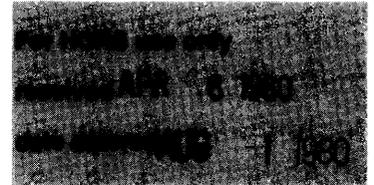


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hart House

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number at the northern terminus of Iowa St.  not for publication

city, town Baton Rouge  vicinity of congressional district 6th-Henson Moore

state La. code 022 county East Baton Rouge Parish code 033

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission

street & number P. O. Box 15887

city, town Baton Rouge  vicinity of state Louisiana 70895

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Baton Rouge  vicinity of state La.

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Louisiana Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge  vicinity of state La.

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Hart house is set in a private garden in a mid-twentieth century residential area of Baton Rouge. Boundaries were drawn to include the garden, the house, a late-nineteenth century gazebo and an old board and batten garage.

The house itself is a one and one-half story, frame Queen Anne Revival structure with a partial "wrap around" front gallery and a large central semi-octagonal dormer. The plan is centered around an "L" shaped hall which encompasses a rear living room with an elaborate Colonial Revival mantel. There are three bedrooms with replaced mantels and a rear kitchen-dining room wing.

This rear wing was substantially enlarged in the mid-twentieth century. Other changes made at that time include: (1) the addition of a bathroom on the side gallery; (2) the replacement of the gallery floor; (3) the replacement of window and door cornices on the front facade; and (4) the addition of a cast iron door and ballustrade. Despite these changes the house still conveys a turn-of-the-century appearance.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**    c. 1904                      **Builder/Architect**    Builder-Robert A. Hart

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**                      Criterion B

The Hart House is historically significant due to its association with Robert A. Hart, a prominent Baton Rouge businessman and land developer who was mayor of the city from 1898 until 1902. Hart purchased Magnolia Mound Plantation in 1904, but never occupied the old home himself. He chose instead to have the home now known as the Hart House built nearby as his residence.

Baton Rouge was incorporated in 1898 and Hart was the first mayor of the newly incorporated city. A lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, Hart was highly esteemed by his contemporaries. A 1901 source included the following assessment: "Mayor Robert A. Hart, the guiding financier of city affairs, is thoroughly a man of the people of Baton Rouge, and it has been partly through his keen business instincts that matters of city improvement have progressed most successfully." Hart died in Baton Rouge in 1939. The first line of his obituary read: "There passed away yesterday a gentleman who knew Baton Rouge as do few of this generation." For these reasons, it seems quite obvious that Hart was a locally prominent individual and that his house, therefore, is locally significant.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Baton Rouge State Times, May 26, 1939.

Elks' Souvenir of Baton Rouge, 1901.

Research Report Prepared by Marion Hart LeBlanc, located in Hart House National Register File, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

~~Vertical File, Baton Rouge Mayors, Louisiana Room, LSU Library, Baton Rouge.~~

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property approx. 4.5 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached city plat map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mr. and Mrs. John T. Anderson

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date December 1979

street & number Box 173 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Baton Rouge state La. 70821

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national     state     local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/27/80

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>8/1/80</u>
Attest: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Chief of Registration	date <u>7/28/80</u>

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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Acts of the Louisiana Legislature, 1898.

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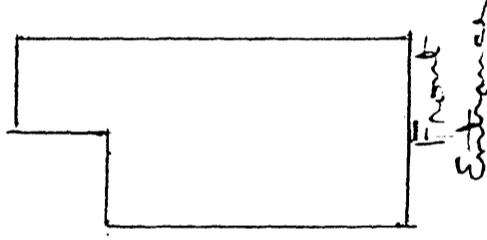
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TERMINUS OF IOWA ST.

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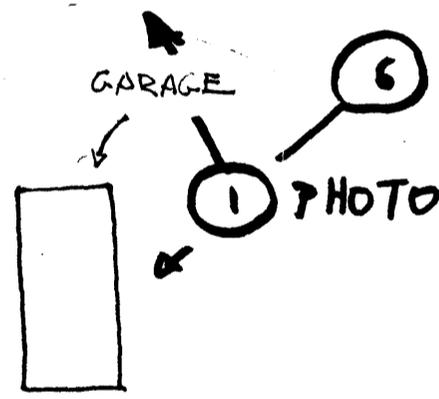
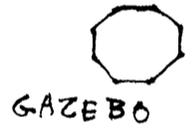
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139.77'

3 PHOTO

2 PHOTO



5 PHOTO

260.5'

480'

SCALE 1" = 50'  
4.51 1/2 acres

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REAR FENCE OF  
MAGNOLIA MOUND  
HISTORIC TOURIST  
SITE

