

STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY

Site Number BUILDING #3

I. PARISH Lafayette

MUNICIPALITY Broussard

USGS QUAD _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

TYPE OF PROPERTY residential

NAME (common) none (known by st. address)

NAME (historic) Billeaud House (BMRA)

ADDRESS 303 W. Main St.

Broussard, LA 70518

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1907

II. 1. Condition good

2. Style see below

3. Floor Plan see below

4. Building Material see below

(PHOTOGRAPH)

III. Physical description of property and historic significance

This rambling, frame, story and a half, Queen Anne-Colonial Revival house has an asymmetrical hall-less plan. The Ionic front gallery protrudes to encompass a semioctagonal bay under a shingled gable. The hip roof features large decorated dormers on three sides. The carport and the brick bases for the columns were added in the 1920's.

About half of Lafayette Parish's Queen Anne Revival style residences have semioctagonal bays. Of these, the subject property is one of the five or six largest. It is also one of very few where the massing is enlivened by the use of a protruding gallery section as described above. It is also one of very few which has a large two bay dormer. For these reasons, it is a landmark in the turn-of-the-century architectural heritage of Lafayette Parish.

The above house was built by Charles Billeaud c.1907. He and his wife raised nine children here. After Billeaud's death in 1946, the house was sold to the Gusman family, who lived there for about two years. After 1948 it became rental property until its sale to Reverend P. J. Kemps in 1959. The present owners, who acquired the house in 1976, are in the process of restoring it.

IV. Recorded by see nomination form-Item 7

V. Sources consulted see nomination form-Item 9

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