

STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY

Site Number #8

I. PARISH Rapides

MUNICIPALITY N/A

USGS QUAD Gardner, LA

Township 4N Range 3W Section 77

TYPE OF PROPERTY Residence

NAME (common) Eden

NAME (historic) Same

ADDRESS ^{off} Hwy. 121 near intersection with Hwy. 1200, four miles from Boyce.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1850

II. 1. Condition Good

2. Style Greek Revival

3. Floor Plan See below

4. Building Material Wood frame

UTMs: 15/530600/3466180

photos attached

III. Physical description of property and historic significance

Although family history suggests Eden was built c.1830 by Pleasant H. Hunter, the heavy ogee moldings indicate a somewhat later date. The house has a central hall plan, two rooms deep, and a rear "L" wing. The hall has an ample staircase with a heavy, turned newel post. All four original aedicule style mantels survive as do the four original chimneys with their decorative corbelled tops.

In addition to its significance as a Bayou Rapides Neo-Classical residence, Eden is also significant for its mahogany false graining. All the four panel doors on the ground story feature high quality flame and burl graining. It is thought to be the only example of false graining in Rapides Parish.

Since construction the rear has been extended with a lean-to, three new rear windows have been added, the front gallery has been screened in, a false gallery has been installed, and a side carport has been added. In our opinion these changes should be regarded as minimal in that they have not obscured the house's basic character.

To the rear of the house is an old log crib which is listed as a contributing element. The garage and the frame shed are less than 50 years old and are listed as non-contributing elements.

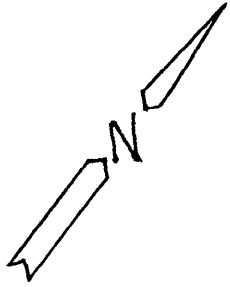
IV. Recorded by N/A

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V. Sources consulted N/A

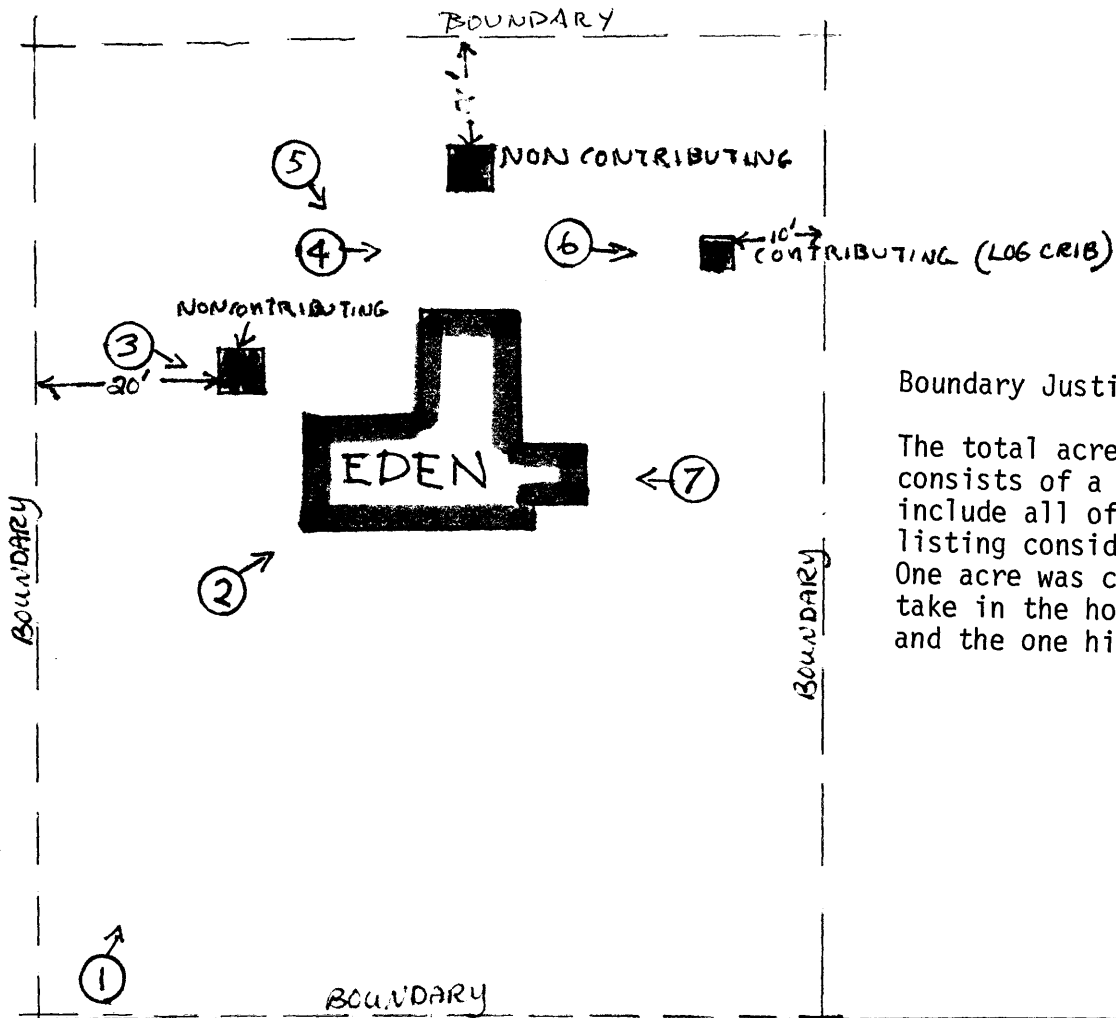
Bayou Rapides Thematic Nomination
Rapides Parish, LA



APPROX. 1
ACRE

NORTH WEST, NORTHEAST,
& SOUTHWEST BOUNDARY
LINES PARALLEL THE
FACADES OF THE MAIN
HOUSE. THE SOUTHEAST
BOUNDARY FOLLOWS
HWY 121

NOT TO SCALE



Boundary Justification:

The total acreage under single ownership consists of a large amount of land. To include all of it would have involved listing considerable unrelated acreage. One acre was considered sufficient to take in the house, its immediate setting, and the one historic outbuilding.