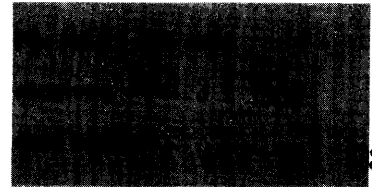


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Iberville Parish Court House (1848-1906)⁹ (Plaquemine City Hall)
and/or common Plaquemine City Hall (1906-to date)

2. Location

street & number 209 Main Street not for publication
city, town Plaquemine vicinity of congressional district 8th - Gillis Long
state Louisiana code 022 county Iberville code 075

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 City of Plaquemine
street & number 209 Main Street
city, town Plaquemine vicinity of state Louisiana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Iberville Parish Courthouse
street & number Railroad Avenue
city, town Plaquemine state Louisiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. State 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 state Louisiana

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Plaquemine City Hall is set behind the Bayou Plaquemine levee near the northeastern edge of the business district of Plaquemine.

The stuccoed brick building has a central council chamber flanked by pairs of offices. There is also a rear wing. The council chamber is recessed within the facade to provide a large space behind the front portico. The building has 18-foot ceilings which have been lowered to a height of 13 feet. Two of the offices have been paneled over. The only other major change in the building has been the addition of a metal-sided rear wing.

The building is five bays wide, with a central attenuated pedimented portico consisting of four simple Doric columns, an unornamented frieze, and a plain tympanum. Most of the unornamented windows have six panes over six. There are also a few which have six panes over nine.

Detailing is simple, with triple framing boards which give the effect of moldings around the doorways. The front door is noteworthy for its multiple panel effect, and for its ear molded pedimented frame.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1848 **Builder/Architect** George and Thomas Weldon

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria A & C

Plaquemine City Hall with its stark articulation and handsome tetrastyle Doric portico is a fine local example of the Greek Revival style. It is the only fully developed Greek Revival structure in Plaquemine's downtown area, most of which is characterized by late 19th and early 20th century commercial development. It is therefore an important part of the city's architectural legacy.

The Plaquemine City Hall is also of significance in the area of politics/government since it was the Iberville Parish Courthouse from 1848-1906 and the City Hall from 1906 to date. Thus it was the seat of parish government for over a half century and then the seat of city government for nearly three-quarters of a century afterward.

The building was constructed in 1848 when the police jury purchased the site. The contractor was the firm of George and Thomas Weldon of Natchez. The cost of construction was \$16,119.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Conrad, Glenn R., Carl A. Brasseaux, and R. Warren Robinson, The Courthouses of Louisiana (Lafayette: University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1977), p. 90. Iberville Parish Conveyance Records.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1/2 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries (as shown on sketch map) were drawn to recognize the views of the City Hall from Church Street and Main Street. They also exclude the adjacent modern fire station from the nominated area.

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

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Stanley R. Hebert, Mayor, City of Plaquemine

organization _____ date November 1979

street & number 209 Main Street telephone (504) 687-3116

city or town Plaquemine state Louisiana

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 J. Donald Lamm

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/21/80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Sally B. Deleh</u>	date <u>5/31/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Beth Grosvenor</u>	date <u>5/27/80</u>
Chief of Registration	

