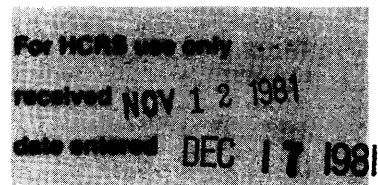


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Beauregard Parish Jail

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Courthouse Square, Hwy. 171 (Pine St.), downtown DeRidder not for publication

city, town DeRidder _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 7th—John Breaux

state LA code 22 county Beauregard Parish code 011

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: jail

4. Owner of Property

name Beauregard Parish Police Jury

street & number P. O. Box 310 318-463-7019

city, town DeRidder _____ vicinity of _____ state LA 70634

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Beauregard Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town DeRidder _____ state LA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1981 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge _____ state LA

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 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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Beauregard Parish Jail is connected by tunnel to the adjacent parish courthouse. Both are located on a large courthouse green in the central business district of DeRidder. Although both buildings were completed in 1914, they are of completely divergent styles. The courthouse is opulently Beaux Arts, while the jail is constructed in a manner evocative of a sort of Gothic keep.

The four-story, concrete building has a grey stucco finish with exposed aggregate. The three-story central block has a central spiral staircase made of steel. Two-and-a-half-story wings which contain the cells protrude from all four sides of the central block. The central block is summounted by a one-story ornamental tower. The building is entered via a wide porch which wraps around the front of one of the aforementioned wings.

The details, moldings, and trim are of concrete with a plain finish. Most are derived, albeit loosely, from the Gothic style. These features were uncommon in penal buildings of the period, though they often appear in collegiate buildings. They include:

1. the Tudor arches in the entrance porch and ornamental tower,
2. the hood molds over the windows and doors,
3. the false corner buttresses,
4. the mock crenelations summounting the central block and the ornamental tower, (The multiple crenelations are placed at the centers rather than at the corners of the central block parapets.)
5. the bay window summounting the main entrance, and
6. the gable parapets on the facade of each cell wing.

Some elements are not associated with the Gothic style. These include the arched domers and the red tile roofs.

Each window is covered by a grid of steel bars, all of which appear to be original.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect** Architects: Stevens & Nelson, New Orleans

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Beauregard Parish Jail is significant in the area of architecture as a unique example of the use of Gothic architecture in a Louisiana parish prison. Indeed, it is undoubtedly the most elaborately styled parish prison in the state. Few prisons of the period received such elaborate architectural details, let alone a monumental central tower.* The jail was evidently designed as an ornament to the courthouse green. It stands today as a well-known landmark both in the city and parish.

*This tower was used for hangings from time to time. Hangings were the legal method of execution in Louisiana until 1941 and were carried out by local authorities.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brasseaux, Carl A., Conrad, Glenn R., and Robison, R. Warren. The Courthouses of Louisiana. U.S.L. Architecture Series No. 1, Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property approx. .2 acre

Quadrangle name DeRidder Quad

Quadrangle scale 1"=62500'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to sketch map

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 The Honorable Eldridge L. Morris Representative, District 31

organization Louisiana House of Representatives date August 1981

street & number P. O. Box 348 telephone 318-463-3218

city or town DeRidder state LA 70634

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



title Robert B. DeBlieux State Historic Preservation Officer date November 2, 1981

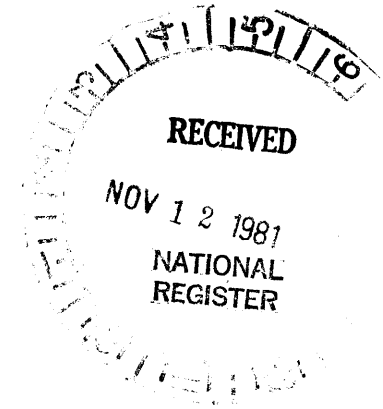
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 Keeper of the National Register date 12/17/81

Attest: _____ date _____

BEAUREGARD PARISH JAIL
DERIDDER, LOUISIANA



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HWY. 190

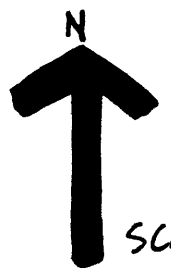
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COURTHOUSE SQUARE

PHOTO # 4

PHOTO # 1

BOUNDARIES ARE PARALLEL TO
BLDG. FACADES, DISTANCES AS SHOWN.



SCALE 1" = 50' approx.

PHOTO # 2 & 3

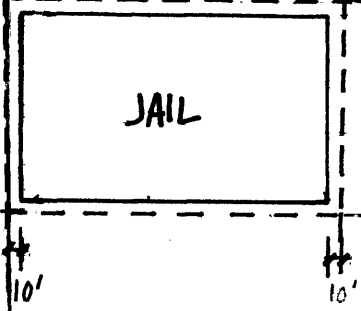


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