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X_DISTRICTPUBLIC	XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	X MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	X_COMMERCIAL	X _{PARK}
\underline{x}_{BOTH}	_WORK IN PROGRESS	X EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDENCE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The historic district in Washington includes approximately 80% of the town. Boundaries were chosen to encompass all of the town's extant historic structures, and to exclude about 60 modern ranch houses, commercial buildings and trailers which occur on the periphery. The town's setting, between Bayous Courtableau and Carron, was crucial in its commercial development. The area is surrounded by cotton farmland and forest land, with several major traffic arteries. The district itself consists of about 260 nineteenth and early twentieth century structures with about 60 intrusions.

The buildings are relatively widely spaced in a broad and open townscape, without urban vistas. The district falls into several distince/neighborhoods, most of which are residential. The houses are relatively widely spaced amid a generous spread of trees and shrubs. Set-back is far from iniform and there is no collective massing; rather each house tends to be viewed individually within its own foliated setting.

- 1. Workers' Neighborhoods: The northern and southern thirds of the district including the area southeast of Washington Street and southwest of Moundville Street and the area northwest of Corso Street and southwest of DeJean Street. These areas are characterized by small Acadian cottages, shotgun houses, Queen Anne bungalows, craftsman style bungalows and frame 20th century cottages. None of these types predominates but most (approximately 70%) retain their original appearance in most respects. The most common alterations are the addition of metal awnings and asbestos siding.
- 2. Wealthier Neighborhoods: These include the area of the southern end of Main Street and the area of the eastern end of Carrier Street. These areas are distinguished by large lots with substantial raised Creole houses from the mid to late 19th century. Approximately 2/3 have Greek Revival or simple Reniassance Revival details with broad frontal galleries, square posts, molded capitals. Approximately 1/3 date from the late 19th century or early 20th century with Eastlake columns and Queen Anne frontal gables. These larger houses are almost completely intact with virtually no significant adverse alterations.
- 3. The Commercial Area: Main Street between Vine and Moundville Streets. Although this area has suffered considerable demolition, the brick warehouse, the five shop fronts, and the old clapboard bakery are sufficiently concentrated to mark the neighborhood with a late 19th century commercial character. Two of the shop fronts are particularly striking with Queen Anne pressed tin ornamentation.
- 4. <u>Intrusions</u>: The district is peppered with about 60 ranch houses, trailers, and low scale commercial buildings. Some intrusions are concentrated in an area along Main Street between Sittig and Dupre Streets; these include two diners, a car dealership, a small office building and a supermarket. Given the placement of the surrounding historic properties it would have been difficult

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the 19th century, Washington became a significant inland port for the area of present-day St. Landry Parish. Commerce reached the area from New Orleans by means of a maze of bayous, rivers and inlets which ran through the broad Atchafalaya River to Bayou Courtableau. By the late 18th century, the route up the Courtableau was apparently well established. Land in the St. Landry Parish area was fertile and well suited to agriculture and cattle raising. As pioneers arrived and commerce in the area began to flourish, water transportation to New Orleans became increasingly important. In the 1790's voluntary subscriptions were taken to clear the Courtableau and the Atchafalaya of obstruction. After the Louisiana Purchase, population in the area grew at an increased rate.

Steamboar service in the area begain in the 1820's. Washington was generally considered the head of steam packet navigation up the Courtableau. It was the collection point for produce from the plantations in the area. Products such as cotton, sugar and livestock were brought to Washington overland or by small boat and then transferred to steam packets for shipment to New Orleans. By the mid-19th century, Washington developed a thriving trade and became the most important port in the vicinity of St. Landry Parish. This can be seen in the number of steamers that used the port and in the volume of freight.

Washington was the larger of the two major ports on the Courtableau. In 1860, there were 91 steam packets operating in the Bayou Courtableau trade, as compared with 90 in Bayou Lafourche and 94 in Bayou Teche. Thus, Washington was the head of a peaket route which ranked with Bayous Lafourche and Teche as a major inland commercial route. This can also be compared with lesser routes such as Bayou Gross Tete or Grand River, where only about ten to twenty steam packets were in operation. An 1877 tabulation showed the total quantity of goods shipped from Washington to New Orleans: 30,000 bales of cotton, 32,000 sacks of cotton seed, 3,000 hogsheads of sugar, 5,800 barrels or molasses, 30,000 dozen poultry, 15,000 head of cattle, 20,000 hides, 200 barrels of rice and 2,000 sacks of wool. These statistics give a good indication of the economic activity which surrounded Washington, and of its importance as a trading center.

An 1887 study showed that the total annual commerce in St. Landry Parish was in excess of seven million dollars. Much of this focused upon Washington. This area contains structures and sites which represent most aspects of the commerce which flourished there in the 19th century. These include a steamboat warehouse, the steamboat turn-around, a plantation house, and workers' houses and shops.

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WASHINGTON PROPERTY OWNERS

The following list of properties in the Washington, Louisiana District include (1) the street address and (2) the owner with the mailing address.

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 20 & 718 S. Main Julius James Est., Box 464, Washington, La.70589
 4 S. Main Lloyd Doucet, Box 251, Washington, La. 70589
 3 S. Main Mrs. Altha Elter Orr, 706 W. Colorado, Hammond, La. 70401
- 602 S. Main L. J. Jagneaux, Box 9, Washington, La. 70589 🤛
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 - 503 S. Main Merrick Lanclos, Box 237, Washington, La. 70589 ~

 - 502 S. Main Pham Thank Ngoc, Box 21, Washington, La. 70589 417 S. Main Mrs. Robert Prather, Box 304, Washington, La. 70589
 - 411 S. Main Ruby Prather, Box 304, Washington, La. 70589 409 S. Main John D. Roy, Box 304, Washington, La. 70589
 - *403 S. Main Martin Furniture Works, John T. and Ivan D. Martin, Box 158, Washington, La. 70589
 - x 402 S. Main Mrs. Edna Delafosse Joubert, Box 164, Washington, La. 70589
 - *310 S. Main Martin Furniture Works, John T. & Ivan D. Martin, Box 158, Washington, La. 70589
 - 303 S. Main Gantt Nicholson, Jr. Est., Box 155, Washington, 70589 La.
 - *302 S. Main Canal Station, John T. & Ivan D. Martin, Box 158, Washington, La. 70589
 - 217 S. Main Paul E. Fitzgerald, Box 511, Washington, La. 70589
 - 202 S. Main Valery I. & Dorothy Mayer, Box 11, Washington, 70589
 - 117 S. Main Archie L. Quirk, Box 128, Washington, La. 70589
 - 110 S. Main B. Hummel, Washington, La. 70589
 - 103 S. Main Kirt's Auto Supply, Leon Lastrapes Est. 829 Amethyst St., New Orleans, La. 70124
 - 102 S. Main Hummel Store, B. Hummel, Washington, La. 70589
 - *102 N. Main Ortego's Pharmacy, Miguel Orihuela, Box 68, ν Washington, La. 70589
 - *103 N. Main Washington State Bank, Washington, La.
 - *108 N. Main Post Office, Santo Gennusso, 935 South Market, Opelousas, La. 70570
 - 202 N. Main Village Boutique, Aubrey Soileau, Box 508, Washington, La. 70589
 - 203 N. Main Western Auto, Joseph J. Saucier, Box 658, Washington, La. 70589
 - 70589 *215 N. Main - Claude P. Blanchard, Box 234, Washington, La.
 - *302 N. Main Pat's Cafe, James Fontenot, Box 387, Washington, La. 70589
 - *303 N. Main Cleco Office Building, Mrs. James M. Lynch,
 - 1817 6th St., Lake Charles, La. 70601 306 N. Main Thrift-T-Way Pharmacy, James R. Sebastien, Box 446, Washington, La. 70589
 - *311 N. Main Jack's Food Center, Justin C. Landreneau, Box 96, Washington, La. 70589
 - *405 N. Main J. B. Doucet's Auto Sales, John B. Doucet, Box 56, Washington, La. 70589
 - Stella L. St. Amand, Rt. 2, Box 199A; *408 N. Main - The Ship's Wheek. Bunkie, La. 71322
 - 402 N. Main Washington Town Hall
 - 414 N. Main Stella L. St. Amand, Rt. 2, Box 199A, Bunkie, La.71322
 - 502 N. Main Miriam Mae & Natalie B. Klaus, 1146 Choctaw Drive, Opelousas, La. 70570
 - 505 N. Main Meche's Esso Station, Joseph Meche, Dox 65. Washington, La. 70589
 - 510 N. Main Laura's Beauty Shop, Gervais Lanclos, Box 307, Washington, La. 70589
 - 511 N. Main Steamboat Wrehouse Restaurant, John R. Womack II, Box ²⁷⁵, Washington, La. 70589

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Washington Street
                 418 S. Washington - Est. Love Montgomery, Washington, La. 70589
412 S. Washington - Dorothy Gibson, Box 102, Washington, La. 70589
                  408 S. Washington - South Central Bell Telephone, Washington, La.
                  404 S. Washington - Mrs. Odette Guillam Smith, c/o Mrs. Anita S.
                 Kraft, 613 Boice St., Sulphur, La. 70663
217 S. Washington - Valery I. & Dorothy Mayer, Box 11, Washington,
                                                  La. 70589
                 111 S. Washington - Gantt Nicholson, Jr. Est., Box 155,
                                                  Washington, La.
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                 404 N. Washington - Mrs. Hattie S. Fontenot, Box 101, Washington,
La. 70589
               #417 N. Washington - Stella St. Amand, Rt. 2, Box 199A, Bunkie,
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           Bridge Street
                 \checkmark 618 S. Bridge - Dora Lee Nimer, Washington, La. 70589
               *507 S. Bridge - Edward Bordelon, Box 302, Washington, La. 70589

*504 S. Bridge - Est. Love Montgomery, Box 187, Washington, La. 70589

*415 S. Bridge - John T. Martin, Box 158, Washington, La. 70589

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                 4317 N. Bridge - C. Kenneth Deshotel, Box 1668, Opelousas, La. 70570
410 N. Bridge - William Aucoin, Box 296, Washington, La. 70589
                 *411 N. Bridge - Hargroder's Garage, Felton Hargroder, Box 363,
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209 N. St. John - Charles J. Gibson, Box 163, Washington, La. 70589
                 Y215 N. St. John - L. J. Jagneaux, Box 9, Washington, La. 70589
                 4310 N. St. John - Overton Phillips, Box 27, Washington, La. 70589
               *307 N. St. John - Russell J. Ardoin, Box 74, Washington, La. 

*315 N. St. John - Ardoin's Grocery, Russell J. Ardoin, Box 74, Washington, La. 70589
                 407 N. St. John - Russell J. Ardoin, Box 74, Washington, La. 70589
                 416 N. St. John - Willie Chelette, Box 272, Washington, La. 70589
417 N. St. John - Oscar Fontenot, Box 337, Washington, La. 70589
515 N. St. John - Alfred C. Speyrer, Box 297, Washington, La. 70589
         Corso Street
                \gamma 712 S. Corso - Cyril Jack Forest, Box 445, Washington, La. 70589
                 ∠711 S. Corso - Goldie Gray Johnson, Box 72, Washington, La. 70589
                 √705 S. Corso - Alfred Gray, Washington, La. 70589

    405 S. Corso - Roy Hidalgo, Washington, La. 70589
    215 S. Corso - Miriam Mae & Natalie B. Klaus, 1146 Choctaw Drive,

                                          Opelousas, La. 70570
               \star 205 S. Corso - Donald W. Quirk, Box 128, Washington, La. 70589 \star *105 S. Corso - Louis Marks, Box 74, Washington, La. 70589
                 *208 N. Corso - Ronnie's One Stop, Hillred Sylvester, Box 42,
Washington, La. 70589
                '*216 N. Corso - Hiddred Sylvester, Box 42, Washington, La. 70589 ∨ 217 N. Corso - John E. Gibson, 621 North Third St., Eunice, La.70535
                 √304 N. Corso - Wilbert Moseley, Rt. 4, Box 12, Opelousas, La. 70570
507 N. Corso - Frederick Robert Bailey, Box 324, Washington, La. 70589
508 N. Corso - William Nicholson, Box 175, Washington, La. 70589
         Prescott Street
                 103 S. Prescott - Willis Joseph, Washington, La. 70589
                 *107-09 N. Prescott - Housing Authority, Washington, La. 70589
205 N. Prescott - Julian W. Fisher, Sr., Box 4, Washington, La.70589
207 N. Prescott - Miriam Mae & Natalie B. Klaus, 1146 Choctaw Drive,
                Opelousas, La. 70570
**416 N. Prescott - William Landry, Box 408, Washington, La.
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                *510 N. Prescott - Hugh Mayer, Box 11, Washington, La. 70589
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315 S. Bridge - Mrs. Gera E. Sudduth, Washington, La. 70589 305 S. Bridge - Henry Voltz, 570 Walnut St., New Orleans, La. 70118

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Kavanaugh Street
       115 N. Kavanaugh - Carlton Lalonde, Washington, La. 70589
      205 N. Kavanaugh - Charles Anthony Voltz, Washington, La. 70589
Cedar Street
     102 S. Cedar - Vernon Doucet, Box 911, Opelousas, La. 70570
Gordon Street
      \sqrt{111} E. Gordon - Ellis Ray Stephens, Box 145, Washington, La. 70589
      √117 E. Gordon - Paul Ortego, Box 145, Washington, La. 70589
      √304 E. Gordon - Lanclos Grocery, Gervais Lanclos, Box 307,
Washington, La. 70589
      \sqrt{305} E. Gordon - Paul Wayne Ortego, Washington, La. 70589
      √306 E. Gordon - Curry Bordelon, Box 173, Washington, La. 70589
      \sqrt{315} E. Gordon - Gus Prudhomme, 6437 Ritterman Ave., Baton
                         Rouge, La. 70589
      404 E. Gordon - Jimmie Red, Box 417, Washington, La. 70589
      /405-417 E. Gordon - Est. Joe Bell, c/o Josephine Bell, Box 33,
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      1517 E. Gordon - Taffo Wilson, Box 144, Washington, La. 70589
Garrique Street
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      307 E. Garrique - William J. Montgomery, Box 187, Washington,
                            La. 70589
      /308 E. Garrique - Est. Wilson Johnson, Box 5, Washington, La.70589
      /313 E. Garrique - Joseph Burnley Bordelon, Box 373, Washington,
                            La. 70589
      405 E. Garrique - Hayward Joseph, Box 457, Washington, La. 70589
      '504 E. Garrique - George Thomas, Washington, La. 70589
St. Mitchell Street
  118 E. St. Mitchell - Martin Furniture Shop, John T. & Ivan D.
     Martin, Box 158, Washington, La. 70589 \lor117 E. St. Mitchell - Wycliffe Fontenot, Box 392, Washington,
                                  La.
                                        70589
     ∨*319 E. St. Mitchell - Holy Trinity Church, Washington, La. 70589
     \sqrt{405} E. St. Mitchell - Lydia Lawson, Box 245, Washington, La. 70589
      ^{\sim}415 E. St. Mitchell - Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Washington, La.70589
     512 E. St. Mitchell - Mary Bennett Watkins, Washington, La. 70589
Vine Street
     √518 W. Vine - Eveline Smith, Washington, La. 70589
      $17 W. Vine - St. Mark Methodist Church & Rectory, Washington, La.
      412, 408 & 404 W. Vine - Alfred Gray, Washington, La. 70589
     $202 E. Vine - Delores Stevens Buller, Washington, La.
      208 E. Vine - Mrs. Lawrence J. Stevens, Box 201, Washington, La.
     4304 E. Vine - Carl Taylor, Box 295, Washington, La. 70589

7309 E. Vine - John K. Soileau, Box 292, Washington, La. 70589
     *314 E. Vine - W. F. Chamberlain, Box 187, Washington, La. 70589
     315 E. Vine - Iola Bordelon Deshotels, Box 193, Washington, La. 7058
*318 E. Vine - Harry P. Harvey, Box 113, Washington, La. 70589
     319 E. Vine - Leonce Lalonde, Jr., Box 365, Washington, La. 70589 *405 E. Vine - Larris Soileau, Box 223, Washington, La. 70589 *418 E. Vine - Hyrum L. Martin, Box 72, Washington, La. 70589
      510 E. Vine - Voris & Barbara Rene Durand, Box 423, Washington, La.
      517 E. Vine - Emerzian Baptist Church, Washington, La. 70589
615 E. Vine - Onezeme Fruge, Box 391, Washington, La. 70589
Hill Street
      1811-815 W. Hill - Alcide Ledet, Box 259, Washington, La. 70589
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     /315 W. Hill - Herbert Hicks, Box 389, Washington, La. 70589
/313 W. Hill - Alvin Soileau, Box 17, Washington, La. 70589
*307 W. Hill - Joseph Meche, Box 65, Washington, La. 70589
      /210 W. Hill - Melba Doucet Soileau, Box 206, Washington, La. 70589
      *208 W. Hill - Rodney Deshotels, Box 216, Washington, La. 70589
       205 W. Hill - Kilpatrick Est., Box 186, Washington, La. 70589
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Hill Street, continued
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V*205 E. Hill - A. L. Taylor, Box 103, Washington, La. 70589
       /215 E. Hill - Jessie Howard, Rt.2, Box R-G-8, Opelousas, La.70570

/311 E. Hill - Mrs. Dewey J. Powell, Box 8, Washington, La. 70589

/319 E. Hill - Wallace Hornsby, Box 7, Washington, La. 70589

405 E. Hill - Augusta Green, Box 172, Washington, La. 70589
        409 E. Hill - Winston Dupre, Box 212, Washington, La. *417 E. Hill - Winston Dupre, Box 212, Washington, La.
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Moundville Street
                   W. Moundville
          410-414/- Sidney Sylvester, Rt. 4, Box 306-A-3, Opelousas, La.70570
        /402 W. Moundville - Mrs. Luna Tate Vidrine, Box 252, Washington, La. 316 W. Moundville - Attaway Dupre, Box 354, Washington, La. 70589
        *307 W. Moundville - Louis Marks, Jr., Box 74, Washington, La.70589
        *304 W. Moundville - Gussie Dupre, Box 54, Washington, La. 70589
        219 W. Moundville - Mrs. Lawrence Stevens, Box 201, Washington, La.
        .217 W. Moundville - James Roy Stevens, Box 201, Washington, La.70589 213 W. Moundville - Eddie Stelly, Box 345, Washington, La. 70589
        212 W. Moundville - Heard Doucet, Box 153, Washington, La. 70589
211 W. Moundville - Armand Deshotels, Box 154, Washington, La. 70589
117 W. Moundville - Archie E. Quirk, Box 128, Washington, La. 70589
118 W. Moundville - Pham Minh Kim, Box 521, Washington, La. 70589
          114 W. Moundville - Washington State Bank, Washington, La. 70589
        110 E. Moundville - Alfred Cormier, Box 272, Washington, La. 70589
205 E. Moundville - James M. Wartelle, Washington, La. 70589
*210 E. Moundville - Enos Cormier, Box 13, Washington, La. 70589
215 E. Moundville - Ivan D. & Judy Martin, Box 342, Washington, La.
        *303 E. Moundville - Parish Hall, Immaculate Conceptio Catholic
                                          Church, Washington, La. 70589
          309 E. Moundville - Rectory
          315 E. Moundville - Church
          403 E. Moundville - Joseph Buford Martin, Box 222, Washington, La.
        *417 E. Moundville - John K. Soileau, Box 292, Washington, La. 70589
Carriere Street
        /405 W. Carriere - Sidney Sylvester, Rt. 4, Box 306-A-3, Opelousas, Louisiana 705Z0
        404 W. Carriere - Dora Randell, C/o George Davis, 8500 Davis Ave.,
                                       Port Arthur, Texas 77640
        319 W. Carriere - Gilbert Delafosse, Box 273, Washington, La.70589
        /315 W. Carriere - Joseph Ronald Dupre, Washington, La. 70589
       *311 W. Carriere - Godfrey Mayeaux, Box 244, Washington, La. 70589
        *309 W. Carriere - Paul Damerau, Box 19, Washington, La. 70589
        215 W. Carriere - Webb Quirk, Box 163, Washington, La. 70589

205 W. Carriere - Mrs. W. Sellers, Box 86, Washington, La. 70589

117 E. Carriere - Theo V. Bryant, Box 526, Washington, La. 70589
        √205 E. Carriere - Mrs. Gabriella B. Wartelle, Box 355, Washington,
√208 E. Carriere - Patrick Bordelon, Box 373, Washington, La. 70589
       V212 E. Carriere - Lynch Phillips, Box 338, Washington, La. 70589
V217 E. Carriere - John R. Wartelle, Box 254, Washington, La. 70589
        √304 E. Camriere - Juan Brignac, Box 67, Washington, La. 70589
         317 E. Carriere - Joseph B. Johnson, Box 336, Washington, La.70589
         318 E. Carriere - Bernard Jones, Box 81, Washington, La. 70589
407 E. Carriere - Dudley Ardoin Est., Box 74, Washington, La. 70589
409 E. Carriere - Edna A. Hinckley, Box 333, Opelousas, La. 70570
410 E. Carriere - Roland Leger, Box 143, Washington, La. 70589
417 E. Carriere - Forney Fuller & Associates, 1900 Veterans
                                       Building, Metairie, La. 70005
         503 E. Carriere - Mrs. T. M. Toler, 5r., Box 62, Washington, La.70589
517 E. Carriere - Mary Ella P. Brandon, Box 304, Washington, La.70589
        609 E. Carriere - Armand Deshotels, Box 154, Washington, La. 70589 *220 W. Carriere - Dallas Leger, Box 331, Washington, La. 70589
DeJean Street
      \sqrt{*505} W. DeJean – W. W. Williamson, Box 247, Washington, La. 70589 / 411–417 W. DeJean – Miriam Mae 8 Natalie B. Klaus, 1146 Choctaw Dr.,
                                          Opelousas, La. 70570
       <sup>1</sup> 408 W. DeJean - Voorhies J. Brown, Box 413, Washington, La. 70589
       ^{\checkmark}405 W. DeJean - James Fontenot, Box 387, Washington, La. 70589
       *404 W. DeJean - Donald Dupre, Box 201, Washington, La. 70589
       / 319 W. DeJean - Alfred Dupre, Washington, La. 70589
/*317% W. DeJean - Mrs. Elise S. Meche, Box 35, Washington, La. 70589
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/*317 W. DeJean - Douglas Ardoin, Box 349, Washington, La. 70589

/ 318 W. DeJean - John R. Wartelle, Jr., Box 422, Washington, La. 70589

DeJean Street, continued

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*309 W. DeJean - Raynold Soileau, Box 114, Washington, La. 70589
       *306 W. DeJean - Clyde Doucet, Box 35, Washington, La. 70589
      *303 W. DeJean - Atwood Soileau, Box 82, Washington, La. 70589
         302 W. DeJean - Mrs. J. Curry Landreneau, Box 96, Washington, La.7058
         218 W. DeJean - W. Dwight Landreneau, Washington. La. 70589
        217 W. DeJean - Wallace Deville, Box 364, Washington, La. 70589
213 W. DaJean - Robert F. Bailey, Box 52, Washington, La. 70589
208 W. DeJean - Mrs. Clifford G. Kerr, Washington, La. 70589
207 W. DeJean - Frank B. Chachere, Box 177, Washington, La. 70589
         108 W. DeJean - Les Petites Maisons, Paul E. Fitzgerald, Box 511,
                                 Washington, La. 70589
      *101 W. DeJean - Citgo Station, Neil Ortego, Box 1527, Opelousas,
                                La. 70570
         205 E. DeJean - Patrick Lafleur, Washington, La. 70589
216 E. DeJean - Linzay Soileau, Washington, La. 70589
         405 E. DeJean - Arthur Hinckley, Jr., Box 43, Opelousas, La. 70589
415 E. DeJean - Clyde Scileau, Box 291, Washington, La. 70589
Dupre Street
         517 W. Dupre - Kenneth Fontenot, Box 386, Washington, La. 70589
         516 W. Dupre - Willie Moore, Jr., 1109 North Sterling, Bryan,
                               Texas 77801
         419-416 W. Dupre - Miriam Mae & Natalie B. Klaus, 1146 Choctaw Dr.,
                                   Opelousas, La. 70570
       ,415 W. Dupre - Harding Thompson, Box 384, Washington, La. 70589
         411 W. Dupre - Mason Darbonne, Box 376, Washington, La. 70589
      409 W. Dupre - Raymond Darbonne, Box 202, Washington, La. 70589
405 W. Dupre - George Bruno, c/o Joseph Bruno, Rt.1, Box 300,
                              Washington, La. 70589
      318 W. Dupre - Herman Hebert, Box 243, Washington, La. 70589
*317 W. Dupre - Herman Hebert, Box 243, Washington, La. 70589
         316 W. Dupre - Judy Martin Wartelle, Box 342, Washington, La. 70589
        313 W. Dupre - Ned Quirk, Box 171, Washington, La. 70589
       *304 W. Dupre - Roland Leger, Box 143, Washington, La. 70589
219 W. Dupre - Hillred Sylvester, Box 42, Washington, La. 70589
       216 W. Dupre - Oza Soileau Moseley, Box 63, Washington, La. 70589

*215-209 W. Dupre - Louis Marks, Box 74, Washington, La. 70589

208 W. Dupre - D. J. Hode Est., Washington, La. 70589
        ~110 E. Dupre - Felton Hargroder, Box 363, Washington, La. 70589
        116 E. Dupre - Mrs. Edith Leger, Washington, La. 70589
        210-208 E. Dupre - Gospel Tabernacle Church & Rectory, Washington, La.
        213 E. Dupre - Marcelin Pitre, Box 204, Washington, La. 70589
216 E. Dupre - Clement Bergeron, Rt. 1, Box 160-A, Arnaudville,
                               La. 70512
        217 E. Dupre - Robert Moseley, Box 183, Washington, La. 70589
       305 E. Dupre - Bernard Jones, Box 81, Washington, La. 70589
Sittig Street
         413 W. Sittig - Willie Wilson, Box 283, Washington, La. 70589
      413 W. Sittig - Willie Wilson, Box 203, Washington, La. 70589

411 W. Sittig - Donald P. Pitre, Box 182, Washington, La. 70589

410 W. Sittig - Mrs. Lawrence Pitre, Box 182, Washington, La. 70589

117 E. Sittig - Mrs. Edward Schulze, Box 26, Washington, La. 70589

*215 E. Sittig - Paul W. Schulze, Box 26, Washington, La. 70589

217 E. Sittig - Marius Oge, Box 314, Washington, La. 70589
Mayer Street

	⅓417 N. Mayer - Mrs. Frances Tarlton Wartelle, Box 203, Washington, La.

      /*419 N. Mayer - Elias J. Bordelon, Box 357, Washington, La. 70589 

*510 N. Mayer - Baptist Church Rectory, Washington, La. 70589 

*518 N. Mayer - Chester Fontenot, Box 308, Washington, La. 70589 

/*519 N. Mayer - Jonas W. Bailey, Box 324, Washington, La. 70589
      *522 N. Mayer - James R. Sebastien, Box 446, Washington, La. 70589
Church Street
       /217 S. Church - Est. Pat McKeever, Box 335, Washington, La. 70589
       /211 S. Church - Patrick Brignac, Box 432, Washington, La. 70589
        /205 N. Church - Mrs. Josie Q. Wartelle, Box 246, Washington, La.7058
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/212 N. Church - Lee Soileau, Box 41, Washington, La. 70589 /204 N. Church - Allen Thierry, Box 377, Washington, La. 70589

,304-306 N. Church - St. John Episcopal Church & Rectory

*315 W. DeJean - John L. Speyrer, Box 333, Washington, La. 70589 312 W. DeJean - A. S. Pierrel, Box 87, Washington, La. 70589

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to exclude this area from the district. In any case the scale is low and this pocket of intrusions cannot be seen from any other part of the district. In addition it was necessary to include this area to protect the district from further development.

Because the historic buildings of Washington do not congeal to form any architectural vistas, their chief architectural significance lies in their concentration and numbers. This is a stronger concentration than in any of the surrounding towns such as Opelousas, Port Barre, or Macland.

In addition the districts contains a number of good representative examples of various building types, from the developed colossal order plantation house to the substantial Classical, Renaissance Revival, or Queen Anne raised houses to the Acadian workers' cottages to 19th century commercial buildings.

About 10% of the district's buildings have been demolished and not replaced. As a result, the already broad and open townscape is even less concentrated. There are no architectural vistas or streetscapes. But since 80% of the buildings have a historic character and since it is usually possible to view several buildings at once, most spots in the district have a historic ambiance. This ambiance is more emphatic as the viewer moves through the district viewing many buildings in succession. The nonimentoried buildings are significant because whether or not they are actually 50 years old, they contribute to that ambiance.

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Inventory of historic structures and sites within the district.

- 1. Wolff Store (Soileau) 202 North Main: 1 story brick with arched windows, established in 1876 by Leon Wolff.
- 2. Klaus Store and Home (Saucier) 203 North Main: 2 story frame building with store on lower floor and living quarters upstairs, founded by Max Klaus in 1886.
- 3. Washington Town Hall 402 North Main: Single story, old brick from Plonsky Opera House, maintaining colonial architecture of the area.
- 4. Hummel Bakery and Home 102 South Main: Wooden structures established latter part of 1800's as a store that was later a bakery and store.
- 5. Lastrapes Building 103 South Main: Wooden structure established late 1800's as a meat market with living quarters.
- 6. Lamorandiere Home (Quirk) 117 South Main: Raised cottage with four columns across the front.
- 7. Nicholson Home (Mayer) 202 South Main: Raised cottage with square columns across the front and projection of octagon-shaped windows.
- 8. Wolff Home (Fitzgerald) 217 South Main: $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories, three dormer windows and six square columns across the front; outdoor kitchen connected in the rear.
- 9. Carrier Home (Nicholson) 303 South Main: $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories, three dormer windows and six square columns across the front.
- 10. Haggerty Home (Prather) 417 South Main: Raised cottage with four square columns across the front.
- 11. Rogers Home (Lanclos) 503 South Main: Raised cottage with two dormers and six square columns across the front.
- 12. Todd Home (Elter) 603 South Main: Raised cottage-type with six square columns across the front.
- 13. Lemelle Home (Montgomery) 504 South Bridge: Raised cottage-type with five square columns across the front.

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- 14. Bidstrup Home 110 East Carrique: Raised cottage-type with four square columns across the front.
- 15. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Rectory 315 East Moundville: Wooden structure with attractive steeples and buttresses on a miniature scale.
- 16. St. John Episcopal Church 304 North Church: Wooden structure with gabled roofs and bell tower.
- 17. Crawford Home (Wartelle) 204 North Church: Raised cottage-type with six turned columns across the front with bannisters enclosing the porch.
- 18. Crawford Home (Leger) 410 East Carriere: $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories with four square columns across the front and bannisters enclosing the porch.
- 19. Anderson Home (Fuller) 417 East Carriere: $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories, two dormers and six square columns across the front porch.
- 20. Schmidt Hotel (Deshotel) 317 North Bridge: (Listed on National Register August 3, 1976).
- 21. Norton Home and Cemetery (Hinckley) 405 East DeJean: 1½ stories, frame dwelling with two large rooms off the front gallery and two smaller rooms to the rear.
- 22. Lalanne Home (Olivier) 515 North Bridge: Raised cottage-type with porch on three sides and three dormer windows on the front.
- 23. Gantt Home (Schulze) 117 East Water: 2½ stories, brick and wood structure with a chimney at either end of the straight roof.
- 24. Steamboat Warehouse 118 West Water: Brick structure of early Louisiana architecture with great hewn cypress beams and rafters.
- 25. Lamorandiere Home (Speyrer) 515 South St. John: 2 stories, frame building with eight square columns across the front and bannisters on lower and upper floors.
- 26. Nicholson Home 508 North Corso: Raised cottage-type with four square columns across the front.

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- 27. Heard Home (Pierrel) 312 West DeJean: Raised cottage-type with two dormer windows and six square columns across the front and a small gallery to the rear.
- 28. Prescott Home (Magnolia Ridge) Corner of North Prescott and DeJean: 2½ stories, brick structure with six Doric columns across the facade with a double gallery, the upper gallery with simple wooden balustrades. Southern classical architecture, completed in 1830.
- 29. Yves Home (Sellers) 205 West Carriere: Raised cottage-type with enclosed front porch.
- 30. Kilpatrick (Wartelle) 205 West Hill: 2 story Victorian-type with double gallery and rooms off the front gallery.
- 31. Old Cemetery Northwest corner of Carron and Vine: The first cemetery that was public in the town.
- 32. Cedar Hill Cemetery West Vine and Cedar: Ancient cedars, planted symmetrically and grotto; burials are above the ground and some family plots are enclosed in elaborate wrought iron or cast iron fences.

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Intrusions

Main Street

602 S. Main - L. J. Jagneaux House, brick ranch house

512 S. Main - Shelton Prather Phillips 66 Station, 1 story, flat roof, corrugated metal siding.

403 S. Main - Martin Furniture Works, 1940's brick commercial building, 1 story

302 S. Main - Canal Service Station, 1950's 1 story, flat roof, concrete block and metal siding

103 N. Main - Washington Bank, modern, brick, 1 story, flat roof

102 N. Main _Ortego's Pharmacy and Post Office, pair 1940's, 1 story,

108 N. Main / brick commercial buildings

215 N. Main - Blanchard House, brick, ranch, colonial

302 N. Main - Pat's Cafe, brick and metal sided commercial building

303 N. Main - Cleco Office Building, concrete block

311 N. Main - Jack's Food, 1 story, metal sided building

405 N. Main - J. B. Doucet's Auto, concrete block, 1 story building

408 N. Main - The Ship's Wheel, 1 story, brick and metal sided commercial building

Washington Street

100 S. Washington - City Water Tower

Bridge Street

411 N. Bridge - Hargroder's Garage, junk car lot and trailer

Anderson Street

410 S. Anderson - The Rose Ledet House, ranch house

Dallas Street

418 S. Dallas - The Shiloh Church, a brick, 1 story, pitched roof with frontal tower, modern

St. John Street

115 S. St. John - Trailer

307 N. St. John - Ardoin Home, brick ranch house

315 N. St. John - Ardoin's Grocery, brick and corrugated metal, 1 story, commercial building

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Corso Street

208 N. Corso - Ronnie's One Stop, 1 story, stuccoed shop

216 N. Corso - Sylvester House, a modern, hipped roof bungalow

205 S. Corso - Quirk House, ranch colonial

Prescott Street

107-09 N. Prescott - Housing Authority Building, 1 story, brick ranch house 510 N. Prescott - Mayer House, modern, weatherboard sided colonial house

Kavanaugh Street

203 N. Kavanaugh - Trailer

Cedar Street

102 S. Cedar - Doucet House, modern, brick, bi-level

Sittig Street

117 E. Sittig - Schultze Shop, corrugated, metal sided commercial building

DeJean Street

505 W. DeJean - Williamson House, brick ranch house

404 W. DeJean - Dupre House, brick ranch house

303 W. DeJean - Soileau House, brick ranch house

306 W. DeJean - Doucet House, brick ranch house

309 W. DeJean - R. Soileau House, frame ranch

315 W. DeJean - Speyrer House, frame ranch

317 W. DeJean - Ardoin House, frame ranch

319½ W. DeJean - Meche House, brick ranch

101 W. DeJean - Citgo Station, 1 story, concrete block and corrugated metal

415 E. DeJean - C. Soileau House, brick ranch

Dupre Street

304 W. Dupre - Leger Trailer

317 W. Dupre - Herbert Property with 3 trailers

215 W. Dupre - Marks Property with trailer

Carrier Street

220 W. Carrier - Leger Trailers (2)

309 W. Carrier - Damerau House, aluminum sided ranch house

311 W. Carrier - Mayeaux House, brick ranch house

Moundville Street

304 W. Moundville - Dupre House, aluminum sided ranch house

307 W. Moundville - Marks House, brick ranch house

114 W. Moundville - Small brick fire station

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- 210 E. Moundville E. Cormier House, brick ranch house
- 303 E. Moundville Parish Hall, 1 story corrugated metal
- 417 E. Moundville J. Soileau, brick ranch house

Hill Street

- 307 W. Hill Meche House, brick ranch house
- 208 W. Hill Deshotel House, brick ranch house
- 205 E. Hill Taylor House, pitched roof, modern style house, 2 story
- 417 E. Hill Dupre House, brick ranch house

Vine Street

- 202 E. Vine Buller House, brick ranch house
- 304 E. Vine Taylor House, brick ranch house
- 314 E. Vine Chamberlain House, 1940's, 1 story brick and siding
- 318 E. Vine Harvey House, brick ranch house
- 405 E. Vine Soileau House, brick ranch house
- 418 E. Vine Martin House, brick ranch house

St. Mitchell Street

319 E. Michell Street - Holy Trinity Church, modern, aluminum sided frame

Garrique Street

313 E. Garrique - Bordelon House, aluminum sided ranch house

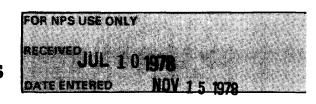
Gordon Street

304 E. Gordon - Lanclos Grocery, 1 story frame asbestos sided commercial building

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8. Significance (cont'd)

Washington contains a large number of fine examples of Louisiana house types which range from board and batten Acadian cottages to a full blown plantation house with a colossal order gallery. In addition the town has a number of late 19th century commercial buildings including a steamboat warehouse, a brick warehouse and several shops. The shops are particularly important because most retain their original late 19th century ornamental shop fronts. There are also a number of substantial mid and late 19th century town residences with wide galleries and Renaissance Revival details. Finally the Washington Historic District enjoys architectural significance because its historic character and ambience are more intact than in any of the surrounding communities.

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10. Geographical Data (cont'd)

Verbal boundary description

NOTE: Where streets are given as boundaries the center line of the street forms the boundary.

Begin at the intersection of Dallas and Short Streets proceed northward along Dallas Street to Vine Street thence west along Vine to Church Street thence north along Church to Moundville Street thence east along Moundville to a point approximately 15 ft. past Anderson Street thence turn northward of and proceed to end of Carrier Street thence west along Carrier approximately the street thence turn 90° eastward and proceed 15 ft., thence turn 90° northward northward along Church in a straight line to Bayou Courtableau. Thence along the shore of Bayou Courtableau and breaking with the shore to intersect with the northern terminus of Mayer Street thence southward along Mayer to DeJean Street thence west along DeJean to Prescott Street. Proceed along Prescott and continue in a straight line for 100 ft. to encompass the Magnolia Ridge property.

Thence turn northward 100° and proceed 60 ft. thence turn southward. Proceed southward along Cedar to Hill Street thence turn westward 90° and proceed 20 ft. thence turn southward 90° and proceed 20 ft. and turn eastward 90° and proceed to Cedar Street, thence proceed southward along Cedar to Vine Street thence westward along Vine and around the Cedar Hill Street Cemetery and back to Vine Street, thence eastward along Vine to Prescott Street thence southward along Prescott to Strode and back to Prescott. Thence eastward along Prescott 135 ft. Thence turn southward 90° and proceed 15 ft. and turn eastward 90° and proceed to Corso Street thence proceed southward along Corso to the bend and turn eastward 90° and proceed to Main Street. Thence proceed eastward along Buhot Street 10 ft. thence turn southward 90° and proceed to Short Street thence westward to Main Street thence southward to Bayou Caron, thence eastward along Bayou Caron to Washington Street, thence proceed northward along Washington Street to Buhot, thence eastward along Buhot to Church Street, thence southward along Church to Short Street thence eastward along Short Street to Dallas Street.

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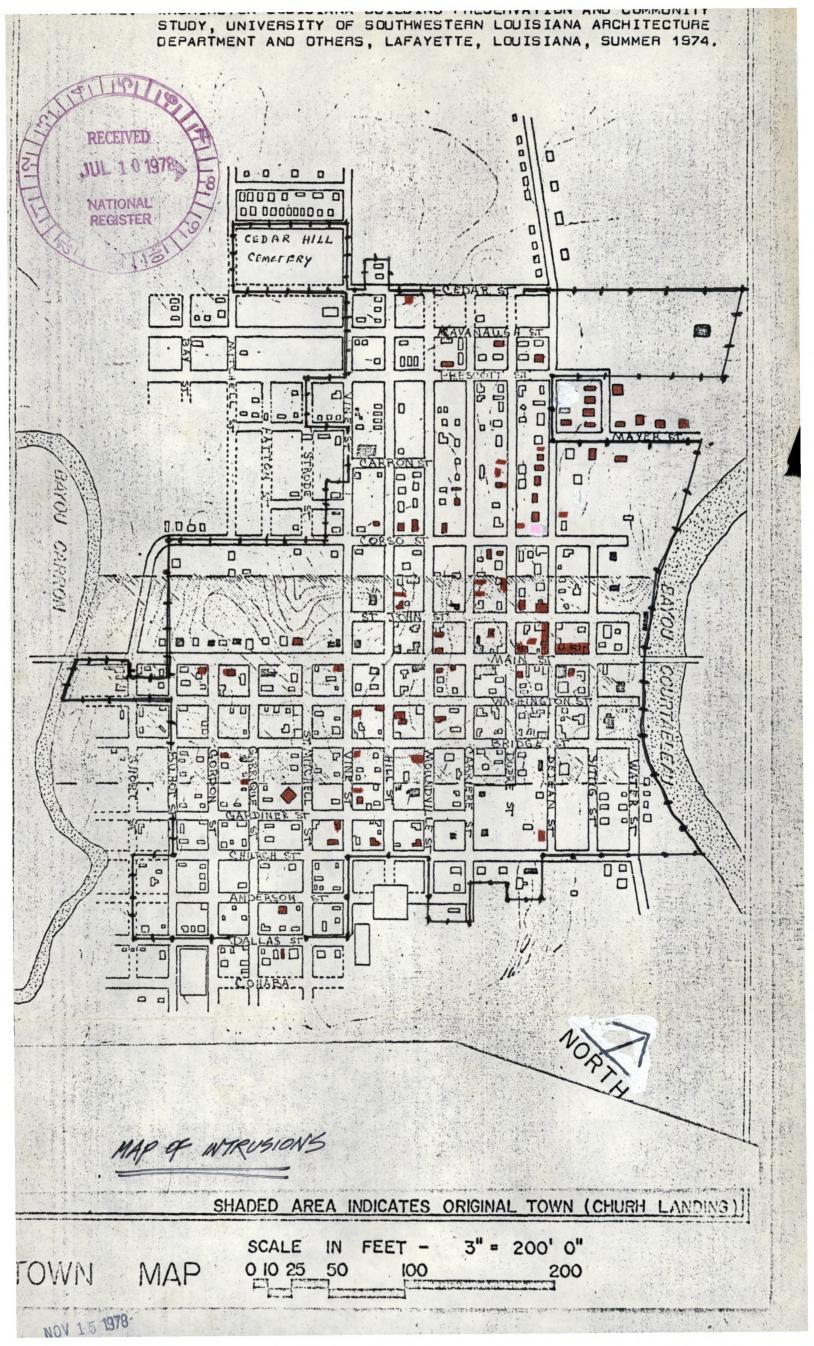
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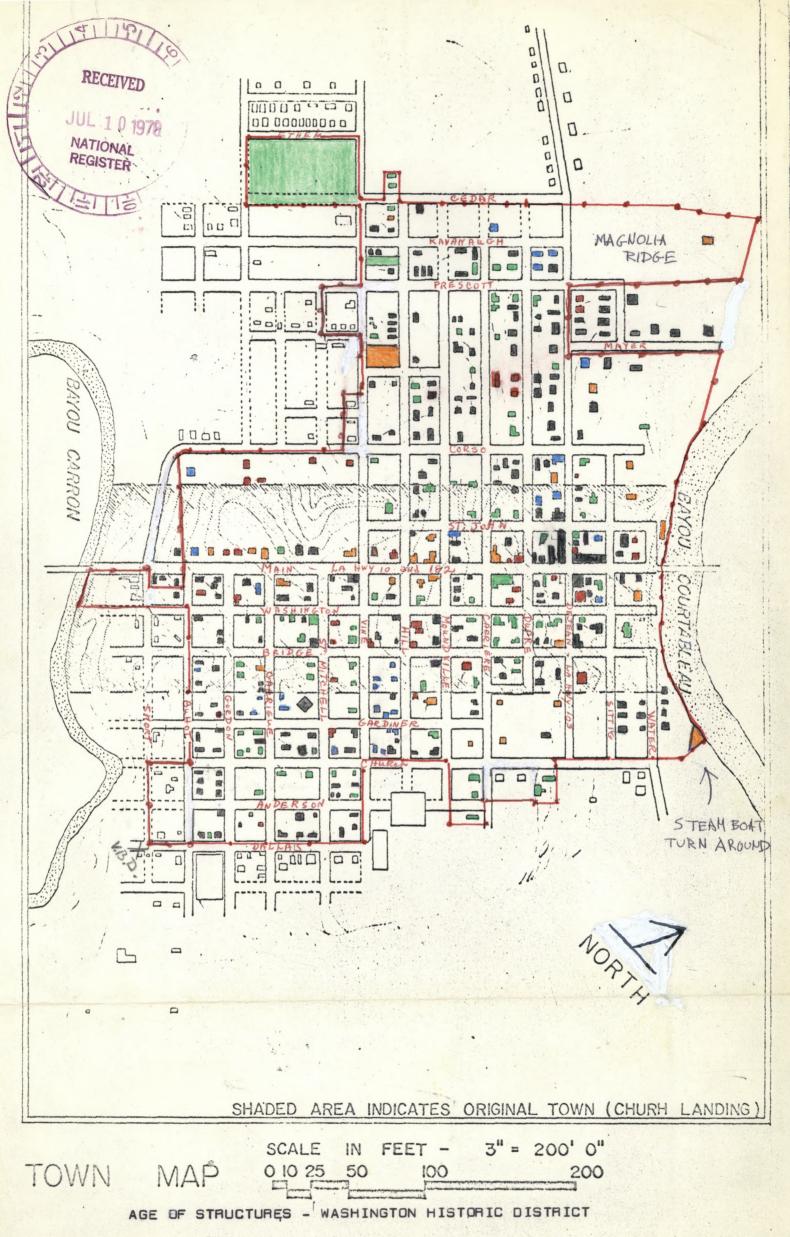
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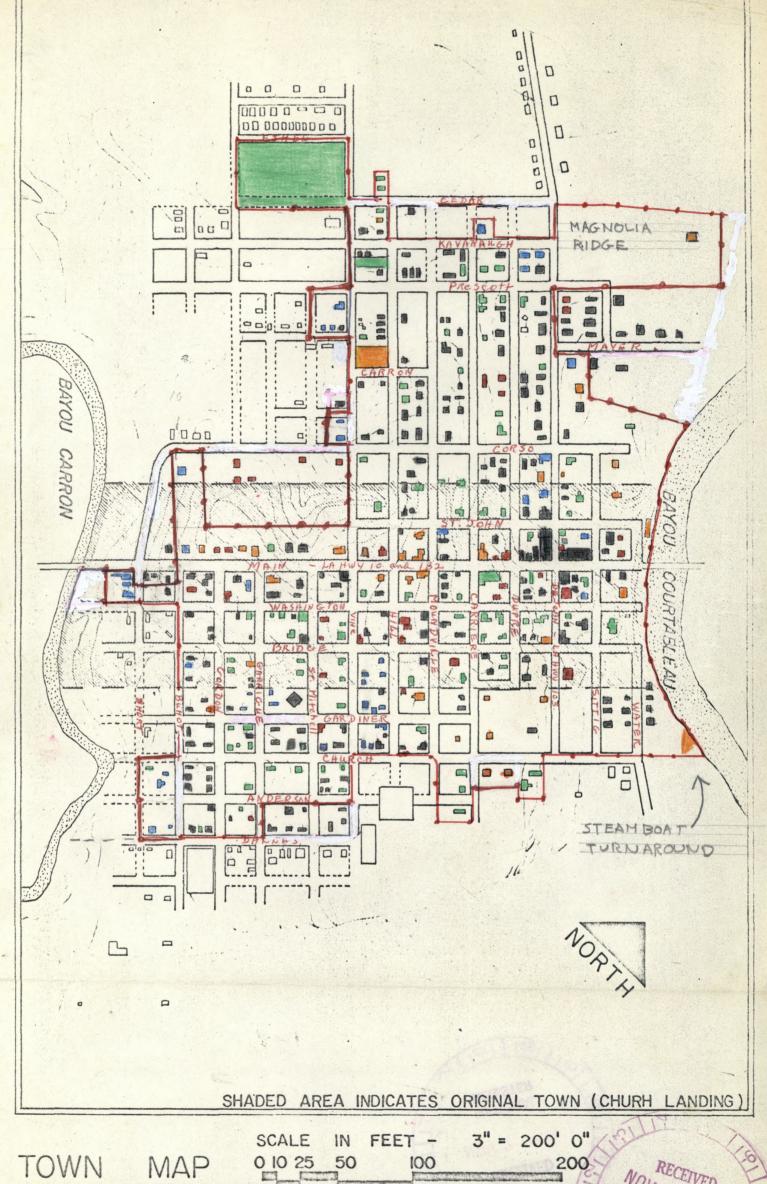
Most Louisiana plantations were set along navigable rivers or When the planter wanted a steamboat to stop, he simply put up a flag or gave some other signal. Owing to the sheer numbers of navigable waterways, interior ports were comparatively unusual. Their function was to service those plantations which could not be reached by steamboats. Inland ports represent one aspect of the history of upland plantation life. There were a number of towns which served as inland ports, notably Thibodaux, Baton Rouge, Morgan City (formerly Harrison), New Iberia and Washington. Of these Washington retains the largest collection of 19th century buildings which represent the steamboat town culture. The rest are largely characterized by twentieth century development. In addition, unlike the other examples, Washington has sites and buildings which represent every aspect of port life from a steamboat warehouse to commercial buildings to residences.

The boundaries were chosen to encompass those parts of the town which maintain a historic character. The periphery of the district is characterized by low-scale residences which, though not intrusive, are not fifty years old. The boundaries were drawn to define areas where these non-intrusive buildings share the space with older buildings or sites, thereby maintaining the historic character.





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SCALE IN FEET - 3" = 200' 0"

TOWN MAP 0 10 25 50 100 200

AGE OF STRUCTURES WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

- PRE 1860
- 1927-PRESENT
- 1860-1910
- 1910-1927
- BOUNDARIES