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RECREATION AND TOURISM: Division of
Archaeology and Historic Preservation,
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#5 on map

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I.
Parish Bienville
Municipality Gibsland
U.S.G.S. Quad _____
Township _____ Range _____ Section _____
Type of Property Residence
Name (common) Stage Coach Inn
Name (historic) Same
Address Highway 517 (Mt. Lebanon Road),
vicinity of Gibsland
Present Owner M.F. Courtney
Address Rt. 2
Gibsland, Louisiana
Date or period of construction 1847

- II.
1. Good to excellent local example of a building type x.
 2. Average example _____
 3. Poor example _____

III. Physical description of property and historical significance

Description: Largest residence in the area, this two-story, five-bay, frame clapboard house has a central hall double parlor plan on both floors and a front colossal gallery. House has original interior with original staircase and simple mantels. Front balcony and simple molded pillars are original. Structure is hewn.

Significance: This building is a local landmark, being the largest house in the area and having the only colossal order gallery in the parish.

Built in 1847 by Reuben Drake, one of the founders of the town. In 1869 it was purchased by Jesse Smith and is still in the hands of his descendants. The house was used as a stagecoach stop for the regular stagecoach runs between Shreveport and Monroe.

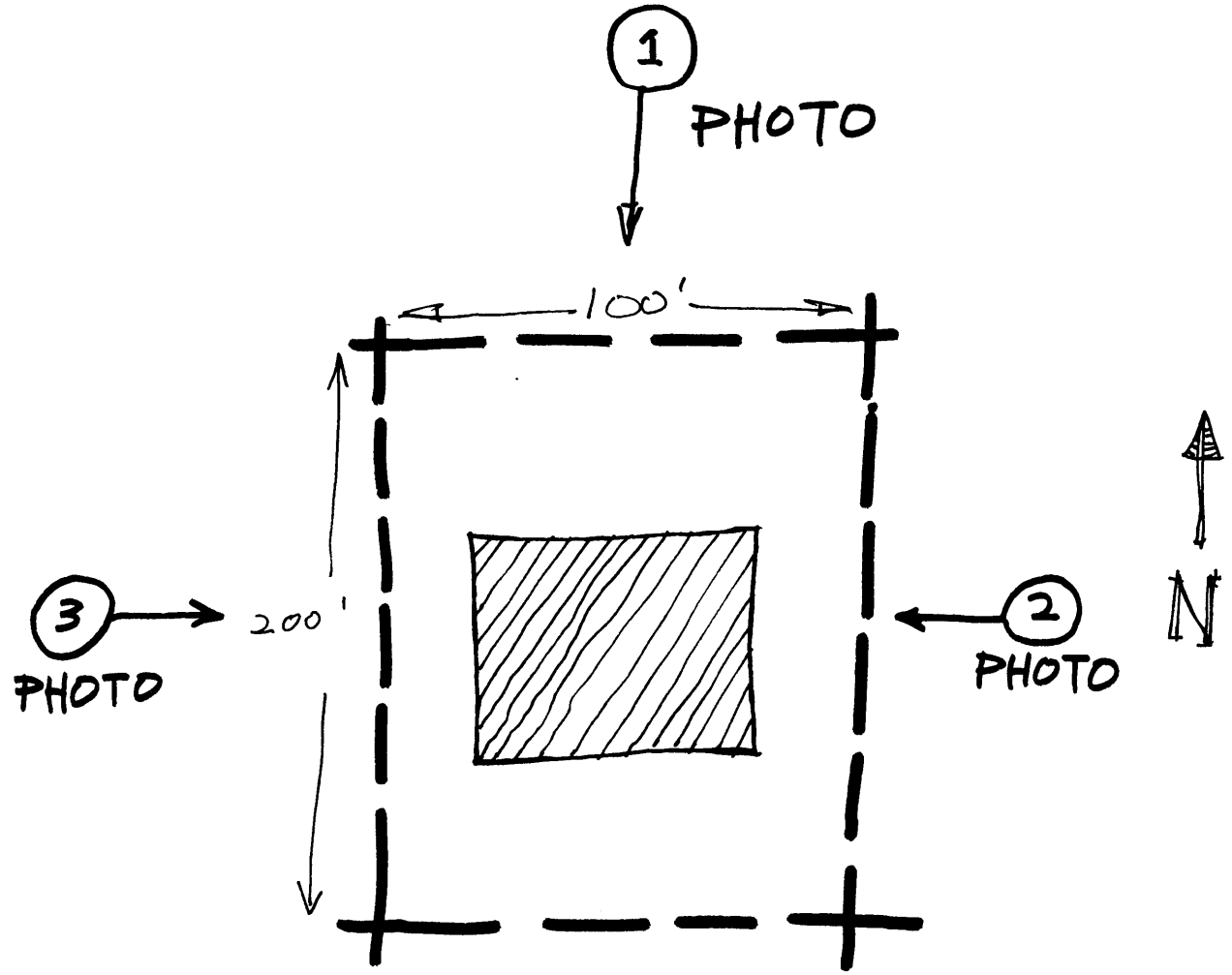
IV.
Recorded by Jonathan Fricker
Date June 1979
For Nomination of
Architectural Resources of Mt. Lebanon

V. Sources consulted See item 9 on
Nomination form

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please write your description and statement of significance to augment, not duplicate the photograph.
2. If you checked one of the boxes in Item 2 indicating that the Property is a good, fair, or poor example of a local type, please justify your choice.
3. Please describe or mention any notable or distinguishing features (i.e. decorative details, oddities or unusual characteristics).
4. Please mention briefly how the property is historically significant on the National, State or local level.

#5 STAGE COACH INN



Approx 1/2 Acre

