

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Dry Creek High School Building

and or common Dry Creek Baptist Camp Adult Assembly Center

2. Location

street & number LA Hwy 113 N/A not for publication

city, town Dry Creek N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish ~~county~~ Beaugard code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dry Creek Baptist Camp, Inc.

street & number P. O. Box 445

city, town Dry Creek N/A vicinity of state LA 70637-0445

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Beaugard Parish Courthouse

street & number First Street (no specific address) P. O. Box 100

city, town DeRidder state LA 70634

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1987 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 _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Dry Creek High School was built in 1912 and greatly enlarged and embellished in 1919. It is a two story frame neo-classical building located on a treed lot in the rural community of Dry Creek. The only noteworthy alteration since 1919 has been the recent subdividing of some of the classrooms for dormitory use.

The central portion of the building was constructed in 1912. In 1919 it acquired a pair of two story wings with end pavilions, which yielded the present five-part French Baroque facade. It also acquired monumental neo-classical features such as a colossal Tuscan portico, a columnar front doorway surmounted by a pediment shape, and a continuous architrave band which sets off the upper windows in what amounts to a very deep frieze. Other 1919 features include a pair of curved balustraded balconies and a curious decorative board and batten treatment under the eaves. Other aspects of the detailing are fairly typical for a frame school of the period. These include narrow gauge clapboards and bands of multipane sash windows (in this case 9 over 9). To the rear of the building is what may appear to be a rear wing. In fact, this is the rear portion of the original (1912) building.

The floor plan consists of a central entrance lobby and a corridor which runs to each end of the building giving access to classrooms. At each end of the corridor is a wide staircase which gives access to a similar corridor upstairs. The landings are lit by large segmentally arched windows. The interiors are fairly plain with paneled newel posts on the staircases, nine light transoms over the doors, and copious beaded board.

Alterations/Assessment of Integrity:

Since the 1919 renovation, there has been only one noteworthy alteration to the school. Recently many of the classrooms were subdivided to form bedrooms and bathrooms. This has not affected any of the principal architectural features of the building and has not significantly compromised the school's architectural significance.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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 1919 **Builder/Architect** Carpenter: W. B. Lindsey

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Dry Creek High School is of local significance in the area of architecture as an outstanding neo-classical landmark within the context of the relatively humble architectural heritage of Beauregard Parish.

This large rural parish was first settled by pioneer families of the Upland South Culture. Subsequently, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Beauregard Parish experienced a spurt of development as a result of a statewide lumber boom. The parish was actually created in 1912. The lumber boom played out during the Great Depression, and subsequently many of the associated buildings vanished. All of this has left Beauregard Parish with a rather humble historic building stock. The Dry Creek School stands in sharp contrast to the fairly ordinary early twentieth century one and two story commercial buildings and frame residences which make up the bulk of the parish's patrimony. It is one of only four fully developed neo-classical buildings in the parish, one of only two buildings to feature colossal order columns, and the only one to feature five-part French Baroque articulation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical sketch prepared by Lu Hancock based on interviews with long-time residents of Dry Creek and early graduates of the school.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property @ 2 acres

Quadrangle name Dry Creek, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed property plat map. Boundary lines follow property lines. For the record, the only building within these boundaries is the nominated one.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	National Register Staff Division of Historic Preservation	ASSISTED BY OWNER
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organization	State of Louisiana	date	October 1987
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street & number	P. O. Box 44247	telephone	(504) 922-0358
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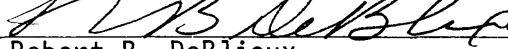
city or town	Baton Rouge	state	LA 70804
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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 National Park Service.

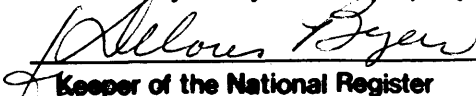
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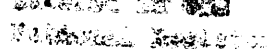
Robert B. DeBlieux

title	State Historic Preservation Officer	date	December 18, 1987
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register


Keeper of the National Register



date 1-28-88

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

Dry Creek High School Building
Beauregard Parish
LOUISIANA

DRY CREEK, LOUISIANA
BEAUREGARD PARISH

N/W Corner of the
N/W Quarter of the
N/W Quarter, Section 36,
T4S, R7W

TO SUGARLOAN

LA. HWY 113

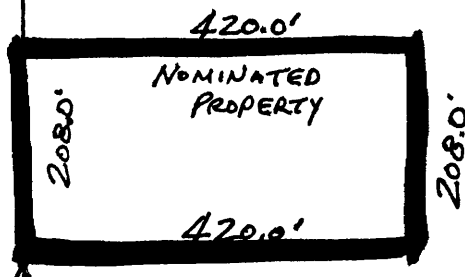
TO REEVES

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← TO DE RIDDER



Scale:
1" = 200'

PROPERTY SHOWN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING 208 YARDS
(624 FEET) NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE
NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER
SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST, LOUISIANA
MERIDIAN; THENCE EAST 420 FEET; THENCE NORTH 208 FEET;
THENCE WEST 420 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 208 FEET TO
THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2 ACRES, MORE
OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES,
IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER APPURTENANCES SITUATED
THEREON AND THERETO BELONGING.



N/W QUARTER OF THE
N/W QUARTER OF
SECTION 36,
TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH
RANGE 7 WEST

PLAT PREPARED BY:

John Clayton Iles

JOHN CLAYTON ILES
AUGUST 23, 1987

S/W Corner of
the N/W Quarter of
the N/W Quarter,
Section 36
T4S, R7W

DRY CREEK CEMETERY ROAD
(PARISH ROAD)