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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Drake House

and or common Hill - Drake - Hines House

2. Location

street & number 1202 Broadway N/A not for publication

city, town Minden N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Webster code 119

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Dr. and Mrs. Carl Hines (318) 271-1395 (H)
(318) 377-1438 (O)

street & number 1202 Broadway

city, town Minden N/A vicinity of state LA 71055

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Webster Parish Courthouse

street & number 410 Main Street P. O. Box 370

city, town Minden state LA 71058

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1983 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 <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Drake House is a two story, wood frame Colonial Revival residence located in an old suburban area of Minden. Despite some alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The original date of the house and its subsequent architectural development is the subject of some debate. The applicant has presented a well-detailed history which suggests that the house was originally built sometime between 1836 and 1859. According to this account, the house was substantially enlarged and given its present Colonial Revival treatment in 1883. Apparently the owner at the time shipped four large columns to the site for use in the renovation. Architectural evidence certainly supports 1883 as a date for some of the present construction. Much of the interior work has a strong late nineteenth century character. But 1883 seems rather early for the type of pretentious Colonial Revival treatment seen at the Drake House. The first decade or so of this century would seem to be more likely. In any event, the following description will focus upon the house's present appearance, which of course, is the source of its significance.

The Drake House has a squarish two story form with a colossal Tuscan pedimented portico. The tympanum contains a large Roman-looking lunette. There is also a single story Tuscan gallery which begins under the portico and wraps around the southwest corner of the house. The central front doorway opens into a large living hall with a double frame ceiling and free-standing Tuscan columns on pedestals. The staircase is incorporated into a polygonal bay window and the mantel is encompassed by dado benches. The mantel has a fanciful design which might best be described as "Eastlake-Adam." Other interior spaces feature beaded board walls, transomed doors, pocket doors, picture moldings, and chair rails. The beaded board runs vertically above the chair rail and diagonally below it. Most of the mantels have a basic Adam shape but are less intricate than the one in the living hall. Most feature manufactured details such as pressed wood bricade, rowder cut grooves, or corner blocks.

Assessment of Integrity:

Since the house received its present Colonial Revival form, the following changes have been made:

1. The rear kitchen has been remodeled and modernized,
2. A rear lean-to has been added,
3. Much of the exterior has been sheathed in aluminum siding,

Despite these changes, the basic form, mass, and significant features (see Item 8) of the house are still extant and easily visible,

To the rear of the house are a free-standing carport and a small metal shed. These, of course, are listed as non-contributing elements.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1905 (based on **Builder/Architect** Builder: Felix H. Drake, Sr, Family
 architectural evidence) (present appearance)
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion C

The Drake House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a landmark in the late nineteenth-early twentieth century residential heritage of Webster Parish. Its distinction in this regard rests principally upon its pretentious Colonial Revival exterior.

The Louisiana Standing Structures Survey has identified some 430 50+ year old structures in Webster Parish. One hundred thirty-one of these are residences dating from the period c.1880 to World War I. In general, this group encompasses the Queen Anne Revival and Colonial Revival, as well as various vernacular house types such as shotgun houses and galleried cottages.

The Drake House is a landmark among this predominantly humble housing stock for three reasons;

1. Its size and pretentious articulation distinguish it from the Queen Anne Revival cottages, galleried cottages, and shotgun houses which characterize the parish's housing stock for the period under consideration.
2. It is the parish's best residential example of Colonial Revival architecture. There are only three examples in the parish which feature colossal columns, and of these the Drake House is the only one to feature a pedimented portico. The house derives additional grandeur and importance in this regard from its massive lunette.
3. It has a fully developed living hall, which is a very rare feature in rural Webster Parish.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical sketch submitted by owners based on research in conveyance records, newspaper archives at the parish library, and interviews with descendants of F. H. Drake, Sr.
Historic Structures Survey, Webster Parish, LA State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @ 1 acre

Quadrangle name Minden South, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	5	4	7	3	6	6	0	3	6	0	8	9	6	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed property plat map. Boundaries follow property lines to encompass acreage under single ownership.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff
Division of Historic Preservation ASSISTED BY OWNERS

organization State of Louisiana date May 1985

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date May 22, 1985

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 7-18-85


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Lot 132

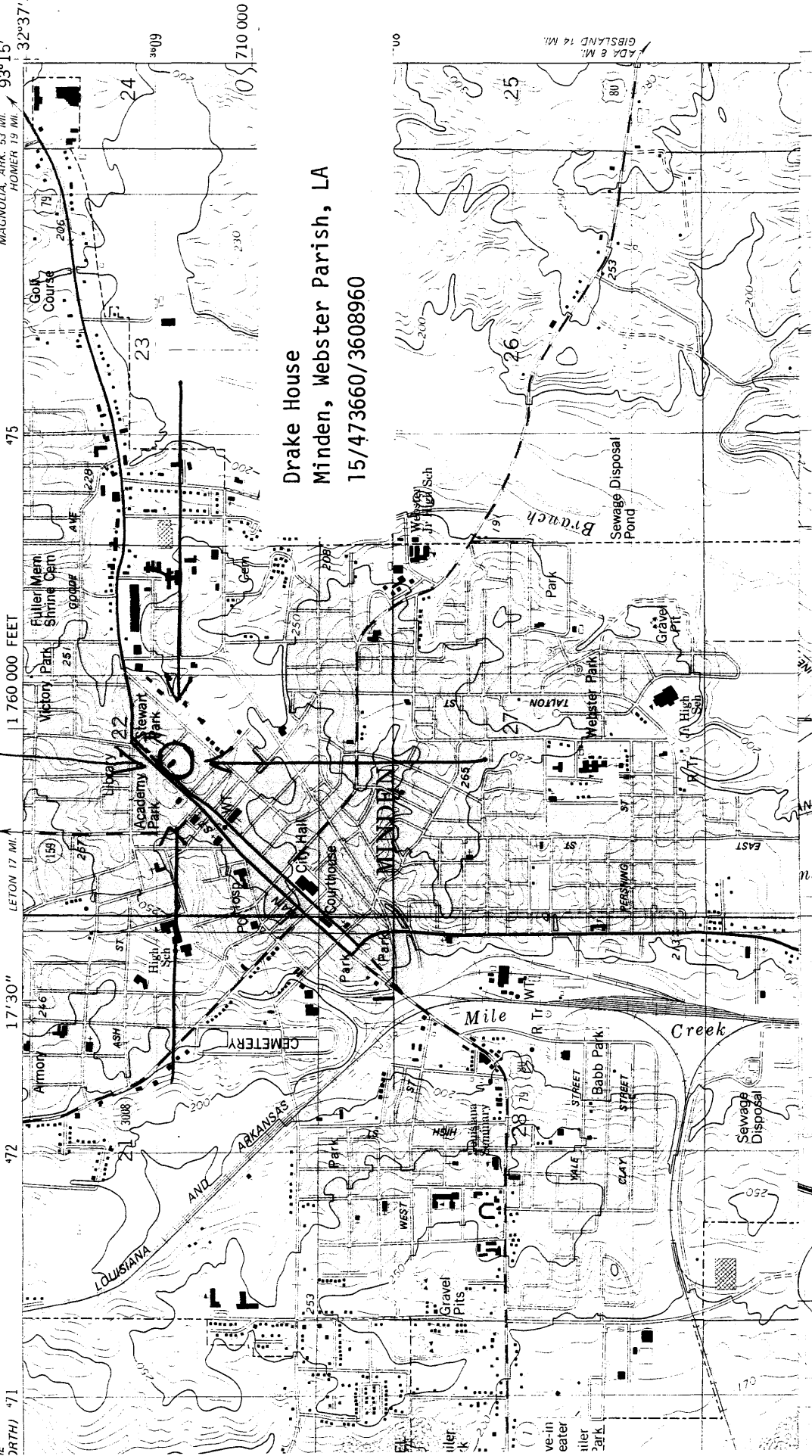
MINDEN SOUTH QUADRANGLE
LOUISIANA - WEBSTER PARISH
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE 1/4 MINDEN 15' QUADRANGLE

MAGNOLIA, 494K 53 MI.
HOMER 19 MI.

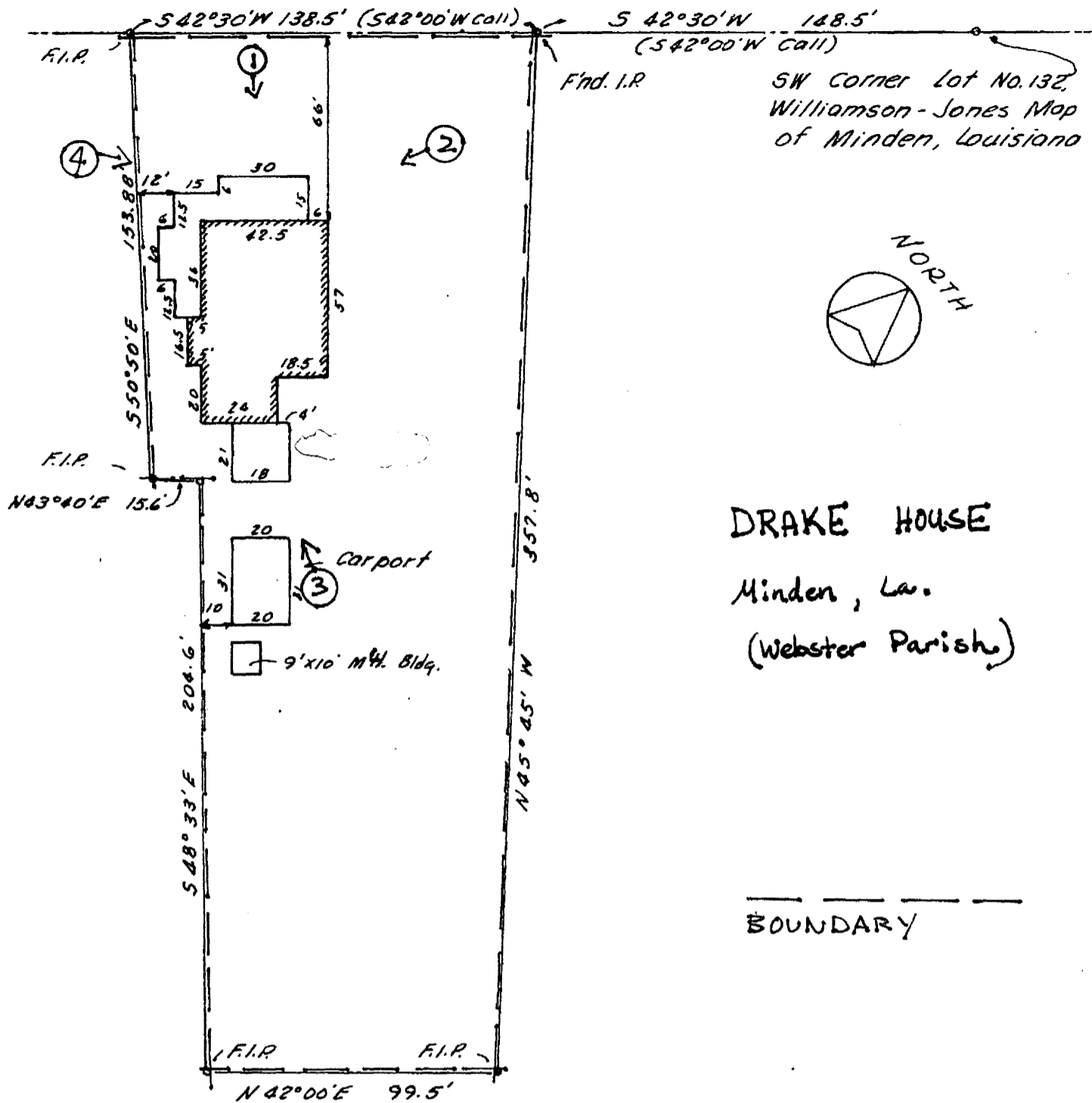
95° 15'

32° 37' 30"



Drake House
Minden, Webster Parish, LA
15/473660/3608960

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Plat of Survey for Joanne D Branch
 1202 Broadway
 Minden, Webster Parish, La.
 Scale: 1" = 50'

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