

STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY

Site Number BUILDING # 5

PARISH Lafayette

MUNICIPALITY Broussard

USGS QUAD _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

TYPE OF PROPERTY commercial

NAME (common) DeBaillon's Pharmacy

NAME (historic) Ducrest Building (B.M.R.A.)

ADDRESS 101 West Main St.

Broussard, LA 70518

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1903

II. 1. Condition good

2. Style see below

3. Floor Plan N/A

4. Building Material see below

(PHOTOGRAPH)

III. Physical description of property and historic significance

Constructed in 1903, this two-story, frame, pressed tin sided commercial building retains its original shopfront and corner entrance, though it has lost its original gallery. Nonetheless, it retains the Italianate styling for which it has been judged significant.

There are about seventy-five 50+ year old commercial buildings in Lafayette Parish, most of which date from the 1920's. Of these seventy-five, the Ducrest Building is one of only four known examples which reflect the commercial Italianate taste. This can be seen in the pressed tin siding which imitates stonework and in the elaborate, ornamental modillion cornice. Virtually all other old commercial buildings in the parish reflect later styles.

The above building was constructed in 1903 by T. Lucien Ducrest, who operated a pharmacy there for over thirty-five years. Upon Mr. Ducrest's death, the building was purchased by his son, Francis M. Ducrest, who maintained the building and ran the store for thirty-one years. After the death of Francis M. Ducrest, his wife leased the building to George DeBaillon, the present occupant.

IV. Recorded by see nomination form-Item 7

Date _____

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V. Sources consulted see nomination form-Item 9

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