UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL
PROPERTY Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Rapides
DATE RECEIVED: 2/13/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/31/15 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001753
NOMINATOR: STATE
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
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TELEPHONE DATE 3.31.15
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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The purpose of this additional documentation is to remove the Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House from the National Register of Historic Places because it has been destroyed.

Background

The Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House was built in 1895 in Woodworth in Rapides Parish as a manager's house for the Woodworth Lumber Company. It was one of the two remaining buildings that reflected the sawmill town heritage or Woodworth. The house had considerable remodeling in the 1920s when it was bought by one of the mill workers, Tom Worsham, for private use. Although the house underwent a variety of changes, the house was still recognizable from the exterior as the mill manager's residence. Some original elements that remained on the house included the distinctive massing and gallery configuration, the front fenestration pattern, the survival of the original siding, and the gallery columns. While the building was not nominated under Criterion C, these original elements added up to clearly make the manager's house recognizable as dating from the sawmill period in Woodworth.

However, to-date, the manager's house is no longer extant. According to the visual map on Google Street View, the site of the manager's house (corner of 165 and Caster Plunge Road) is vacant. The issue of the house being gone was first brought to our office's attention in 2010 during a Section 106 review.

Loss of Integrity

When considering the first reason for justifying removal from the National Register as discussed in 36. CFR 60.15 (a) (it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed), each of the three criteria for listing—age (50+ years), significance (importance in history/culture, architecture/engineering, or archaeology), and integrity (ability to convey its significance)—must be considered. The criterion in question is integrity. The elements that have been compromised under the criteria of integrity are location, design, and workmanship. The manager's house was deemed significant because it was the only surviving structure of the once booming lumber town of Woodworth, Louisiana. With the destruction of the manager's house, no surviving elements which reflect the sawmill town's history exist. In addition to design, workmanship and materials, the resource has lost integrity of feeling and association. Therefore, the property should be removed from the National Register of Historic Places because the structure is no longer extant.

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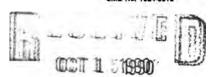
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Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House National Register nomination; copy in National Register file.

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

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The Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House is a large, rambling, frame residence located on U. S. Highway 165, a major north-south artery. The small former sawmill town of Woodworth has an almost completely modern character today. The manager's house was built sometime between 1893, when the first sawmill was built, and 1904, when a picture of it appeared in the American Lumberman. For the purposes of this nomination, we will use the date c.1895. The house subsequently received a major remodeling, which one suspects took place in 1927 when it was purchased as a private residence after the lumber company abandoned Woodworth.

For the record, the following analysis is based almost completely upon the architectural evidence and conclusions drawn from it. There is no documentation for the house beyond a poor xerox of the picture from the 1904 American Lumberman. (Seeing the original would not help given the angle at which the photo was taken and its overall quality.)

It appears that the house originally had one room on each side of a central hall and a rear ell wing on the western side. The most distinctive feature was the rather unusual massing. The main block had a medium pitch roof with a full gable at the west end and a hip form at the east end. Appended to this was a gallery under a skirting roof. The skirting roof terminated in a hip form on the western end and wrapped around the corner to encompass the eastern side elevation. The previously mentioned 1904 photograph, albeit fuzzy, seems to indicate that this gallery continued around the corner to encompass some part of the rear elevation as well. However, one cannot be certain given the angle of the photograph. It is known that the rear ell wing had a gallery of its own which connected with the rear of the central hall. (This gallery has been enclosed, but three thick chamfered columns are in place, which undoubtedly matched the main gallery columns.) The facade featured four irregularly placed openings, with one more or less at the center marking the entrance. The house was sheathed in beveled siding.

It is beyond question that the house subsequently received a major remodeling. What was done is also clear. However, it is not possible to determine the exact date. Essentially the house was remodeled in a combination of the Colonial Revival and Arts and Crafts styles. This work can only be dated architecturally and could have occurred anytime between the late teens and the early '30s. The question is important because the house's period of association with the sawmill era ends in 1926 when the mill abandoned the town. The house

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was purchased in 1927 by one of the mill workers, Tom Worsham, for use as his family home. While it will never be known whether the remodeling was undertaken during the sawmill era or by Mr. Worsham, logic favors the latter. It seems unlikely that a lumber company would spend a sizable sum to remodel a company owned house in the latest style. It also seems unlikely that a hired sawmill manager would spend a good deal of his own money on a house he did not own. However, it is very plausible that a new private owner would want to update a house which was by then around thirty years old.

Regardless of when it occurred, the remodeling consisted of the following:

- One room was added to the rear on the east side, creating a second rear wing.
- (2) The original rear wing was widened about three feet to the west using salvaged lumber.
- (3) All of the main gallery columns were replaced with flared Doric posts in the Colonial Revival style.
- (4) Two of the front openings were enlarged.
- (5) The house was completely remodeled on the interior. The central hall was removed, creating a large living room. Two rooms received Colonial Revival mantels echoing the porch columns and two received brick Arts and Crafts style mantels. Three rooms were fitted with Arts and Crafts openwork false beam ceilings. Closets were installed and most of the interior moldings were replaced.
- (6) It appears that the enclosure of a portion of the side gallery for a bathroom dates from this remodeling as well.

Alterations since the above remodeling include the addition of a second bathroom at the rear, the enclosure of what remained of the original rear wing gallery, the addition of a covered parking space to the main gallery on the west side, and the installation of paneling in two of the rooms. (The steps shown in Photo 4 represent a small 1940s addition that has since been removed.)

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Assessment of Integrity:

As previously mentioned, one cannot be certain of the date of the remodeling, although 1927 seems the most likely scenario, as explained above. Thus one should assess the house's integrity based upon the "worst case scenario"--i.e., that the remodeling took place after the period of significance for the house. Although the alterations are considerable, one could argue that the house is still recognizable from the exterior as the mill manager's residence. The very distinctive massing and gallery configuration remain entirely intact when viewed from the front. The front fenestration pattern remains, although two of the openings have been enlarged somewhat. Most of the original siding also remains. The gallery columns, although replaced, are roughly of the same visual weight and shape as the originals. In short, it seems reasonable that someone from the sawmill period would recognize the house today, at least from the exterior.

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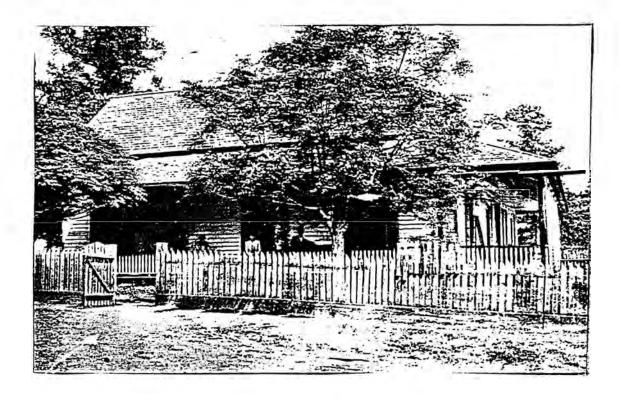


photo of manager's house appearing in July 2, 1904 issue of the American Lumberman

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Rapides Lumber Company Manager's House is locally significant in the area of industry because it and two other houses are the only buildings that survive to reflect the sawmill town heritage of Woodworth, a small community which is now almost completely modern in character.

Woodworth's history begins with the establishment of the Morris Post Office on the site in 1892 (named after the first postmaster, William J. Morris). The name was changed to Woodworth in 1893 in honor of Calvin H. Woodworth of the Rapides Lumber Company. In that year the company established a steam driven sawmill and finishing plant there.

An invaluable account of the early appearance of the sawmill town, with photographs, is found in the American Lumberman issue of July 2, 1904. The article describes the town as having 103 houses with 12 additional ones under construction, a large sawmill capable of cutting 110,000 feet of lumber per day, a commissary, a church and schools for black and white children. The company owned 46,000 acres of longleaf yellow pine in the area. The mill complex included the two story sawmill, two rough dry sheds, a railroad loading platform, an office, a huge lumber yard, and a brick boiler house. There were also two dry kilns and a planing mill.

In 1906 the company was acquired by Long Bell Lumber and operations were expanded. Long Bell was a Kansas-based concern that owned four large mills in Louisiana. The Woodworth plant retained the name Rapides Lumber Company. During the heyday of the town there were about 1,000 inhabitants.

By 1926 the seemingly limitless timber supply had been exhausted and the town was abandoned. The focus of lumbering shifted to the Pacific Northwest, and many of the Woodworth personnel were transferred to Longview, Washington. Apparently about 95% of the buildings were immediately disposed of by the company, following the "cut out and get out" dismantling policy often found in Louisiana's sawmill towns. One of the mill workers, Tom Worsham, purchased the

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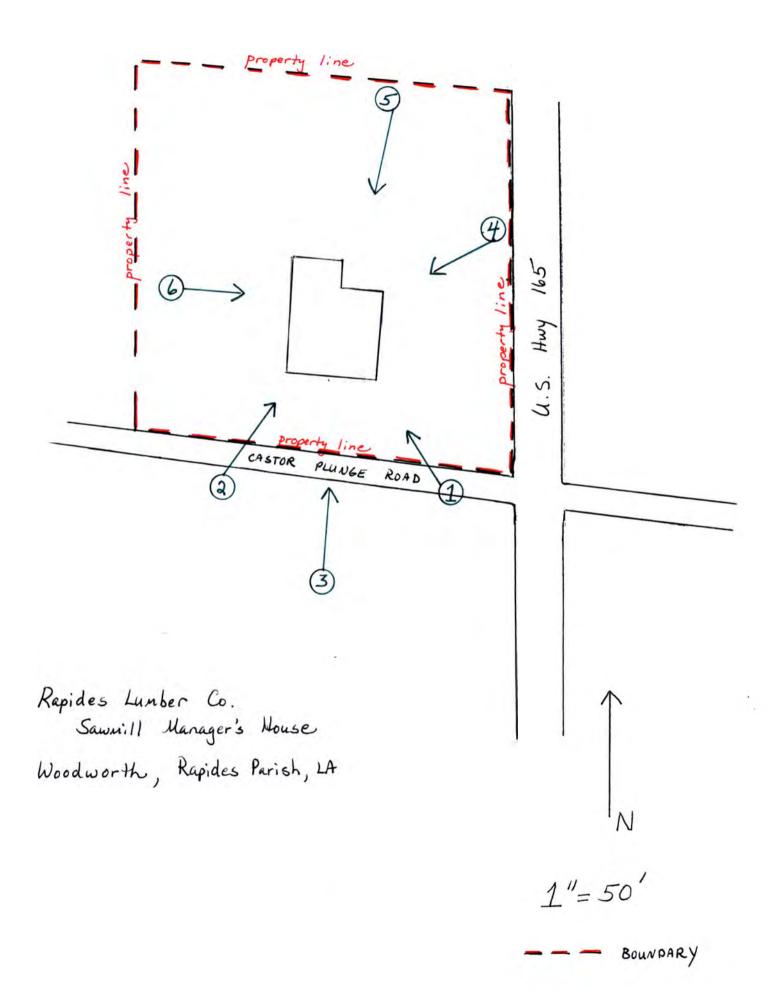
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manager's house in 1927 for use as his family residence. Driving around Woodworth today, one would scarcely guess its sawmill town heritage. There are only three remaining buildings from that era as well as the ruins of a huge brick vault on the site of the company office. The three buildings are the manager's house and two other homes.

Note regarding period of significance:

The property is significant because it represents the sawmill history of Woodworth. The period of significance begins c.1895, when the house was built to serve as the sawmill manager's house, and ends in 1926 when the lumber company left Woodworth.





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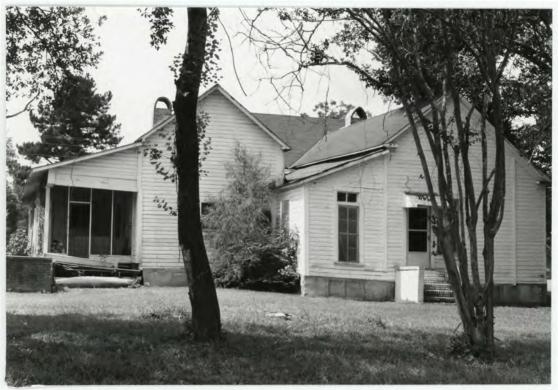
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NATIONAL REGISTER

October 9, 1990

Amy Federman National Register of Historic Places National Park Service P. O. Box 37127 Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Re: Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Amy:

We would like to request substantive review of the enclosed nomination. We are not certain that the house retains sufficient integrity to represent the sawmill history of Woodworth and would like a second opinion. We have argued "yes" in the form, but can see the other side too, hence the need for your review.

The matter is complicated by the fact that the date of the remodeling will never be known for certain, although one strongly suspects that it was in 1927 after the sawmill era had ended. (This will all make sense once you read the form.) In any event, we feel the house should be judged upon this "worst case scenario."

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Fricker

National Register Coordinator

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Enclosure



Google maps

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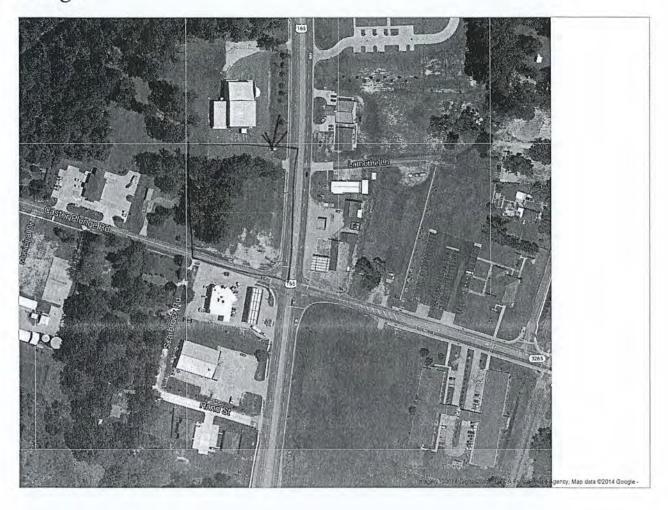
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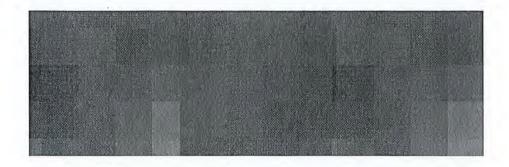




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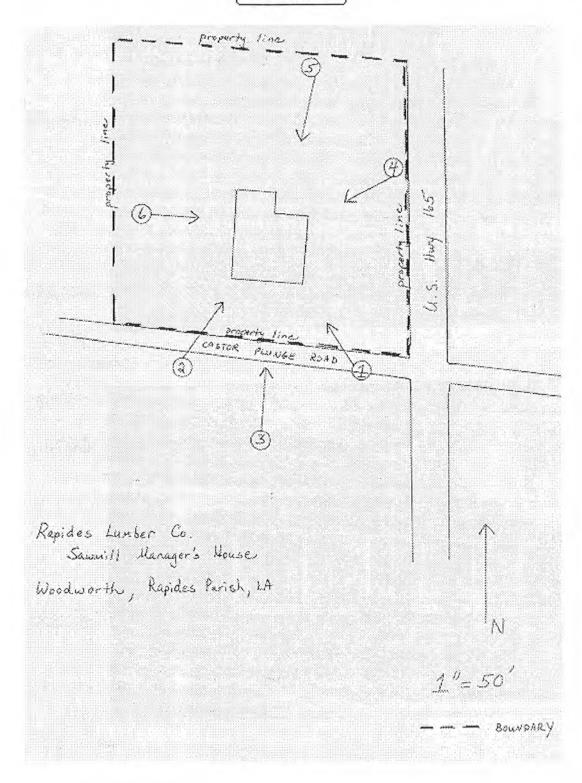
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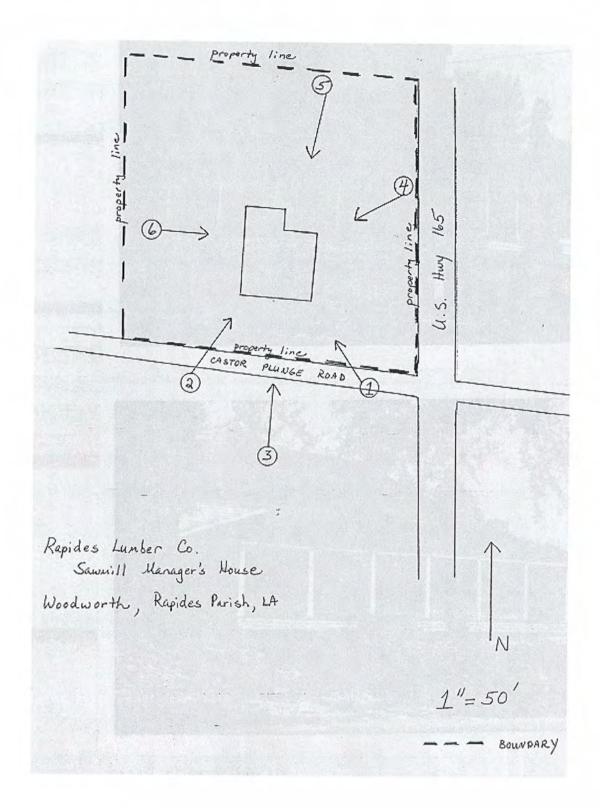


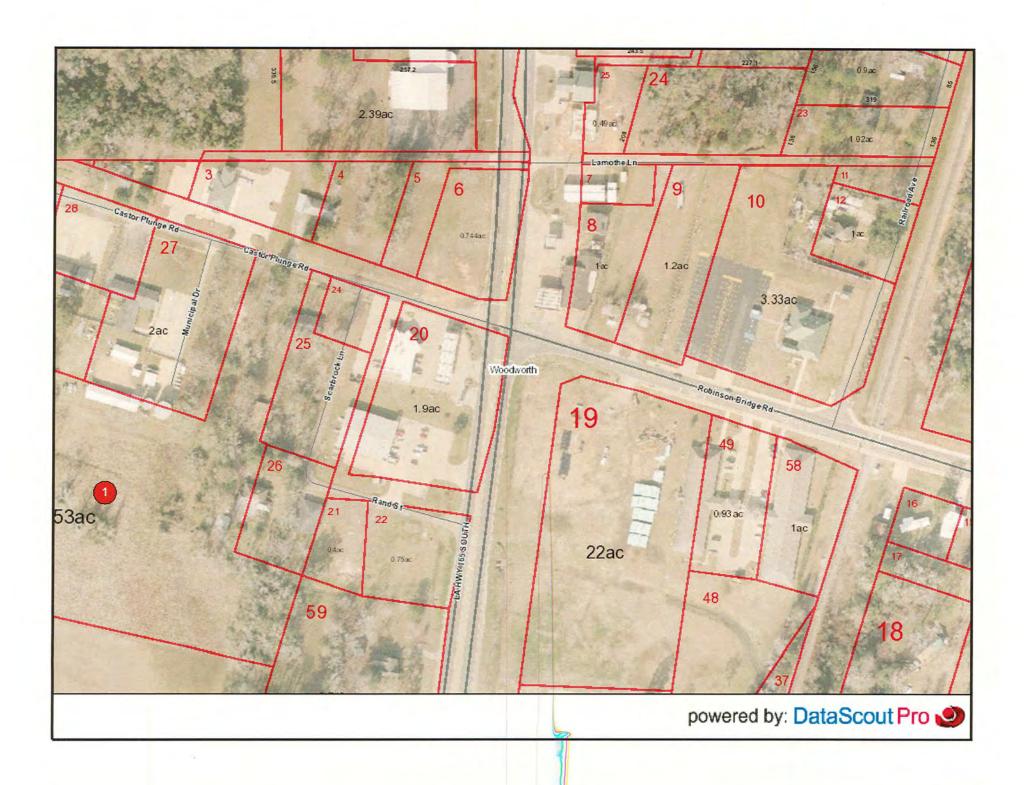


Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House

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PAM BREAUX ASSISTANT SECRETARY

January 5, 2015

The Honorable David C. Butler, II PO Box 228 Woodworth, LA 71485-0228

RE: Delisting of Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Butler:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria.

According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. The Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House was listed on 11/26/1990, and per satellite map images of the property's address, we have come to learn that the building is no longer there. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] also require that the property's owner and the chief elected official be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **February 9**, **2015** to the following address:

Pam Breaux State Historic Preservation Officer Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation PO Box 44247 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at jrichardson@crt.la.gov, or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

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January 6, 2015

Stanley Holdings LLC PO Box 11887 Alexandria, LA 71315

RE: Delisting of Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House, Rapides Parish, LA

To Whom it May Concern:

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Our research shows you to be the owner of the land where Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House stood, which was listed on the National Register on 11/26/1990. According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Per satellite map images of the property's address, we have come to learn that the building is no longer there. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

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February 9, 2015

James Gabbert National Register of Historic Places 1201 "Eye" Street NW Washington, D.C., 20005

RE: Delisting of Rapides Parish Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to delist the above property from the National Register of Historic Places. Originally listed on the Register on 11/26/1990, the above property was demolished sometime between then and 2010 (per attached email from our Section 106 colleague). Per 36 CFR 60, Sec. 60.15 (a)(1), we are requesting that the above property be officially delisted based on the fact that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been destroyed. To support this claim, we have included in this submission satellite images, emails, and a continuation sheet with further information on the property.

We have notified the property owner and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. We received no comment from either.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact our National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson via email at irichardson@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely.

Pam Breaux

State Historic Preservation Officer

PD:JR/jgr Enclosure

Pat Duncan

From: Kristin Sanders

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 2:46 PM

To: Pat Duncan

Subject: Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House

Hi Pat. I received a Section 106 Review for a property in Woodworth, LA near the Rapides Lumber Company Sawmill Manager's House. As part of my review, I viewed the area using Google Street view. The site where the NR property is supposed to be located (corner of HWY 165 and Castor Plunge Rd) is vacant. I thought I should let you know.

Kristin

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