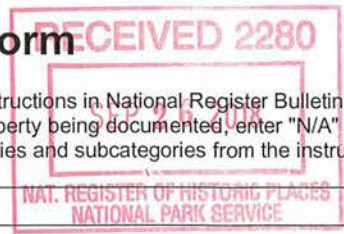


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Denham Springs Commercial Historic District  
Other Names/Site Number: N/A  
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

## 2. Location

Street & Number: 100-239 North Range Avenue  
City or town: Denham Springs State: LA County: Livingston  
Not for Publication:  Vicinity:

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  
 national  state  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Kristin P. Sanders August 15, 2018  
Signature of certifying official/Title: Kristin Sanders, State Historic Preservation Officer Date  
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  
Signature of commenting official: Date  
Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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**4. National Park Certification**

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of the Keeper

*11-5-2018*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public – Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Building(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

**Number of Resources within Property** (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
23	4	Buildings
		Sites
		Structures
		Objects
23	4	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 2

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.): Domestic: Single dwelling; Commerce/Trade: Business, Financial Institution, Department Store, Specialty Store, Restaurant, Organizational, Warehouse; Social: Meeting Hall; Government: City Hall, Correctional Facility, Post Office; Recreation and Culture: Theater

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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.): Commerce/Trade: Business, Department Store, Specialty Store; Government: City Hall; Landscape: Park

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions.): Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements: Commercial Style, Bungalow/Craftsman; Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals: Classical Revival; Modern Movement: International Style; Other

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Brick

walls: Brick

roof: Asphalt

other: N/A

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Denham Springs Commercial Historic District consists of 30 buildings in the heart of Denham Springs. These buildings are oriented largely towards North Range Avenue along two blocks between East Railroad Avenue and Centerville Street and formed the early main commercial corridor for Denham Springs. These buildings are almost all low-rise commercial buildings of the typical types and styles representative of smaller Louisiana towns in the early twentieth century, many featuring brick construction and false front design. The district has 29 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building, and a period of significance of 1908 to 1960.

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### Narrative Description

The historic commercial core of Denham Springs is sited along North Range Avenue in proximity to a railroad line that helped drive development of the area. The historic commercial district is flanked on both side by residential buildings of approximately the same era, but markedly different building types, styles, materials, and setbacks. The buildings are oriented towards North Range Avenue on an east-west orientation. Of the thirty buildings that make up the Denham Springs Commercial Historic District, twenty-eight are historic and/or current commercial use; of the two remaining buildings, one is a residence and the other is the former City Hall.

The commercial district features simple storefronts, brick construction, and false front designs, but the buildings express vernacular styles of the period rather than high style historic architectural styles. The exception to that is the façade of former Denham Springs Farmers' Association, Inc. building (121-123 North Range Avenue) with its ornamental Greek key panels, lions' heads, and orbs. The majority of the North Range Avenue facades feature awnings or other coverings over the sidewalk, storefront windows, and plain entrances. The buildings do not exceed two stories in height. While alterations have occurred over the years, many of the alterations have been used towards continued use as commercial properties.

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Buildings are contributing to the Denham Springs Commercial Historic District if the construction period places it within the period of significance and the building was utilized historically for government or commercial activities. The building should retain its historic appearance, particularly character defining features such as storefront windows and fenestration patterns, but minor alterations or materials replacement that do not damage the overall historic character of the building are acceptable. Further description of individual resource's integrity is explained in each inventory entry.

### **Historic District Inventory**

#### **1. 100-110 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This one-story building anchors the southeast corner of the historic district. Constructed in 1940, the building is subdivided into multiple stores. The building is clad in stucco; a mural decorates the south elevation. A metal awning runs the length of the west elevation. The building has large plate glass windows and black tile bulkheads. Several of the partially glazed wooden doors on the west elevation may be historic. The building has a rectangular footprint, flat roof, and does not have a notable historic architectural style outside of being a typical commercial building.

#### **2. 108 Mattie Street, contributing**

This building is connected to the adjacent building addressed at 125 North Range Avenue via a breezeway. Constructed in 1915, the eastern end of the building has a square footprint, wooden clapboard siding, a partially glazed wooden door. The larger section to the west has corrugated metal cladding, one set of partially glazed wooden doors, and an irregular façade. Both portions are one-story in height with side gable roofs sheathed in corrugated metal.

#### **3. 111 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This one-story building has the large plate glass windows, stucco-clad façade, and awning found on many of the other buildings of the Denham Springs commercial section. Constructed circa 1945, the building has a large parapet constructed of brick in common bond. The shallow gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building has a rectangular footprint.

#### **4. 114 North Range Avenue, contributing**

The former Brown Hotel (photo #8) was constructed in 1927. Individually listed in the NRHP in 2015 under the historic theme of Commerce, the façade of the building has been painted. The two-story building features large plate glass windows that are later replacements of a 1950s alteration. The brick of the façade is laid in common bond. The façade also features pilasters and stone decorative elements. The configuration of the doors, flanking storefront windows, and awnings are several characteristics featured throughout the district; the multipane transom windows are original. The building has a flat roof and rectangular footprint.

#### **5. 115 Mattie Street, contributing**

The former City Hall (photo #5) was constructed in 1940 and listed individually in the NRHP in 1993 under Criterion A for significance under the theme of Politics/Government. The building is oriented to the south toward Mattie Street. The building has Art Deco-influenced elements, stucco exterior, and a portico. Sanctuary Park, created in 2010, shares the parcel with the old City Hall, and is thus, not counted as a separate entry.

#### **6. 115 North Range Avenue, non-contributing**

This building has a red brick facade, projecting window bays, and a large arched entrance; the original building dates to 1973, but the current appearance dates to a 1986 substantial alteration. The building appears to have concrete block construction, rectangular footprint, and flat roof. The building is oriented towards to east.

#### **7. 116 North Range Avenue, non-contributing**

This non-contributing building was constructed circa 1975. The one-story building has a brick exterior, recessed entrance, and large plate glass windows. The most notable feature of the building is the sweeping front gable roof that dominates the exterior. The building has a concrete foundation and irregular footprint.

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**8. 121-123 North Range Avenue, contributing**

The former Denham Springs Farmers' Association, Inc. building (photo #7) was constructed in the 1920s. The brick storefront features large windows, symmetrical façade, and awning found on many of the other historic buildings of this area. The building has decorative features unique for this section of North Range Avenue, including Greek key bands, lions' heads panels, orbs, and other decorative pieces; these pieces may be composed of terra cotta or cast stone. The brickwork features multiple decorative patterns, including laid as soldier bricks, herringbone, and common bond. The building has a parapet roof, concrete slab foundation, and rectangular footprint. It has two recessed entries with tile flooring and glazed paired entry doors. The transom windows above the awning are currently covered with corrugated metal.

**9. 125 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This building (photo #6) has two sections, a two-story brick portion fronting North Range Avenue and a one-story building with large dormer windows fronting Mattie Street. The Mattie Street portion has vertical wooden board cladding, a corrugated metal panel roof, and an irregular façade. The three sets of doors on the north elevation appear to be later replacements. There are two dormers on the roof with three 6/6 double hung wood windows. There are also 6/6 wood windows on the storefront level. The North Range Avenue façade has a parapet roof, cast stone lintels over and under the windows, and a red brick exterior. One-over-one double hung wood windows on the north and east elevations appear to be historic. The storefront and accompanying doors look to be original as well. Decorative brick treatments featuring soldier bricks mark the upper portion of the east elevation. The building has a largely rectangular footprint. The storefront transom windows are currently covered with corrugated metal.

**10. 201 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Located at the intersection of North Range Avenue and Mattie Street, this former bank building (photo #4) has a two-story section on the south and a one-story section to the north. Constructed in 1908, the building has a brick exterior, flat roof, and multiple window types including large plate glass windows likely dating from the 1950s, and multi lite double hung wood windows. Brick pilasters and decorative door surrounds serve as the ornamental elements for the primary façade. Arched windows on the south elevation and changes to the brickwork suggest the current façade may have been a later alteration. The building has an irregular footprint.

**11. 202 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This modest one-story building was constructed in 1955. The building houses two business, leading to an asymmetrical angled façade. Large plate glass windows and an awning reference the other commercial buildings along North Range Avenue. The building has a rectangular footprint, flat roof, and brick exterior. The building retains its large plate glass windows and glazed entry doors as well as its typical mid-century angled storefront.

**12. 204 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This one-story building is clad in stucco, has a flat roof, and features a metal awning. The building has a rectangular footprint and is oriented towards the west. The façade possesses a central door flanked by large plate glass windows. It is very simply detailed but has not been altered since it was built.

**13. 208 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Constructed in 1948, this two-story building is constructed of concrete block but has a brick façade. The brick is laid in common bond and has been painted. The building has an awning covering the sidewalk, three doors that look to be original, and large plate glass windows that also appear to be original. The central door leads to the second floor and the other two lead to the ground floor commercial spaces. Alterations to the buildings include corrugated metal panels on the upper portions of the exterior and a former window that has been converted to a vent on the second floor. The second floor window openings are original and have 2/2 horizontal pane windows that date to the building's construction date. The building has a flat roof and rectangular footprint. While the metal panels are a significant visual alteration, the rest of the building retains a high degree of integrity to be able to keep this building as contributing.



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**14. 209 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This modest, one-story building has a flat roof, brick facade, and concrete block construction. The large plate glass window and recessed entrance reflect many of the commercial characteristics of the district and is a distinct mid-century design. The building exhibits the clean lines of mid-twentieth century architecture. Constructed in 1960, the building is oriented to the east. It retains a high degree of integrity.

**15. 210 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Clad in a mix of brick and vertical wood paneling, this small commercial building (photo #9) has an asymmetrical façade, concrete slab foundation, and rectangular footprint. The building was constructed in 1960. The building likely has had alterations in the form of a new door and new window; the southern portion appears to possibly be an addition. The building has a flat roof with a modified parapet.

**16. 211 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Constructed in 1960, this one-story building (photo #3) has plate glass windows, an asymmetrical façade, and a concrete slab foundation. The exterior materials include brick and vertical wood siding; the asphalt shingle sheathed Mansard roof appears to be a later alteration to the building. The building has a rectangular footprint and plain exterior. The building retains its historic storefront appearance.

**17. 212 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This one-story red brick building (photo #10) has a glass block window on its façade. Constructed in 1956, the building has a modest exterior. The brick exterior is laid in common bond with sixth row headers. Awnings have been added to the west and north elevations. The door may be a replacement. The building has a concrete foundation, flat roof, and rectangular footprint. There are 6/6 double hung wood windows on the northern elevation and a mural on the southern elevation. It does not appear to have been altered since it was built.

**18. 215 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This one-story building (photo #2) appears to have two components; the southern section might be a later, but still historic, addition. Constructed in the 1920s, both portions have stepped parapet walls constructed of brick. The façade of the northern portion has wooden clapboards while the larger, southern portion has vertical board cladding. Large store windows and replacement doors mark both facades. The multi pane storefront windows are likely a replacement, but have been done so within the original opening size. The shed roof awning on the southern portion has asphalt shingles but the remaining portion of the building has metal cladding. The northern portion appears to have once had an awning or overhang, as suggested by the ghost marks, but appears to be removed. The upper brick stepped parapets on each section of the building are intact and help to offset some of the later alterations to help this building still appear historic.

**19. 218 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Constructed in 1950, this building is oriented to the west toward North Range Avenue. The building features a brick façade with asbestos shingles at the gable, but the side elevation features a later brick wall and corrugated metal panels. The storefront features an angled, recessed entry with large plate glass windows, which is typical of a mid-century commercial building. The second floor windows have four-over-one double hung sash windows while the first floor has large plate glass windows typical of the other storefronts in the district. The front gable roof has a shallow pitch and is sheathed in asphalt shingles. There is a modern flat roofed awning projecting over the sidewalk. A door on the northern end of the west elevation appears to have been removed recently.

**20. 219 North Range Avenue, contributing**

The former Western Auto building (photo #1) has a parapet roof sheathed in corrugated metal and concrete slab foundation. Constructed in 1955, the building has an asymmetrical façade with large storefront windows; the two doors appear to be later replacements within the original door opening. The gable roof is sheathed in metal. The Western Auto signage remains on the east elevation but has been painted. The building has a flat

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awning that runs the length of the storefront. The only alteration appears to be the replacement doors and paint.

**21. 220 North Range Avenue, contributing**

A highly symmetrical façade and brick laid in stack bond mark this modest commercial building. A tall metal awning, recessed entrance, and large windows are characteristics of this building found in many of the other commercial buildings along North Range Avenue. Constructed in 1940 and once the post office, the building has a concrete slab foundation, rectangular footprint, and a front gable roof. It retains many of its original features dating to 1940 and is the earliest mid-century styled buildings in the district.

**22. 222 North Range Avenue, contributing**

The stepped parapet roof marks the exterior of this building (photo #11), constructed in the 1940s. The building has a concrete block foundation and a façade of red brick laid in running bond. The storefront façade features two doors flanked by recessed angled entries with plate glass windows; the awning may be a later addition. The building has a gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, rectangular footprint, and concrete slab foundation. Outside of the replacement doors and awning, the rest of the building retains a high degree of integrity to its simple 1940s commercial design.

**23. 224 North Range Avenue, contributing**

With its parapet roof, metal awning, storefront windows, and door on the center axis, the building has many of the characteristics found on the other historic buildings of this commercial district. The partially glazed wooden door appears to be original. The façade features brick laid in running bond. The roof is a gable sheathed in metal. The main alteration of note is the awning, which is more modern. The brickwork at the corners of the recessed storefront is staggered a bit to add a little detail to this simple designed building.

**24. 225 North Range Avenue, non-contributing**

Constructed in 1918, this is one of the two non-commercial buildings in the district. As it does not relate to the area of significance for the district, it is considered non-contributing. This house has a rectangular footprint, partial width front porch with a gable roof, and asphalt-clad hip roof. Craftsman elements are apparent in the exposed rafter tails and 4-over-1 double hung sash windows. The house is oriented towards the east and North Range Avenue. Wooden clapboards and a brick pier foundation are other historic features of this building.

**25. 226 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Constructed in 1949, this stucco clad building has a modest appearance with a partially glazed wooden door, fabric awning, and two large windows. The building has a parapet shielding a flat roof. The building has a concrete slab foundation and rectangular foundation. The stucco is likely a later alteration to the building, but the historic form and commercial character remain extant.

**26. 228 North Range Avenue, contributing**

The former theater (photo #12) features a stepped parapet roof in front of a shallow gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The façade is clad in clapboards in the upper portions with brick laid in stack bond at the street level. The theater marquee is extant, as are the ticket and display windows. The curved walls and glass doors are distinctive features for this building. Constructed in 1926, the building is no longer a theater, but retains several exterior features associated with the theater use including the former movie poster frames.

**27. 230 North Range Avenue, non-contributing**

The exterior of this building is clad in brick laid in running bond and a parapet sheathed in metal. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Large plate glass windows frame a recessed entrance. The building has a concrete slab foundation and rectangular footprint. The building was constructed in 1953, but the alterations to the main façade, including the cladding over the parapet, have compromised the design integrity; this building is not a contributing element to the district.

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**28. 231-235 North Range Avenue, contributing**

This building consists of two storefronts oriented towards North Range Avenue. The building has concrete block construction, a flat roof, symmetrical exterior, and recessed entrances. The awnings and doors appear to be later alterations to the building while the plate glass windows appear unaltered. Constructed circa 1930, the building is immediately adjacent to 239 North Range Avenue and appears to share a common wall.

**29. 239 North Range Avenue, contributing**

Constructed circa 1930, this one-story building anchors the northwest corner of the Denham Springs Commercial District. The building has a painted brick exterior, flat roof and recessed shopfront entrance on the northeast corner. Like many of the buildings in this district, the exterior features large storefront windows typical of commercial facades. Fixed multipane windows and awnings contribute to the commercial character of the building.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

<b>X</b>	<b>A</b>	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
	<b>B</b>	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
	<b>C</b>	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
	<b>D</b>	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

**Criteria Considerations:**

	<b>A</b>	Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
	<b>B</b>	Removed from its original location
	<b>C</b>	A birthplace or grave
	<b>D</b>	A cemetery
	<b>E</b>	A reconstructed building, object, or structure
	<b>F</b>	A commemorative property
	<b>G</b>	Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions.): Commerce

**Period of Significance:** 1908-1960

**Significant Dates:** 1908

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above): N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** (only if criterion D is marked above): N/A

**Architect/Builder (last name, first name):** N/A



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**Period of Significance (justification):** The period of significance starts with 1908 and the earliest division of the parcel into smaller lots, thus kicking off the construction of the commercial district. The period of significance ends in 1960, indicating the close of the commercial district as a focal point for Denham Springs as development spread elsewhere.

**Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary):** N/A

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

A section of North Range Avenue served as the primary commercial corridor for Denham Springs in the early to mid-twentieth century until it was supplanted by development drawn south by Interstate 12. This commercial district was developed in the early twentieth century following subdivision of a large tract of land and construction of a significant railway. Business located in the commercial district included a hotel, bank, law office, theater, and city hall. This commercial stretch influenced development of Denham Springs as residential construction and the first City Hall clustered near it. During the 1940s-1960s, as Denham Springs grew from a small town to a larger, bustling suburb of nearby Baton Rouge, the downtown area gained several new buildings designed in the mid-century style. Many of these are still extant today and make up the majority of the commercial buildings. The Denham Springs Commercial District is eligible under criterion A at the local level under the theme of commerce and has a period of significance of 1908-1960.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

### **Criterion A: Commerce**

For Denham Springs, the commercial district is concentrated along two blocks on North Range Avenue in proximity to a railroad. These commercial buildings provided goods and services for the population of Denham Springs, serving as a central hub for the growing community, and influenced future development of the town. The buildings contained a department store, meat market, bank, a hotel, city hall, a jail, a post office, theater, and various other stores and shops. It truly was the downtown of Denham Springs. The Denham Springs Commercial District is eligible under criterion A at the local level under the theme of commerce for its role as the principal commercial corridor for Denham Springs in the first half of the twentieth century. Even after 1960, it has continued to serve a commercial purpose and is today referred to as the "Antique Village," and is known around the state as a mecca for antiques.

Early development of the Denham Springs area was decentralized but began coalescing in the late nineteenth century. By 1890, the area had a post office, requiring the burgeoning town to settle on the name of Denham Springs. The Denham Springs Collegiate Institute was constructed in the area in 1895. The development of the commercial district on North Range Avenue started in the early twentieth century, when the first mayor of Denham Springs, George L. Minton, purchased a significant tract of land and commenced dividing it into smaller lots.<sup>1</sup>

Development was aided by the construction of the Baton Rouge, Hammond, & Eastern Star railroad, later the Illinois Central, between Baton Rouge and Hammond, which helped convert the growing commercial district into a shipping center.<sup>2</sup> The farms in the region surrounding Denham Springs became known for their

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<sup>1</sup> National Register of Historic Places, Brown Hotel and Café, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, National Register #15000695.

<sup>2</sup> Charles M. Robinson, III, *Roadside History of Louisiana* (Missoula: Mountain Press Publishing Company, 2007), 115.

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strawberries; a “Strawberry Special” train shipped 10 carloads of berries along the Illinois Central in 1916. By 1924, farmers in Denham Springs alone were responsible for shipping 68 carloads of berries.<sup>3</sup>

The construction of the Denham Springs Farmers' Association, Inc. building (121-123 North Range Avenue) corresponds to this growth. As the population continued to grow to support the farms and burgeoning lumber industry in the parish, Denham Springs was officially designated a town in 1929.<sup>4</sup>

By the mid-1930s, development remained clustered around the commercial district and along the major thoroughfares, such as present-day Florida Boulevard and North River Road.<sup>5</sup> Denham Springs secured funding from the Works Progress Administration to construct a city hall. Completed in 1940, the new building housed the municipal government, including city council chambers, courts, jail, and law enforcement.<sup>6</sup> Siting the new City Hall on Mattie Street immediately adjacent to the commercial stretch on North Range Avenue speaks to the centrality of this commercial district to the population of Denham Springs.

A snapshot of the district in the late 1950s reveals a mix of retail, a post office, and professional offices. Several insurance agencies were located along this stretch of Range Avenue. The former Brown Hotel (114 North Range Ave) was known as the Shelby Building and housed several lawyers, two realty companies, and offices for a construction company. The Benton Brothers furniture store had a presence on Range Avenue, as did several department stores, a shoe repair shop, and Doris & Faye's House of Beauty (233 North Range Avenue). Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph had an office on Range Avenue, as did Gulf States Utilities Company. Other businesses included the Carol Theater, a meat market, a dental office, and a barber.<sup>7</sup>

Denham Springs' proximity to Baton Rouge encouraged further growth, particularly as new roads allowed for Baton Rouge workers to live in Denham Springs and commute.<sup>8</sup> In the early 1960s, the current street configuration of the commercial corridor had solidified, most notably the extension of North Hummel Street to Florida Avenue, and residential development had clustered around the commercial district.<sup>9</sup> The construction of Interstate 12 drew new commercial development south of its historic core, leading to the vacating of many of the historic buildings. However, in the 1990s, businesses handling antiques moved into the commercial district; it was subsequently rebranded as “Antique Village” to encourage visitor traffic.<sup>10</sup>

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## Developmental History/Additional historic context information

See above.

## 9. Major Bibliographical Resources

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Geological Survey, *Denham Springs quadrangle, Louisiana* [map]. 1:62,500. Washington, D.C.: USGS, 1934.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** LHRI nos.32-00740 to 32-00767

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property:** 7.5 acres

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

Denham Springs Commercial Historic District  
Name of Property

Livingston Parish, LA  
County and State

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| 1. Latitude: 30.486840  | Longitude: -90.956729 |
| 2. Latitude: 30.486913  | Longitude: -90.956174 |
| 3. Latitude: 30.486538  | Longitude: -90.956172 |
| 4. Latitude: 30.486537  | Longitude: -90.955713 |
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| 6. Latitude: 30.486072  | Longitude: -90.955605 |
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| 9. Latitude: 30.484478  | Longitude: -90.955120 |
| 10. Latitude: 30.484406 | Longitude: -90.956164 |
| 11. Latitude: 30.484709 | Longitude: -90.956171 |
| 12. Latitude: 30.484715 | Longitude: -90.956597 |
| 13. Latitude: 30.484857 | Longitude: -90.956615 |
| 14. Latitude: 30.484855 | Longitude: -90.957103 |
| 15. Latitude: 30.485985 | Longitude: -90.957103 |
| 16. Latitude: 30.485987 | Longitude: -90.956768 |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The district encompasses those properties fronting North Range Avenue between Railroad Avenue and Centerville Street NW. It is roughly bounded by Benton Street to the west, Centerville St to the north, N. Hummel St to the east, and E. Railroad Ave to the south. See attached map for clarification.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These boundaries encompass the historic building core of the commercial district as developed in the twentieth century. The district is bounded by residential development to the east and west and modern commercial development to the north and south. The boundaries were chosen to leave out non-contributing buildings at the southwest and northeast corners as well as some of the properties that are located behind those on the western side of N. Range Avenue.

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Lindsay S. Hannah / Partner  
organization: Row 10 Historic Preservation Solutions, LLC  
street & number: 1405 Burdette Street  
city or town: New Orleans state: LA zip code: 70118  
e-mail: lindsay@row10hps.com  
telephone: 504.418.3769  
date: May 2018

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Denham Springs Commercial Historic District  
Name of Property

Livingston Parish, LA  
County and State

## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Denham Springs Commercial District  
City or Vicinity: Denham Springs  
County: Livingston Parish State: LA

Photographer: Kelly Sellers Wittie  
Date Photographed: 10 April 2018

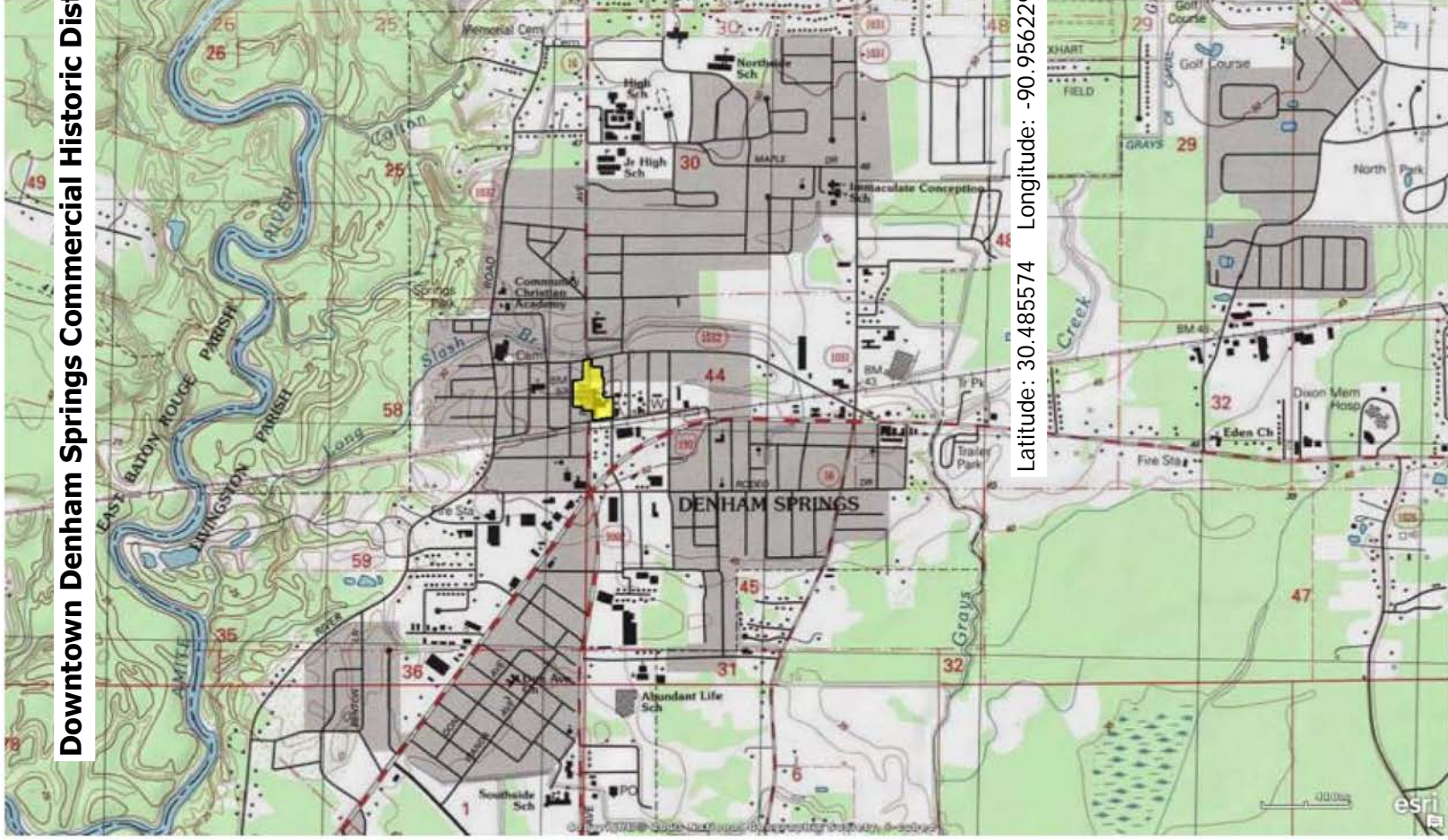
Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 12: 219 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed west.
- 2 of 12: 215 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed southwest.
- 3 of 12: 211 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed west.
- 4 of 12: 201 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed northwest.
- 5 of 12: 115 Mattie Street, Denham Springs. Camera pointed northeast.
- 6 of 12: 125 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed southwest.
- 7 of 12: 121-123 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed west.
- 8 of 12: 114 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed southeast.
- 9 of 12: 210 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed east.
- 10 of 12: 212 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed southeast.
- 11 of 12: 222 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed east.
- 12 of 12: 228 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs. Camera pointed east.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Downtown Denham Springs Commercial Historic District, Livingston Parish**



Latitude: 30.485574 Longitude: -90.956229



**Downtown Denham Springs Commercial Historic District  
Livingston Parish, LA  
Boundary and Lat/Long Map**

Boundary

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Centerville St NW

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3rd St

Center St

N Range Ave

N Hummel St

Fletcher St

Railroad Ave

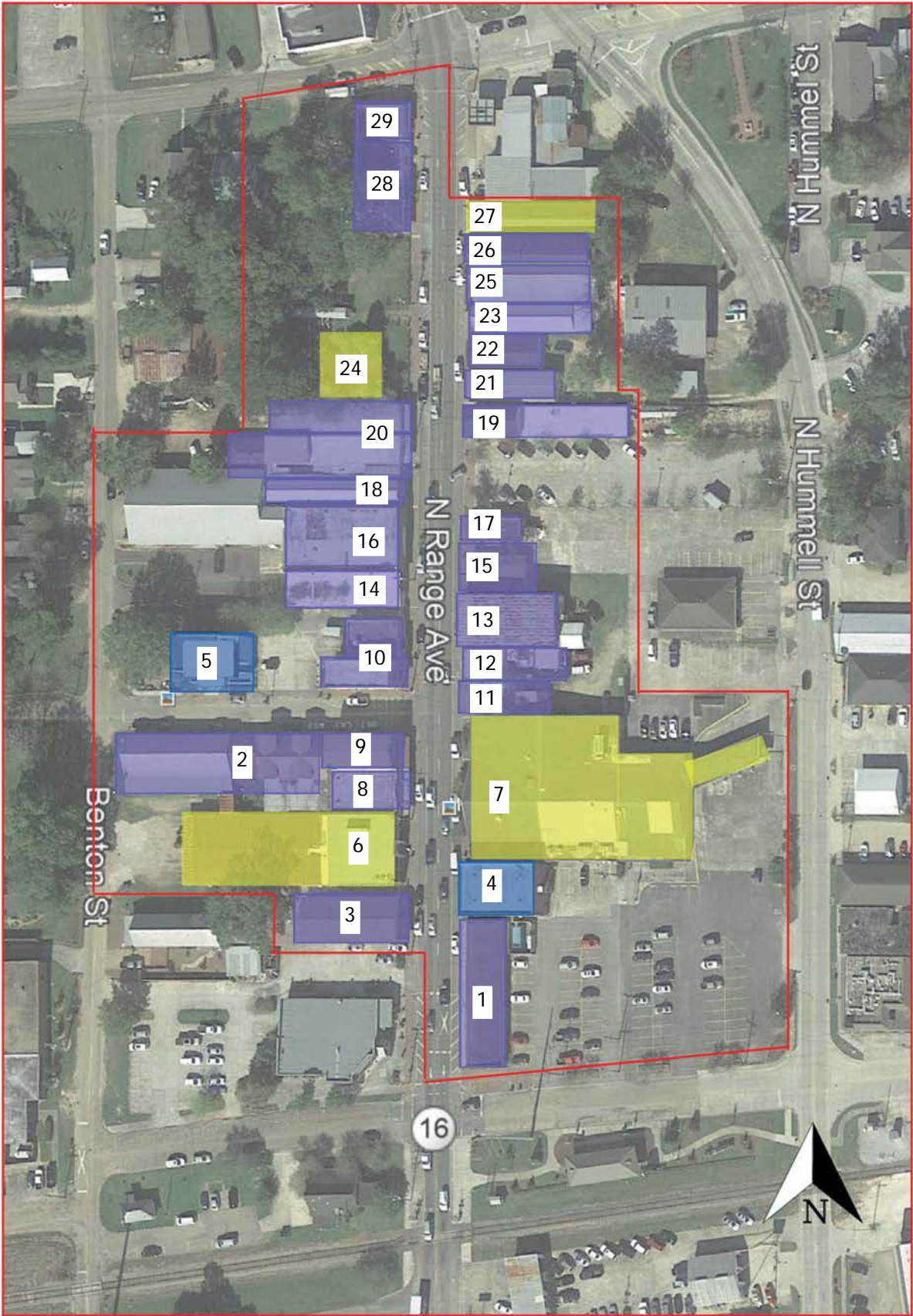
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Contributing   
 Non-Contributing   
 Contributing & Individually Eligible

**Contributing Status**  
**Denham Springs Commercial District**  
 Base map courtesy of Google Earth





Photo Location Map  
Denham Springs Commerical District  
Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, LA  
Base map courtesy of Google Earth



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*The Gilded SPARROW*

*The Gilded SPARROW*

*Bayou BACKROADS*

*Bayou BACKROADS*

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Home Decor  
Ladies Clothing & Accessories  
Books  
Baby Stuff  
Pet House  
Candy & Snacks

*Antiques & Collectibles*  
*Farmhouse*

*Industrial*

NEW RECYCLED

SALVAGE OLD





Mothers and Daughters  
Gift Shoppe

SPEED  
LIMIT  
25

← PARKING

Mothers and Daughters  
Gift Shoppe

MOTHERS and DAUGHTERS  
Simply happy things

FRESH  
FLOWERS

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Mothers and Daughters  
Gift Shoppe

- Home Decor
- Flowers
- Gifts
- Books
- Baby Gifts
- Spa Ideas
- Candy & Snacks

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DENHAM SPRINGS  
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DeLay Glass  
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STAINED GLASS

N. Range Ave  
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SunLux Studio  
FUN • FUNKY • UNIQUE

NO PARKING  
EXCEPT ON  
SUNDAY





1920 - 1927

DENTHAM SPRINGS

VALMORES ASSOCIATION

INC.









210  
WRIGHT

A Vintage Look

NO PARKING  
ANY TIME  
ON THIS STREET





DENHAM SPRINGS



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**THE BEE'S KNEES**

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THEATRE ANTITUDES  
OVER 3K SOFT  
FURNITURE TOOLS GLASS

HEIRLOO  
BY JO, INC.

ANTITUDES

ANTITUDES

COKE 50 WATER 100

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HEIRLOOMS  
ANTIQUE & GIFTS





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 9/26/2018      Date of Pending List: 10/17/2018      Date of 16th Day: 11/1/2018      Date of 45th Day: 11/13/2018      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

- |                                       |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal       | <input type="checkbox"/> PDIL            | <input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape       | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver       | <input type="checkbox"/> National        | <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Boundary       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Period             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other        | <input type="checkbox"/> TCP             | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years |
|                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG  |   |

Accept       Return       Reject      11/5/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria:

Reviewer Jim Gabbert      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275      Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION:      see attached comments : No      see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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June 8, 2018

Donna Jennings  
PO Box 1629  
Denham Springs, LA 70727

Dear Donna:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic property listed below will be considered by the State National Register Review Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

**Denham Springs Commercial Historic District  
Livingston Parish, LA**

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Listing of a property provides recognition of its historic significance and assures protective review of federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. If the property is listed on the National Register, tax credits for rehabilitation and other beneficial provisions may apply. Listing in the National Register does not place limitations on the property by the federal or state government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The government will not attach restrictive covenants to the property or seek to acquire them. A draft copy of the nomination and attachment is included with this letter.

One of your responsibilities as a Certified Local Government (CLG) is to review pending National Register nominations of properties within your community. This is required, in part, to detect any errors in fact, but also to provide local insight or knowledge concerning the property. I hope that you will consider the nomination for this property at your next meeting. After providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment, the Denham Springs Historic District Commission shall fill out the attached CLG review form as to whether or not, in their opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. Within 60 calendar days of notice from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the chief elected official shall transmit their report to the SHPO. If the SHPO does not receive the report and recommendation within 60 calendar days, the nomination process will continue. All comments received will be forwarded to the SHPO Director and the National Register Review Committee for consideration along with the nomination.

We have scheduled the nomination for presentation to the National Register Review Committee on **Thursday, August 9, 2018**, and would like to receive your comments by that time in fulfillment of the comment period. This letter serves as notification initiating the sixty-day comment period.

Donna Jennings  
June 8, 2018  
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You are invited to attend the National Register Review Committee meeting at which the nomination will be officially considered. The location and time have not been confirmed yet, but will be found on our website. Should you have any questions about this nomination, please contact Jessica Richardson at 225-219-4595 or at [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov).

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Sanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" and last name "Sanders" clearly legible.

Kristin Sanders  
State Historic Preservation Officer



**DENHAM SPRINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT FOR:  
DENHAM SPRINGS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION**

**NAME OF CLG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE SENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING:** \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nomination meet the Criteria for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Criterion: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

Has public comment been included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission would like to make the following recommendations regarding the nomination (use additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should not be listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Commission chooses not to make a recommendation on this nomination for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Historic District Commission Chair (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Elected Official (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This report and recommendation should be mailed to:

National Register Coordinator  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation  
PO Box 44247  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Questions about this form may be directed to the National Register Coordinator – Jessica Richardson at 225-215-4595 or [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov).

**DENHAM SPRINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT FOR:  
DENHAM SPRINGS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION**

NAME OF CLG: City of Denham Springs

PROPERTY NAME: Denham Springs Antique Village

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 100-239 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs, La. 70726

DATE SENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING: 8/9/18

Does the nomination meet the Criteria for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Criterion: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

Has public comment been included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Explain:

n/a

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission would like to make the following recommendations regarding the nomination (use additional sheets if necessary): Placement of the Antique Village on the Nation Register of Historic Places. The Antique Village is the heart of Denham Springs. It is where original commerce was first formed. The buildings are of significant historic value. The area needs to be preserved to keep the integrity of our founding fathers as one.

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should not be listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Commission chooses not to make a recommendation on this nomination for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Donna Jennings  
Historic District Commission Chair (Print Name)

Donna Jennings 8/15/18  
Signature Date

Gerard Landry  
Chief Elected Official (Print Name)

Gerard Landry 8/15/18  
Signature Date



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DATE: September 25, 2018

TO: Mr. James Gabbert  
National Park Service Mail Stop 7228  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

FROM: Jessica Richardson, National Register Coordinator  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation

RE: Downtown Denham Springs Commercial Historic District, Livingston Parish, LA



Jim,

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the National Register Documentation for the Downtown Denham Springs Commercial Historic District to be placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 225-219-4595, or [jrichardson@crt.la.gov](mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov).

Thanks,

Jessica

Enclosures:

- CD with PDF of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- CD with electronic images (tiff format)
- Physical Transmission Letter
- Physical Signature Page, with original signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Comments:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Please ensure that this nomination receives substantive review
- \_\_\_\_\_ This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- \_\_\_\_\_ The enclosed owner(s) objection(s) do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ constitute a majority of property owners. (Publicly owned property)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: