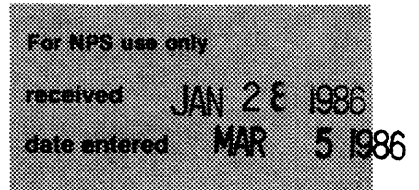


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Building #8

UTM: 15/710740/3298040

GRAND THEATRE

401 Green Street

Owners: B. A. Pearl
P. O. Box 7148
Houston, TX 77248

1920's

Local Significance: Architecture

R. Lee Goudchaux
P. O. Box 482
Hartford, Connecticut 06101

Mrs. Richard Pickens
63 Imperial Woods Drive
Harahan, LA 70123

Mrs. Doe Kitchens
305 South Central
New Albany, MS 38652

The Grand Theatre is a two story neo-classical commercial building with an impressive pilastered front. It has a large open auditorium with a second story gallery over the lobby. The ornamental pressed metal ceiling and the interior wall pilasters remain, although the capitals have been removed. The wall surfaces between the pilasters have been covered with fiberboard panels. The front portion of the building is articulated with colossal paneled pilasters, a full entablature, and a shaped parapet with a pediment shaped tablet. The ground story has arched openings which have been enclosed. The monumental facade is made more striking by the use of light and dark colored brick to emphasize ornamental details.

In addition to the above changes, the marquee has been replaced and a 1930's-looking sign has been installed on the second story. None of these changes have affected the theatre's National Register eligibility because its neo-classical styling remains intact.

Significance:

There are undoubtedly over one hundred 50+ year old commercial buildings in various states of integrity in Lafourche Parish. Most of these are either simple late nineteenth-early twentieth century plantation stores or fairly plain examples of the ubiquitous "commercial vernacular" style. The Grand Theatre is one of only two commercial buildings in the parish representing the high style eclectic architectural trends of the early twentieth century. And of these two, it is the more monumental because of its impressive colossal pilasters. (The other is the Citizens Bank of Lafourche, also a nominee in this submission.)

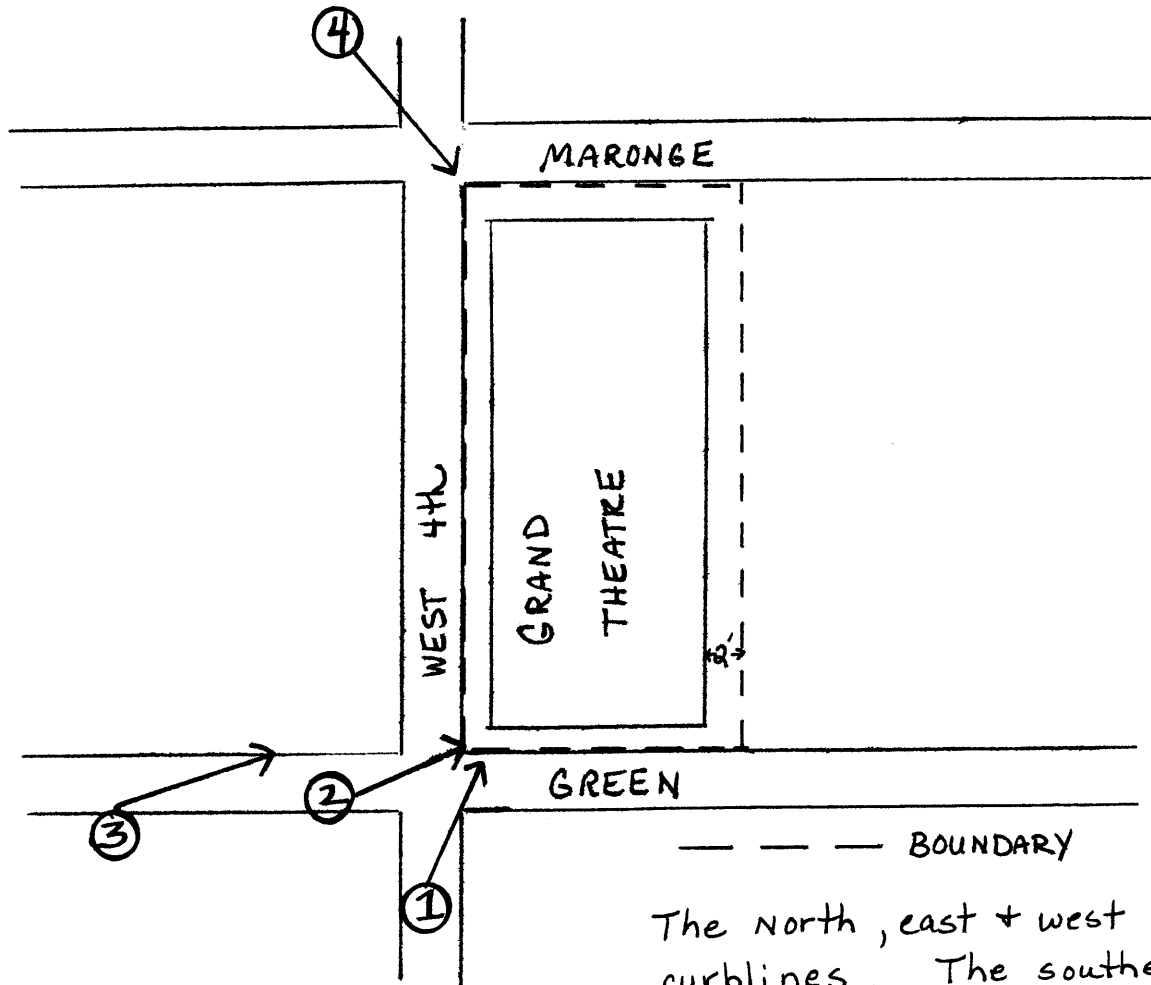
NB: The Grand Theatre is presently vacant and the electricity has been turned off. A flashlight enabled a State Historic Preservation Office staff person to see enough to describe the interior, but it was much too dark for photography.

GRAND THEATRE

Thibodaux MRA
Lafourche Parish, LA



NOT TO
SCALE



@ 1/4 acre

The north, east + west boundary lines follow curblines. The southern boundary parallels the southern elevation at a distance of 2 feet, as shown. The southern boundary was drawn closely to exclude an adjacent unrelated building.