

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Barthel Pigeonnier

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Magnolia Mound Plantation House, 2161 Nicholson Drive N/A not for publication

city, town Baton Rouge N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish East Baton Rouge code 033

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Recreation and Park Commission, East Baton Rouge Parish (504) 272-9200

street & number P. O. Box 15887

city, town Baton Rouge N/A vicinity of state LA 70895

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. legal description of Magnolia Mound, where Barthel Pigeonnier is located: East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

street & number 222 St. Louis Street

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date 1982
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	(deterioration)		Moved about 15 miles from Sunshine, LA (Iberville Parish)

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Barthel Pigeonnier (c.1820) is a two-story frame outbuilding located in a semi-rural setting on the grounds of Magnolia Mound Plantation House (N.R.) approximately two miles south of the Baton Rouge central business district. It was moved some fifteen miles to its present location. Despite the move and the pigeonier's somewhat deteriorated condition, it represents a type which is sufficiently rare within the context of the state to merit listing on the National Register.

The Barthel Pigeonnier is a hip roof structure measuring 14 feet 10 inches square and 22 feet high. Its walls are constructed of 6 inch hewn cypress timbers mortised and pegged and sheathed on the exterior by weatherboards held in place by square machine cut nails. There are three openings on the ground story--one door and two windows. There is no glass; both windows are covered by single board and batten shutters mounted on strap hinges. The door is of similar construction. Today only one of the windows retains its original hardware; the other lower openings have modern hinges. The single original set of hinges is held in place by clinched nails. The upper story has pigeon openings and a single window without its shutter. The remnants of nesting boxes upstairs indicate that this was a so-called "active" pigeonier. (Pigeonniers often came in pairs made up of one with provisions for raising pigeons and another without such appurtenances.) It is not known if the pigeon perch is original.

Assessment of Integrity:

1. The Move: The Barthel Pigeonnier is significant on the state level. Hence, the fifteen mile move has not affected the context for its significance. In any case, the move was necessary in order to save the structure. The pigeonier was in deteriorated condition, and in a few years would have collapsed. The present owner acquired the structure with the understanding that it would be moved and restored.
2. The Deterioration: Despite the deterioration, the pigeonier is essentially structurally sound. The damage is largely superficial. In any case, sufficient structural evidence survives to completely restore it to its early-nineteenth century appearance. In fact, the purpose of this application is to have the pigeonier listed on the National Register in order to apply for restoration funds made available through the recently enacted Jobs Bill.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates c.1820 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Barthel Pigeonnier is significant on the state level as a rare surviving example of a building type which was once common in Louisiana.

Pigeonniers are one of the most direct links between Louisiana architecture and the architecture of provincial France. At one time almost every Creole plantation had one or more pigeonniers featured prominently on the grounds near the main house. This is evidenced by Adrian Persac paintings and by plantation inventories of the eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. However, as far as the State Historic Preservation Office can determine, the Barthel Pigeonnier is one of only about thirty examples remaining in Louisiana.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Standing Structures Survey, LA State Historic Preservation Office.

Nomination on Olivier Pigeonnier (N. R.) prepared by Robert E. Smith, Restoration Consultant. Copy available at LA State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx. 1/10 acre

Quadrangle name Baton Rouge, West, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map,

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	National Register Staff, Division of Historic Preservation	Assisted by T. J. Mullins, Director, Magnolia Mound Plantation House
organization	State of Louisiana	date April 1983
street & number	P. O. Box 44247	telephone (504) 342-6682
city or town	Baton Rouge	state LA 70804

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

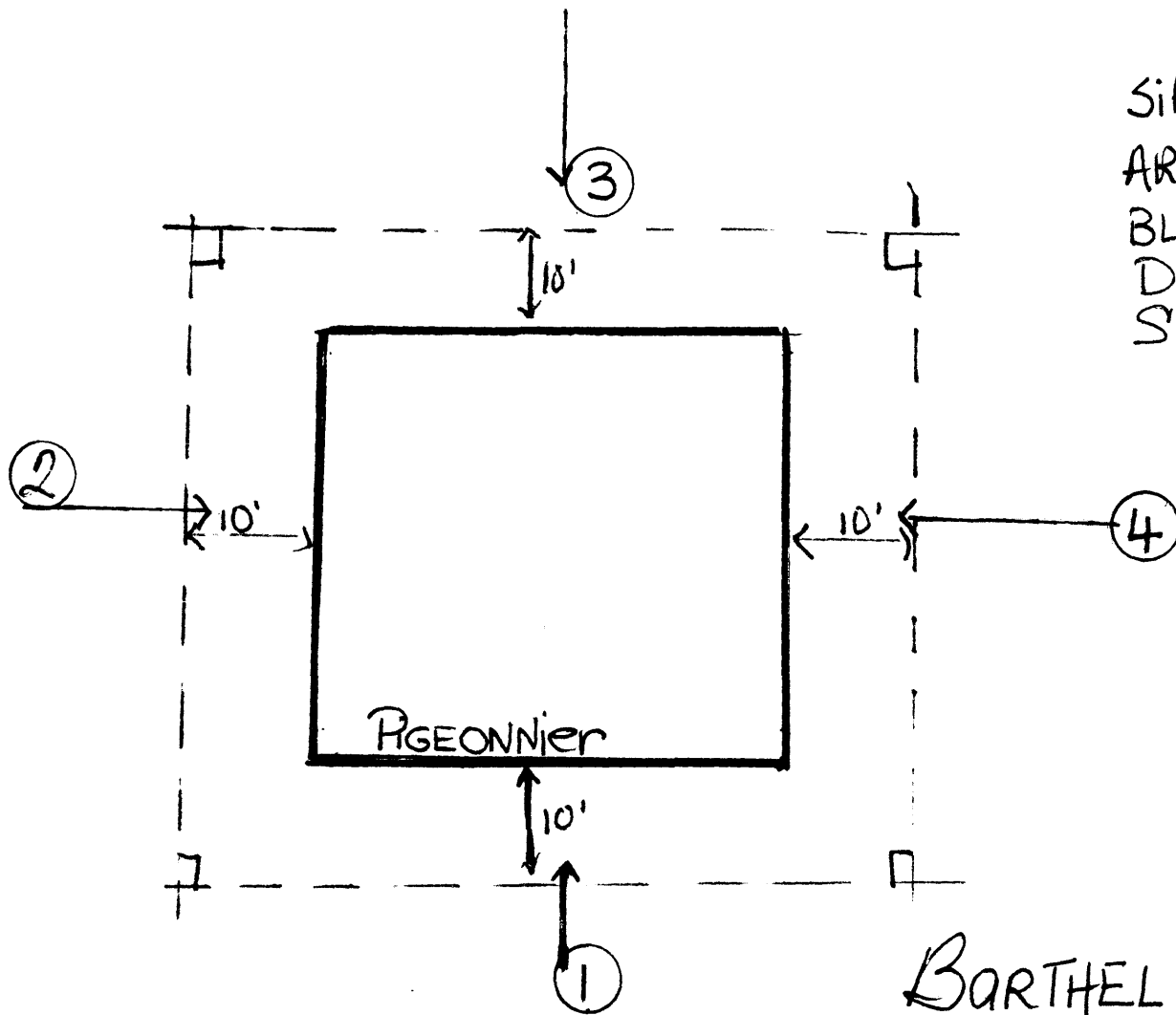
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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.

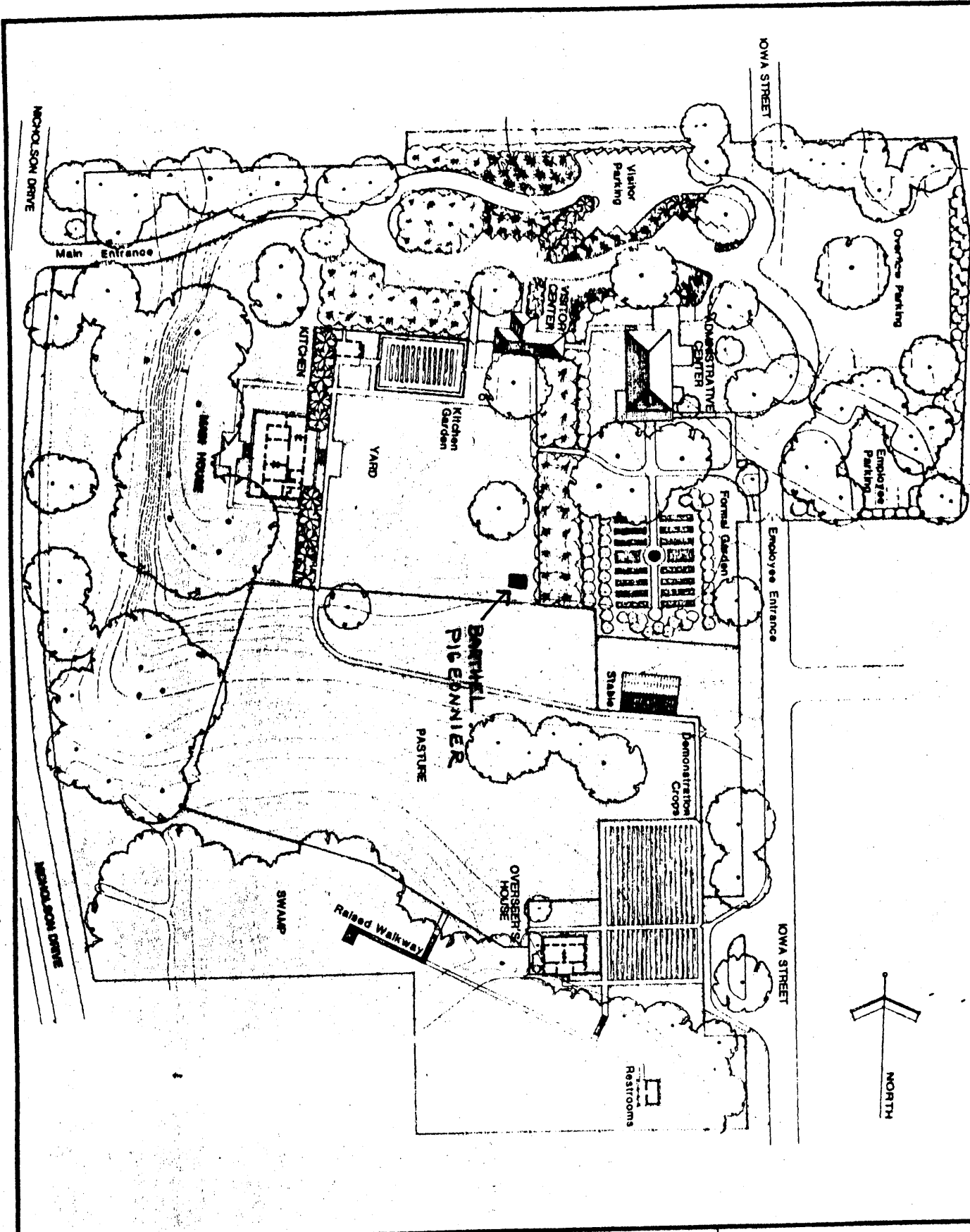
State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert B. DeBlieux*
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/20/83

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Patrick Andrews date 7/13/83
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration



Site BOUNDARIES
ARE PARALLEL TO
BLDG. FACADES,
DISTANCES AS
SHOWN.

BARTHEL PIGEONNIER,
MAGNOLIA MOUND PLANTATION HOUSE GROUNDS,
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA



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STUDIO**
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

DESIGN SERVICES FOR:
**MAGNOLIA
MOUND**
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

MASTER PLAN

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