UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Lacour's Fish and Ice Company Building NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Avoyelles

DATE RECEIVED: 2/13/15 DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/31/15

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000488

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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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.



The tablet seen in the center of this image from Google Streetview shows the plaque that was once on the LaCour Fish and Ice House (see photos with original nomination). Also, the brick piers with decorative toppers appear to be portions of the cornice of the original building.

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Lacour's Fish and Ice Company Building (1927) is a single story brick galleried structure located next to the Texas and Pacific railroad line on the north side of the small town of Simmesport. The building has been altered very little over the years, and hence it retains its historical integrity.

The English bond brick structure has galleried loading docks on two sides. The main front is distinguished by brick pilasters which protrude above the roofline and terminate in pediment shaped granite caps. In addition, the slight parapet is trimmed with a granite cornice. The rear and sides of the building are plain.

The plan consists of an engine room, an ice storage room, and a fish processing/ storage room. Only the engine room has windows. The purpose of the engine room was to cool and pump the ammonia refrigerant through a network of pipes which forms the ceilings in the other two rooms. The pipes also form the shelves in a special boxed fish storage area located in the fish processing/storage room. The interior wall surfaces are coated with two inches of cork, most of which remains in place. Virtually all of the original doors and doorways remain intact, as do the ice chute and the original ice crushing machine.

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8. Significance

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1927 Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Builder/Architect Builders; Murphy Lacour and Louisiana Ice and Utilities Co.

Criterion A

The Lacour Fish and Ice Company Building is locally significant in the area of industry because it was the center of a major industry in Simmesport in the late 1920's and early 1930's.*

The present structure was built in 1927 for Murphy L. Lacour, who is rightly regarded as the founder of Simmesport's still thriving commercial fishing industry. Lacour had agreed to lease the property from its owner, Louisiana Ice and Utilities Company, upon the construction of a building which would serve as a fish packing, storage and shipping facility for his fishing business. This coincided with the completion in 1928 of the Edenborn railroad bridge over the Atchafalaya. This, along with a railroad spur to the rear of the building, provided Lacour with the necessary transportation facilities.

During the period under consideration (the late 1920's and early 1930's), agriculture and commercial fishing were the two major industries in what was then a town with only a population of around 600. Of these two employers, the commercial fishing industry was dominated by Lacour, who operated the only fish packing plant in the town at the time.

The importance of Lacour's enterprise is evident if one looks at the volume handled and the destinations of the shipments. The only extant shipping lists date from the fall of 1934, but it is safe to assume that such a volume did not materialize overnight and that it can be projected backward to the period under consideration (late 1920's and early 1930's). In addition, Lacour noted in interviews later in his life that he was handling a comparable volume from the beginning. The shipping lists reveal that Lacour was shipping on peak days anywhere from around 20,000 to 50,000 pounds of fish to such places as New York, St. Louis, Little Rock, and Kansas City, Although employment records do not exist, interviews with Lacour, his relatives, and men who worked with him indicate that he employed around twentyfive people, which does not take into consideration the fishermen from whom he obtained his fish. He had a fleet of several boats which plied the various rivers buying fish to bring back to the plant.

Murphy Lacour oversaw operations at his fish packing plant until the early 1960's, after which time various family members took charge. The structure was used as a fish packing plant until the late 1970's.

The continuing importance of commercial fishing in Simmesport's economy is evident in the numerous fish packing plants (all modern) which exist today and the nets lying in backyards. It is estimated that the industry brings in about two million dollars annually, The Lacour Fish and Ice Company Building is an important visual link with the beginnings of this ongoing business.

* This is the only period being considered because of the National Register 50 year cutoff for significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

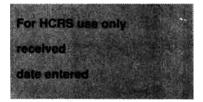
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Continuation sheet Lacour's Fish & Ice Co. Bldg. Item number 9

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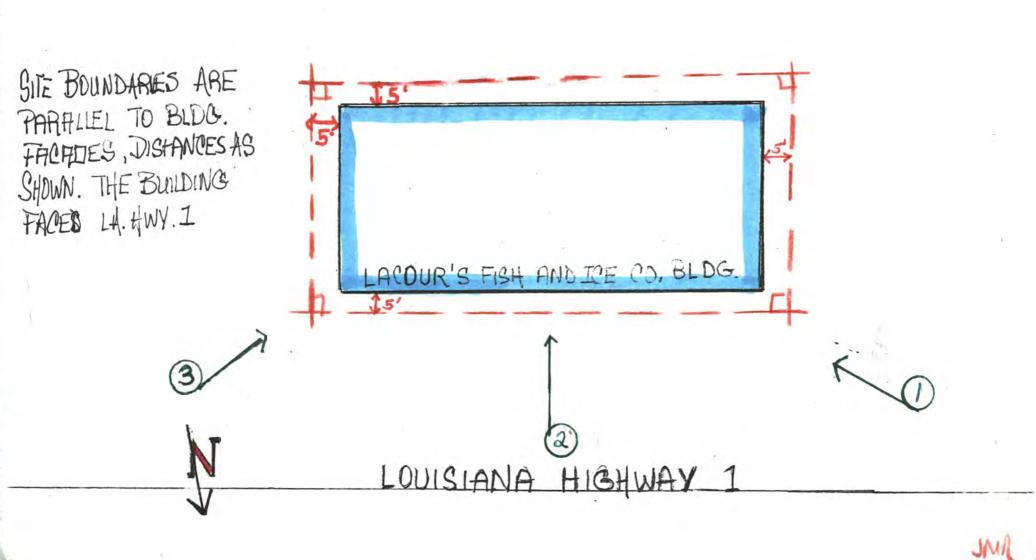
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LACOUR'S FISH + ICE CO. BLDG.







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Simmesport, Avoyelles Parish, LA
Wayne Coco
P.O. Box 111 Simmesport, LA 71369
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Lacour's Fish and Ice Company Building Simmesport, Avoyelles Parish, LA Wayne Coco P.O. Box 111 Simmesport, LA 71369 March 1983 Photo # 2 Direction: SouTH



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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

DAVID C. TREEN

MRS. LAWRENCE H. FOX SECRETARY State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

> ROBERT B. DEBLIEUX ASSISTANT SECRETARY

August 2, 1983

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Chief of Registration National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 1100 L Street N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the completed and signed nomination form for Lacour's Fish and Ice Company Building, Avoyelles Parish, along with maps and photographs.

Please be advised that this property is slated for renovations under the 25% ITC provision of the Economic Recovery Act of 1981.

If any additional information is required, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Robert B. DeBlieux State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure



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Note to the record

Correspondence related to removal



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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PAM BREAUX ASSISTANT SECRETARY

February 9, 2015

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

JAY DARDENNE

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

RE: Delisting of LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building, Avoyelles 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 9/8/1983, the above property was demolished sometime after that as current satellite images of the listed site show new construction. 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 current maps and satellite images showing the new construction as well as an email from the parish tax assessor stating the building has been torn down.

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. We did receive an email response confirming the owner of the property.

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

Sincerely, n BACANT

Pam Breaux State Historic Preservation Officer

PD:JR/jgr Enclosure



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January 5, 2015

Donald Lacour PO Box 134 Simmesport, LA 71369

JAY DARDENNE

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

RE: Delisting of LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building, Avoyelles Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Lacour:

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.

Our research shows you to be the owner of the land where LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building stood, which was listed on the National Register on 9/8/1983. 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 guidance from a former Review Committee member who was familiar with the property and recent satellite images (see attached) of the property's address, it is understood that the building has been demolished. Because the building, and its qualities that caused it to have been listed, are destroyed, this property will be proposed for removal from the National Register. 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 <u>irichardson@crt.la.gov</u>, or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,



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January 5, 2015

The Honorable Eric Rusk PO Box 145 Simmesport, LA 71369-0145

JAY DARDENNE

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Sincerely, Am Kuava

Jessica G. Richardson

From:	Emeric Dupuy <assessor@kricket.net></assessor@kricket.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:52 AM
To:	Jessica G. Richardson
Subject:	RE: Property Owner Information - Former LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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Ms. Richardson

You are correct in that the ole ice house has been torn down and a home now exist there. The owner is Donald Lacour, a decendent of Mr. Lacour. Donald's address is P O Box 134, Simmesport, La. 71369

From: Jessica G. Richardson [mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:50 PM
To: assessor@kricket.net
Subject: Property Owner Information - Former LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building

Dear Mr. Dupuy,

I am working on letters notifying property owners about removal of historic properties from the National Register of Historic Places. From what I can tell, the former LaCour's Fish and Ice Company Building, on Hwy 1 in Simmesport, has been demolished. I need to notify the owner of that piece of land that we are officially delisting the property. Do you happen to have a name and address for the property owner? Normally, I'd search online, but didn't see that option.

Any help is greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Jessica

Jessica G. Richardson, MSHP National Register Coordinator Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation P.O. Box 44247 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 225-219-4595

