UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Overton, Senator John H., House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Rapides

DATE RECEIVED: 10/14/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/29/16
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 85001584

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	N	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 11.29.16

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.

BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 7, 2016

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

RE: Delisting of the Senator John H. Overton 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 7/18/1985, the above property was demolished sometime between 1985 and 2016 as confirmed by the local historic preservation commission director. 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 an email from the local historic preservation commission director as well as two Google street view images showing the location as a parking lot and using original nomination photos to show other buildings that are still standing in the area.

We have notified the property owners and the chief elected official and have included copies of those letters with this submission. No responses were received.

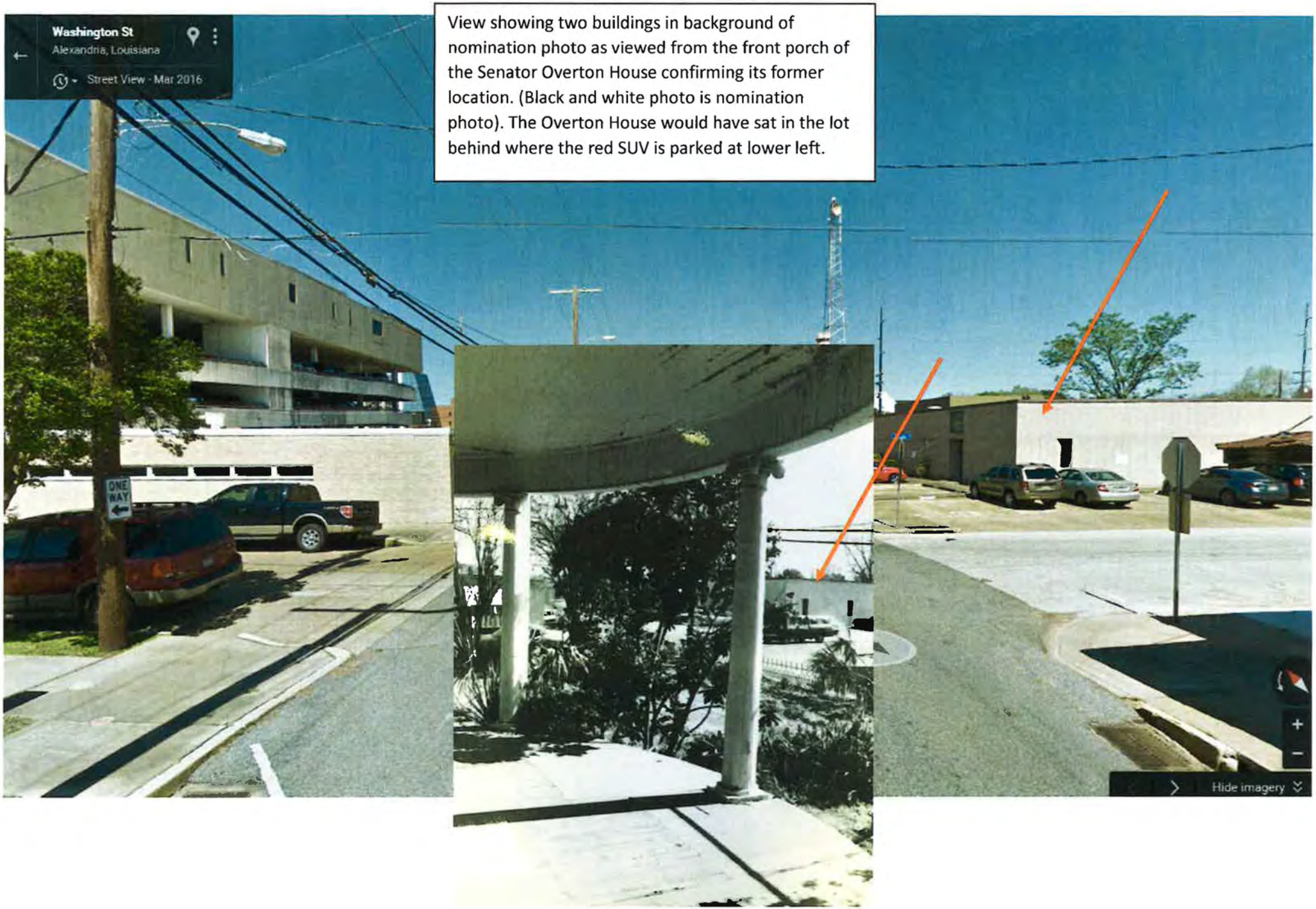
If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact our National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson via email at jrichardson@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

Phil Boggan
State Historic Preservation Officer

PD:JR/jgr
Enclosure

View showing former location, now a parking lot, where the Senator Overton House stood.



View showing two buildings in background of nomination photo as viewed from the front porch of the Senator Overton House confirming its former location. (Black and white photo is nomination photo). The Overton House would have sat in the lot behind where the red SUV is parked at lower left.

NPS Form 10-900
(3-82)

OMB No. 1024-0018
Exp. 10-31-84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received JUN 20 1985
date entered JUL 18 1985

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

1. Name

historic Senator John H. Overton House

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1128 8th Street N/A not for publication

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 ~~county~~ parish Rapides code 079

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	N/A in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	N/A being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Overton Brazelton (318) 442-5967

street & number 1128 8th Street

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of state LA 71301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number 701 Murray Street P. O. Box 952

city, town Alexandria state LA 71301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date July 1982 ___ federal X 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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date N/A
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Overton House (1907) is a two story, wood frame, Queen Anne-Colonial Revival residence located near the Alexandria central business district. Despite a few alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The Overton House is two rooms wide and three rooms deep. The main front room is articulated as a living hall with a large staircase, a fireplace, and a round alcove formed by a turret. The staircase is set off by a paneled columnar screen and an archway formed of "carpenter's lace." There are pocket doors between the living hall and the other front room. Most of the mantels are of the "golden oak" catalogue order type.

The exterior is squarish with a hip roof and a corner turret set between the two principal facades. Each facade features a projecting bay surmounted by a gable. The massing is further enlivened by two dormers and a long Ionic gallery which curves boldly to follow the turret. The entablature of the turret is ornamented with garlands. A photograph taken shortly after construction was completed reveals that there was never a conical turret top as one might expect, though at one time there was a low balustrade. This only encompassed the turret, not the entire roofline.

Since construction the following changes have been made in the house:

1. A few interior doors have been replaced.

2. Sleeping porches have been added in the rear.

3. A porte-cochère with a room above was added on the northwest side.

4. The exterior has been partially aluminum sided. (The entire under gallery and all areas with decorative details remain untouched.)

Assessment of Integrity:

None of these changes have adversely affected the Overton House's important aspects. For example, the aluminum siding covers only clapboarding and presents essentially the same exterior appearance. In addition, the house still retains the features mentioned in Item 8 that contribute to its architectural significance.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates 1907 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Sen. John H. Overton
Architect: Roy Yeager, Sr.
Contractor: Mr. Banks (1st name unknown)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion C

The Overton House is locally significant in the area of architecture as one of the finest Queen Anne Revival residences in Rapides Parish.

The Queen Anne Revival is well represented in the parish, at least in terms of numbers. The soon to be completed Rapides Parish Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey reveals hundreds of Queen Anne Revival residences. (This, of course, includes Colonial Revival houses with Queen Anne Revival massing.) Most of the houses from this period are fairly plain single story cottages with a gallery across half the front and a projecting bay under a gable.

By contrast, the Overton House is one of only a handful of landmarks from this group. For example, it is one of a very small percentage of two story examples. Moreover, it is one of only four turreted examples and one of very few with a living hall. The two latter features are particularly important because they represent hallmarks of the American Queen Anne Revival movement.

Historical Note:

Senator John H. Overton served in the United States Senate from March 4, 1933 until his death May 14, 1948. National Register significance cannot be claimed for Overton because his important contributions while in the Senate date from a period less than fifty years old.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Structures Survey, Rapides Parish.

Historical information supplied by Mary Elizabeth Overton Brazelton, daughter of Senator John H. Overton.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @ 1/4th of an acre

Quadrangle name Alexandria, LA **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	15	552760	3463580
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed property plat map. Boundaries follow the property lines of the lot on which the house stands.

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

state	N/A	code	county		code
state		code	county		code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	National Register Staff, Division of Historic Preservation — ASSISTED BY OWNER
organization	State of Louisiana
date	April 1985
street & number	P. O. Box 44247
telephone	(504) 922-0358
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 X 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 May 22, 1985

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

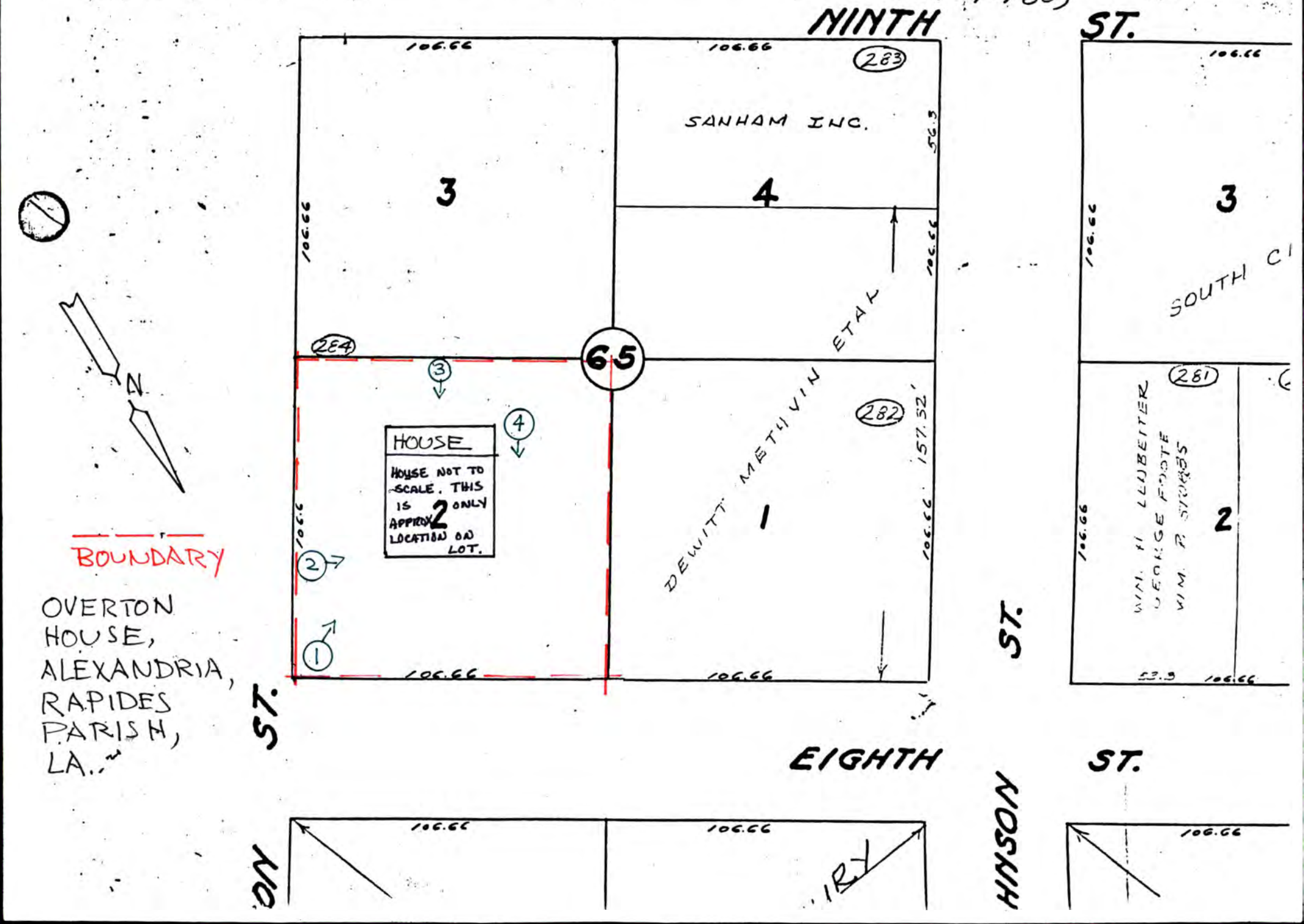
for Keeper of the National Register date 7-18-85

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1983 O - 419-311

OVERTON HOUSE - ALEXANDRIA, LA. (24-7-180)



Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
Donna Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
March 1985
Photo #1
West-Southwest

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
Donna Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
March 1985
Photo #2
West-Northwest

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
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LA State Historic Preservation Office
March 1985
Photo #3
Northeast

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
Donna Fricker
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March 1985
Photo #4
Northeast

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
Donna Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
March 1985
Photo #5
Interior View

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
Donna Fricker
LA State Historic Preservation Office
March 1985
Photo #6
Interior View

Incl. No 4

Overton House
Alexandria, Lpr.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ALEXANDRIA QUADRANGLE
LOUISIANA—RAPIDES PARISH
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 ALEXANDRIA 15' QUADRANGLE

7446 I NE (ROCK HILL) · 7546 IV NW (BALL) · 7546 IV NE (GREEN GABLES)

92°30′ · 31°22′30″ · 92°22′30″ · 27′30″ · 25′ · 20′ · 17′30″

548000m E. · 549 · 550 · 551 · 552 · 553 · 555 · 556 · 557 · 558 · 559 · 2 030 000 FEET

3471000m N. · 3470 · 3469 · 3468 · 3466 · 3465 · 3463 · 3462 · 3461 · 3460 · 3459 · 3458 · 250 000 FEET · 220 000 FEET

T. 5 N. · T. 4 N. · T. 3 N.

WINNFIELD (VIA U.S. 167) 43 MI. · TIOGA 0.7 MI. · TULLOS (U.S. 84) 33 MI. · PARADISE 1.1 MI.

BAYOU RIGOLETTE · KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN · LEVEE · RIVER · RED · Lake Bullow · Philip Bayou · Spanish B · Bayou Maria · Bayou Robert · Huffman Creek · Hynson Bayou · Dry Bayou · Sandpit · Pierson Lake · Fort Bullow · Fort Randolph · Substa · Waterworks · Gaging Station · Pit · Sieps · Beaver Lake · Williams Lake · Williams B · Persimmon Bayou · Maria Basin · Texas Point

Lee Heights · Maryhill Seminary · Maryhill Seminary Cem · Lone Star Ch · New Light Ch · VA HOSPITAL · Mallin · Pineville Municipal Airport · Radio Tower · Trailer Park · Drive-in Theater · Kingsville · Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Cemetery) · CAMP BEAUREGARD · PINECREST STATE SCHOOL · Mt Pilgrim Ch & Cem · Radio Tower · Golf Course · Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery · Pelican Drive Ch Cem · Jr High Sch · St Michaels Ch · Edgewood Drive Ch · Barron Sch · Trinity Ch · Kees Park · PINEVILLE · CENTRAL LOUISIANA STATE HOSPITAL · LOUISIANA COLLEGE · Community Center · Pineville Sch · ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL CEM · City Hall · Huey Long Hospital · Sacred Heart Sch · Holly Oak Cem · East Pineville Ch · Smithville · Expressway Sch · Sloeum High Sch · Pineville Junction · St Johns Chapel · Lakeside Sch · Wardville Ch · Sunlight Ch · Wardville · Radio Towers (KALB) · Radio Towers (KSYL) · Radio Towers (KDBS) · Trailer Park · Drive-in Theater · Reed Ave Sch · St Rita Sch · Courthouse · Library · Community Center · Rosenthal Sch · Harmon Field · Our Lady of Prompt Succor Sch · High Sch · ALEXANDRIA · State Sch · Menard High Sch · Huddle Sch · Dept of Health Laboratory · Nachman Sch · St Frances Cabrini Hosp · St Frances Cabrini Sch · Aiken Sch · Shopping Center · Braime Jr High Sch · Redeemer Ch · Twin Bridges Ch · Alexandria High Sch · Cherokee Sch · Horseshoe Drive Sch · Alexandria Trade Sch · Anandale · Anandale Cem · Martin Park Sch · Garden of Memories Cem · Peabody High Sch · Cheatham Park · Alexandria Junc Mill · Silver City Sch · Jones Street Jr High Sch · Bethel Ch · St Juliana Ch · Acadian Sch · St Mark Ch · Hunter Park · Aaron Street Sch · Goodwill Ch Church of the Lord Jesus · Meredith Heights Ch · Samtown · Radio Tower (KDBS) · Lincoln Road Sch No 2 · Lincoln Road Sch No 1 · Gimble Park

Overton House
Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA
15/552760/3463580

7446 I SE (RAPIDES) · 7546 IV SE (LUBUSE) · LEESVILLE 54 MI. GARDNER I.2 MI. · BOYCE 1.1 MI. RAPIDES 5 MI. · LUBUSE 2.8 MI. HOLLOWAY 10 MI. · SHADY OAKS 2.1 MI. MARKSVILLE 26 MI.

7446 II NE (WOODWORTH WEST) · WOODWORTH 7 MI. OAKDALE 33 MI. · (WOODWORTH EAST) 7546 III NW · INGLEWOOD 1.1 MI. LECOMPTE 11 MI. · INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1979 · LATANIER 3.6 MI. MARKSVILLE 26 MI. · (LATANIER) 7546 III NE

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Louisiana Geodetic Survey

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955 and planetable surveys 1957. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Louisiana coordinate system, north zone
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 15 meters south and
13 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

MN · GN · 0°18′ 5 MILS · 5½° 98 MILS

UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000

1 MILE · 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET · 1 .5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route · U. S. Route · State Route

LOUISIANA
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1977. Map edited 1979
This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban area

ALEXANDRIA, LA.
SW/4 ALEXANDRIA 15' QUADRANGLE
N3115—W9222.5/7.5

1972
PHOTOREVISED 1979
DMA 7546 IV SW—SERIES V885

Ref # 85001584

WASO Form - 177
("R" June 1984)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Overton, Senator John H., House
Rapides Parish
LOUISIANA

Working No. JUN 20 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 7/18/85 - 8/4/85
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 7-18-85
___ RETURN
___ REJECT
Federal Agency: ___

Entered in the National Register

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria ___
Reviewer ___
Discipline ___
Date ___
___ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ___ technical corrections cited below
___ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date ___
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
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NOELLE LEBLANC
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana

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PROGRAM MANAGER

May 28, 1985

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 forms, along with required maps and photographs, for the following properties:

Senator John H. Overton House, Rapides Parish
Andrew H. Gay House, Iberville Parish
Drake House, Webster Parish

If any additional information is needed on any of these nominations, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Robert B. DeBlieux

Robert B. DeBlieux
State Historic Preservation Officer

RBD/DF/bc

Enclosures

P.O. BOX 44247 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804 (504) 922-0358

Recd 6/20/85

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August 29, 2016

The Honorable Jacques Roy
PO Box 71
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071

RE: Delisting of the Senator John H. Overton House, Rapides Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Roy:

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. In many cases, buildings were destroyed many years ago and the official delisting paperwork was not completed. We have made this task a priority for 2016.

The Senator John H. Overton House was listed on the National Register on 7/18/1985. 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 Google street view images found online and correspondence with the Alexandria Historic Preservation Commission, the building was destroyed sometime after it was listed in 1985. 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 be given an opportunity to comment and the chief elected official notified of the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **October 7th, 2016** to the following address:

Phil Boggan
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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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August 29, 2016

Rapides Parish Police Jury
PO Box 1150
Alexandria, LA 71309-1150

RE: Delisting of the Senator John H. Overton House, Rapides Parish, LA

To Whom it May Concern:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

Jessica G. Richardson

From: Sarah Mason <Sarah.Mason@cityofalex.com>
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 9:24 AM
To: Jessica G. Richardson
Subject: RE: Destroyed Properties in Rapides Parish
Attachments: 230 N. Bayou Rapides.jpg

Jessica,

You are unfortunately correct about the Senator Overton House – it's gone. After I received your e-mail, I was so curious about the other four properties that I drove down Bayou Rapides Road and England Drive to see what I could find. I was only able to check on the Hopson House and Oxland. I did not see evidence of the Hopson House, but as you mentioned – there were some overgrown areas that could possibly be concealing the property. I did find one old house that slightly resembled the Oxland house that was near the location shown on the map (photo attached). Its address is 230 N. Bayou Rapides Road. There are some definite differences, especially in the layout, so it may be a completely different property (most likely). There was also a building further down N. Bayou Rapides that was in ruins, but it looked like it was partially constructed of concrete block. It looks like there could have been a cluster of buildings there, so that may have been the site of Oxland since it is closer to the location indicated on the map.

I'll try to get back to you early next week with more information after I look for the other properties and ask around.

Sarah

Sarah Mason
Director

AHPC | ALEXANDRIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR A STRONGER FUTURE

8 AM - 1 PM M-F
P: (318) 449-5040
www.cityofalexandriala.com/ahpc

Mailing: P.O. Box 71 | Alexandria, LA 71309

From: Jessica G. Richardson [mailto:jrichardson@crt.la.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Sarah Mason
Subject: RE: Destroyed Properties in Rapides Parish