

**STANDING STRUCTURES SURVEY**

Site Number BUILDING #1

I. PARISH Lafayette

MUNICIPALITY Broussard

USGS QUAD \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROPERTY residential

NAME (common) Valsin Broussard House (B.M.R.A.)

NAME (historic) same

ADDRESS 408 West Main Street

Broussard, LA 70518

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1876

II. 1. Condition good

2. Style Creole

3. Floor Plan see below

4. Building Material see below

(PHOTOGRAPH)

**III. Physical description of property and historic significance**

Built c. 1876, this frame, two-story, gallery fronted house has a hall-less plan two rooms deep. The round gallery columns and the single story rear wing were added c.1900. The lower gallery has been partially screened in and the central chimney has been removed. Despite these changes, the house would still be easily recognizable to its builder, Valsin Broussard.

Significance/History: The home of Valsin Broussard, the founder of the town of Broussard, was built around 1876 and is the oldest remaining house in the town today. Broussard and his family settled on the land where the town is presently located soon after the Civil War. To encourage the growth of the town, Broussard donated the eight arpents of land on which the church and cemetery are located and also the land on which the Southern Pacific depot was built. In appreciation of these gifts, the town was named in his honor when it was laid out. In 1884, Broussard was duly incorporated and received a charter which provided for a government consisting of a mayor, council, clerk, and marshal. Two years later, in 1886, the people became discontented and elected no officers, thus allowing the charter to lapse. It was not until 1906 that the town was reincorporated and a new government put into operation.

IV. Recorded by see nomination form-Item 7

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

V. Sources consulted see nomination form-Item 9

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