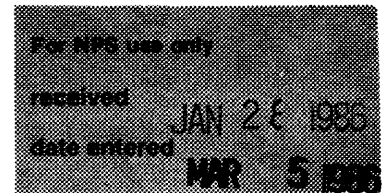


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PERCY-LOBDELL BUILDING

Building #15

UTM: 15/710240/3297980

314 St. Mary St.

Owner: Martha S. Utley Memorial Library Trust  
c/o Mr. Merrill H. Utley, Trustee  
2136 Highway 308  
Thibodaux, LA 70301

c.1900

Local Significance - Commerce  
Architecture

The Percy-Lobdell Building is a two story brick Italianate warehouse located adjacent to Bayou Lafourche and a railroad line. The front portion has a group of offices downstairs and a monumental false front. The remainder of the building is largely open except for a few small partitioned off spaces. There is a single staircase. The ground story has numerous segmentally arched windows with metal shutters. The false front is five bays wide with a central round arched entrance, decorative cast-iron window caps, a brick cornice and a parapet. Since construction the building has not been significantly altered.

Significance:

The Percy-Lobdell Building is locally significant in the area of commerce as Thibodaux's only remaining historic warehouse. It is the sole representative of the all important warehousing aspect of the city's historic role as a commercial, service, and distribution center for Lafourche Parish. The Percy-Lobdell Company was involved in the wholesale distribution of groceries and feed, as evidenced by Sanborn Insurance Company maps. Of the seven major warehouses shown on the 1916 map, Percy-Lobdell is the only one remaining. Its pivotal role is very evident not only in its warehouse appearance but also in its location adjacent to Bayou Lafourche and a railroad line.

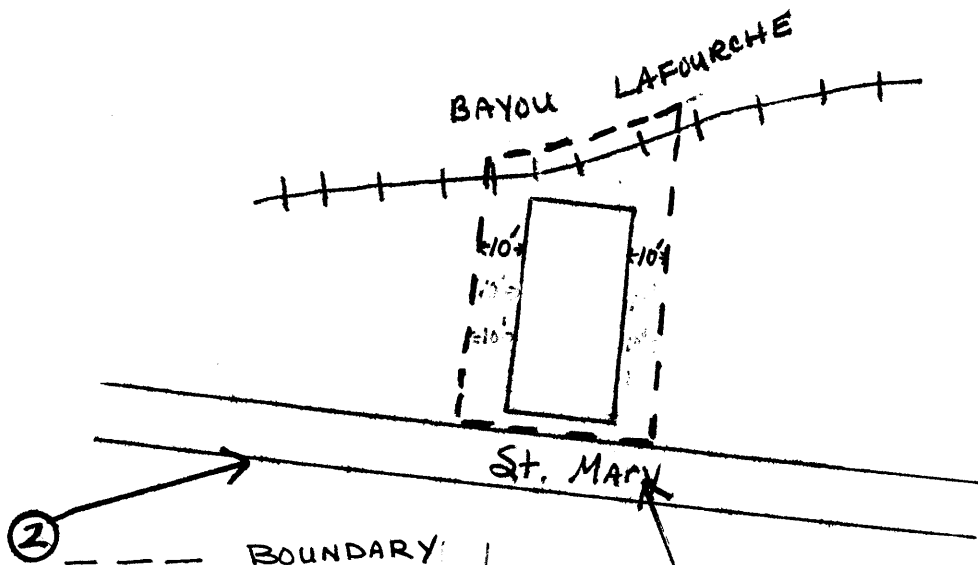
The Percy-Lobdell Building is also locally significant in the area of architecture. There are undoubtedly over one hundred commercial buildings in Lafourche Parish which are fifty years old or older. Most of these are either simple late nineteenth-early twentieth century plantation stores or examples of the "commercial vernacular," the latter being a diluted, sometimes much diluted, version of the urban Italianate style.

Of course, the grandest commercial buildings in the parish feature the most elaborate Italianate styling. The Percy-Lobdell Building is one of only three false front Italianate commercial buildings in Lafourche Parish which retain their architectural integrity. Others have been modified beyond recognition.

# Percy - Lobdell Warehouse

Thibodaux MRA

Lafourche Parish, LA



THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY  
IS BAYOU LAFOURCHE.

THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY  
FOLLOWS THE CURBLINE  
OF ST. MARY STREET.

THE EASTERN + WESTERN  
BOUNDARIES PARALLEL  
BLDG ELEVATIONS, EACH  
AT A DISTANCE OF  
10 FEET.

The boundaries were  
drawn to encompass the  
significant resource.

Very importantly, they recognize  
its historical relationship with  
the bayou + railroad.

@ 2 acres



NOT TO SCALE