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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Waters Pierce Oil Company Stable Building

AND/OR COMMON  
Junior League Headquarters Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1019 Lakeshore Drive

CITY, TOWN Lake Charles VICINITY OF 7th St - Gillis Long  
--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Louisiana CODE 022 COUNTY Calcasieu CODE 019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Calcasieu Parish Police Jury

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1027

CITY, TOWN Lake Charles VICINITY OF STATE Louisiana 70601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calcasieu Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Ryan Street

CITY, TOWN Lake Charles STATE Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1979  
--- FEDERAL  STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN Baton Rouge STATE Louisiana

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The stable is a two-story common bond brick building, largely open on both floors, whose major architectural distinction is a stepped gable parapet at each end of the building. The only other distinctive feature is the roof top weather vane. Windows are the small four pane casement type. The only major change has been the replacement of the three wide stable doors with two large windows and a central front door.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Waters Pierce Oil Company Stable Building lies in its historical association with the petroleum industry in this state. Oil and gas production is the leading industry in Louisiana and one scholar has noted that "Probably no human activity has been more important in altering the face of Louisiana than has the discovery and use of petroleum and its associated resources."

According to Dr. Fred Kniffen, the oil companies almost always replaced or discarded their old equipment and facilities as soon as it was feasible. He added that there are only a few buildings in the state associated with the early oil industry which survive. In his opinion, since the Waters Pierce Oil Company Stable Building is one of these, it is clearly of historic significance.

Additionally, it is one of the oldest commercial structures to survive the 1910 fire in downtown Lake Charles and is the only example of a brick service building in existence in the town.

Its connection with the oil industry is definitive. According to oral history sources, the stable was built in 1903 by the Waters Pierce Oil Company. The stable housed the draft animals (Percherons) used for field and industrial transportation to and from storage areas, oil fields and terminal points. The horses were also used in local distribution routes which transported oil for home use.

Horses and dray animals had primary functions in early field-related industries. Indeed, horse power had a direct and irrefutable influence on the industry, to wit, the generating capacity of gas-powered engines is still described in terms of "horsespower."

The stable is a tangible, distinctive reminder of structures once used as support facilities in the petroleum industry. It now houses the Lake Charles Junior League.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Dr. Fred Kniffen, Professor Emeritus of Geography, LSU (Baton Rouge), expert on Louisiana architecture.  
 Interview with Gorden Gill (b. 1908), resident of Lake Charles who as a child lived across the street from the Waters Pierce Oil Company Stable.  
 Kniffen, Fred B., "Louisiana: Its Land and People" LSU Press, Baton Rouge: 1968.  
 Letter of 1966 from H. G. Chalkley (Ca. 1885-1979), life-long resident of Lake Charles, to Lake Charles Historic Preservation Society concerning history of

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. .22 acres

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

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QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 473880 3343700

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

G \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Mike Ginn-Planner III, and Mrs. Nancy Crowe-Lake Charles Junior League

ORGANIZATION Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Commission DATE June 1979

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 3164 TELEPHONE (318) 433-1771

CITY OR TOWN Lake Charles STATE Louisiana

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE      LOCAL X

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 *J. Bernard Lamar*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 10/5/79

<b>FOR NPS USE ONLY</b>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u><i>Well Grosvenor</i></u>	DATE <u>9/29/80</u>
ATTES: <u>KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER</u>	DATE
<u>CHIEF OF REGISTRATION</u>	

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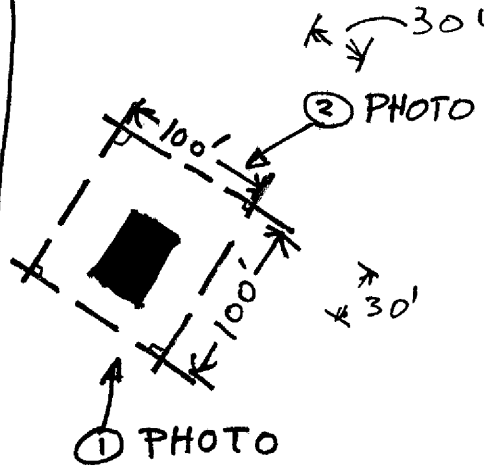
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9. Bibliography (cont'd)

Waters Pierce Oil Company Stable Building, located in Lake Charles  
Historic Preservation Society files.  
Vendor's lien from William Graves Castle to Calcasieu Parish Police Jury,  
1958, copy located at Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and  
Development Commission office, Lake Charles.

LAKE CHARLES



WATERS PIERCE  
OIL COMPANY  
STABLE