

#8 on map

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I.
Parish Bienville
Municipality Gibsland
U.S.G.S. Quad _____
Township _____ Range _____ Section _____
Type of Property Residence
Name (common) Down Home
Name (historic) Same
Address Highway 154 (Mt. Lebanon Road),
vicinity of Gibsland
Present Owner Mrs. Virginia M. Yardley
Address 107 Chandler
Minden, Louisiana
Date or period of construction 1852-1853

- II.
1. Good to excellent local example of a building type x.
 2. Average example _____
 3. Poor example _____

III. Physical description of property and historical significance

Description: This five-bay gallery-fronted house has two central halls, one behind the other and two rooms on each side. It is the most pretentious house in the area owing to the heavy molded capital pillars, and the front fenestration, which is treated with cornices. Front entrance has transom and sidelights. Some of the rear windows are replaced. The frame is hewn and rests upon stone piers. The front bracketted cornice was added later. Original mantels are in place.

Significance: This building, because of its cornices over the fenestration and its fully molded Doric pillars, is the most classically correct and fully developed example of a Greek Revival residence in the area.

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IV. Recorded by <u>Jonathan Fricker</u> Date <u>June 1979</u> For _____: Nomination of <u>Architectural Resources of Mt. Lebanon</u>	V. Sources consulted <u>See item 9 on</u> <u>Nomination form</u> _____ _____ _____
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please write your description and statement of significance to augment, not duplicate the photograph.
2. If you checked one of the boxes in Item 2 indicating that the Property is a good, fair, or poor example of a local type, please justify your choice.
3. Please describe or mention any notable or distinguishing features (i.e. decorative details, oddities or unusual characteristics).
4. Please mention briefly how the property is historically significant on the National, State or local level.

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Built in 1852-1853 by Catlett G. Thurmond, an early merchant of Mt. Lebanon. Today it is owned by one of his descendants, Mrs. Virginia Yardley.

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