

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Autrey House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 1 mile west of Dubach on La. 152 not for publication

city, town Dubach vicinity of congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state La code 22 county Lincoln Parish code 061

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Mrs. J. C. Drewett

street & number 1304 Mesa Street

city, town Ruston vicinity of state La 71270

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lincoln Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Ruston state La

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal 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
<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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Autrey House is located adjacent to the intersection of Louisiana Highways 151 and 152 near the small community of Dubach. Land in the area is hilly, but the house's immediate setting is flat second growth pine forest.

The house itself is a mid-nineteenth century square notched, half round log dog trot structure with hewn joists and circular sawn floor boards. There are two, end wall, exterior chimneys, one of which is constructed of local ironstone in undressed chunks and the other of brick. Presumably the brick chimney is a later addition, but this is not certain.

At the turn of the century the following changes were made:

- (1) The roof was replaced.
- (2) A lower porch roof was built which caused the old chamfered columns to be cut.
- (3) Windows were added.
- (4) The rear porch was enclosed with board and batten siding.

The tin roof covering is more recent. Although the sleeping loft can be reached only by means of a ladder from the back gallery, it was apparently well used. Another noteworthy feature is the broad front porch rails which are carved into benches.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1849 **Builder/Architect** Absalom Autrey

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Autrey House is significant in the area of architecture as an unusual example of an important early Louisiana house type. Few dog trot houses survive in Louisiana and fewer still, less than ten , retain the open dog trot corridor, as does the Autrey House.

The Autrey House is also important because it represents the early settlement of its area of Lincoln Parish. According to oral history accounts from the builder's descendants, Absalom Autrey was the first settler in the area of what is now Dubach. Family tradition says that Absalom Autrey and his family moved west from Selma, Alabama by wagon train in 1848. He, his wife, and fourteen children are believed to be the first white people to cross what is now known as Bird Creek just west of Dubach, Louisiana. They crossed the creek and located at the present site of the Autrey House on Christmas Eve, 1848. Louisiana Patent Records notes Autrey's location on January 5, 1849.

The Autrey family was also important in the educational and religious development of the area. The Autrey School House, as it was known, was built on a hill west of the Autrey House. The 1860 census shows that James Jackson Autrey, an older son of Absalom, was a teacher of common school. He was probably the first teacher at the Autrey School. Other teachers boarded at the Autrey House over the year. The school also served as a meeting place for the Primitive Baptist Church. After church meetings people gathered at the Autrey House for meals and overnight visits.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Title Search, Lincoln Parish Courthouse
 "History of the Autrey Home," Ruston Daily Leader, January 21, 1980.
 Research Report Prepared by Rowland P. Gill, Curator, and Susan Roach Lankford, Folklorist,
 Lincoln Parish Museum and Historical Society, Located in Autrey House National Register
 File, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1.6677 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing						

C

Zone			Easting				Northing						

D

Zone			Easting				Northing						

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Plat Map.
 Boundaries drawn to encompass the house and the family cemetery.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. J. C. Drewett

organization _____ date April 1980

street & number 1304 Mesa Street telephone _____

city or town Ruston state La 71270

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

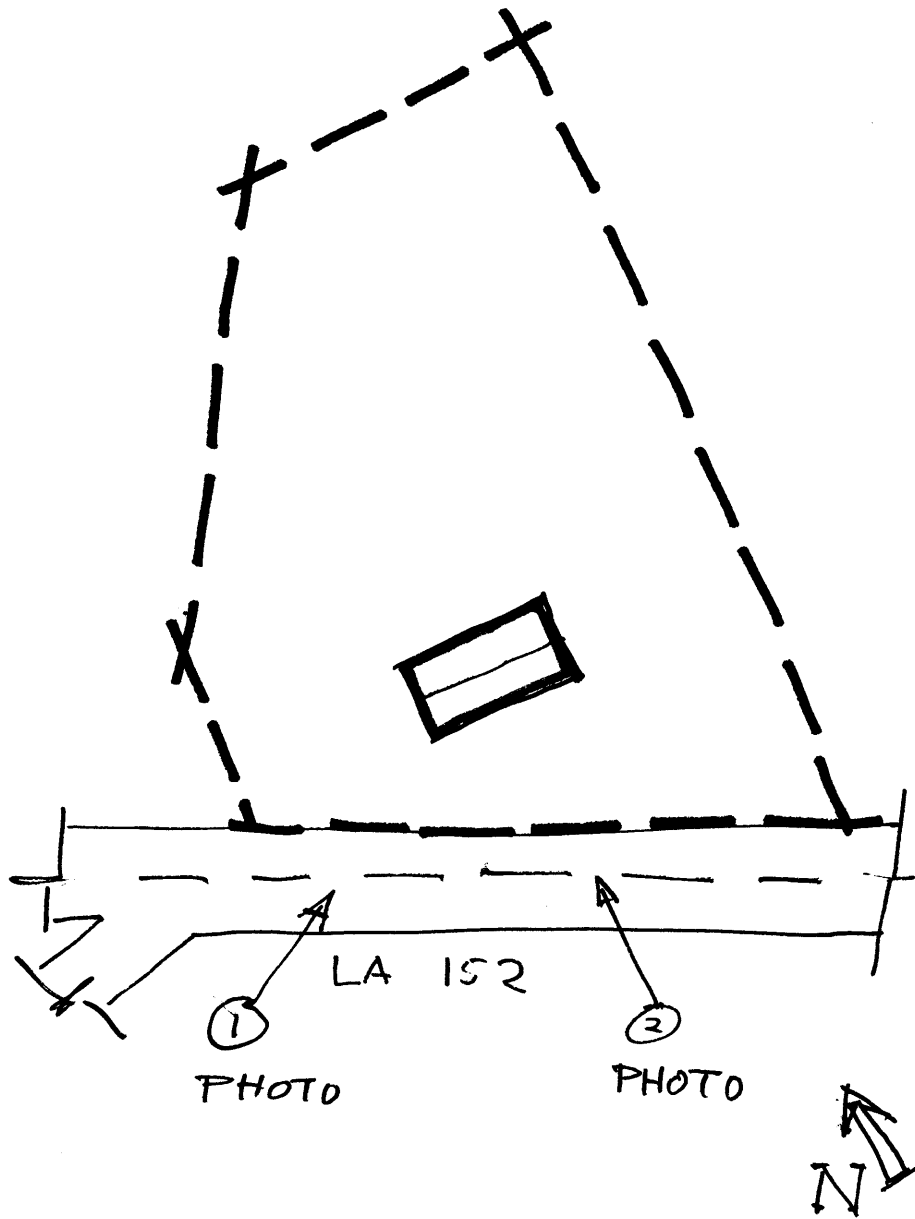
national state local

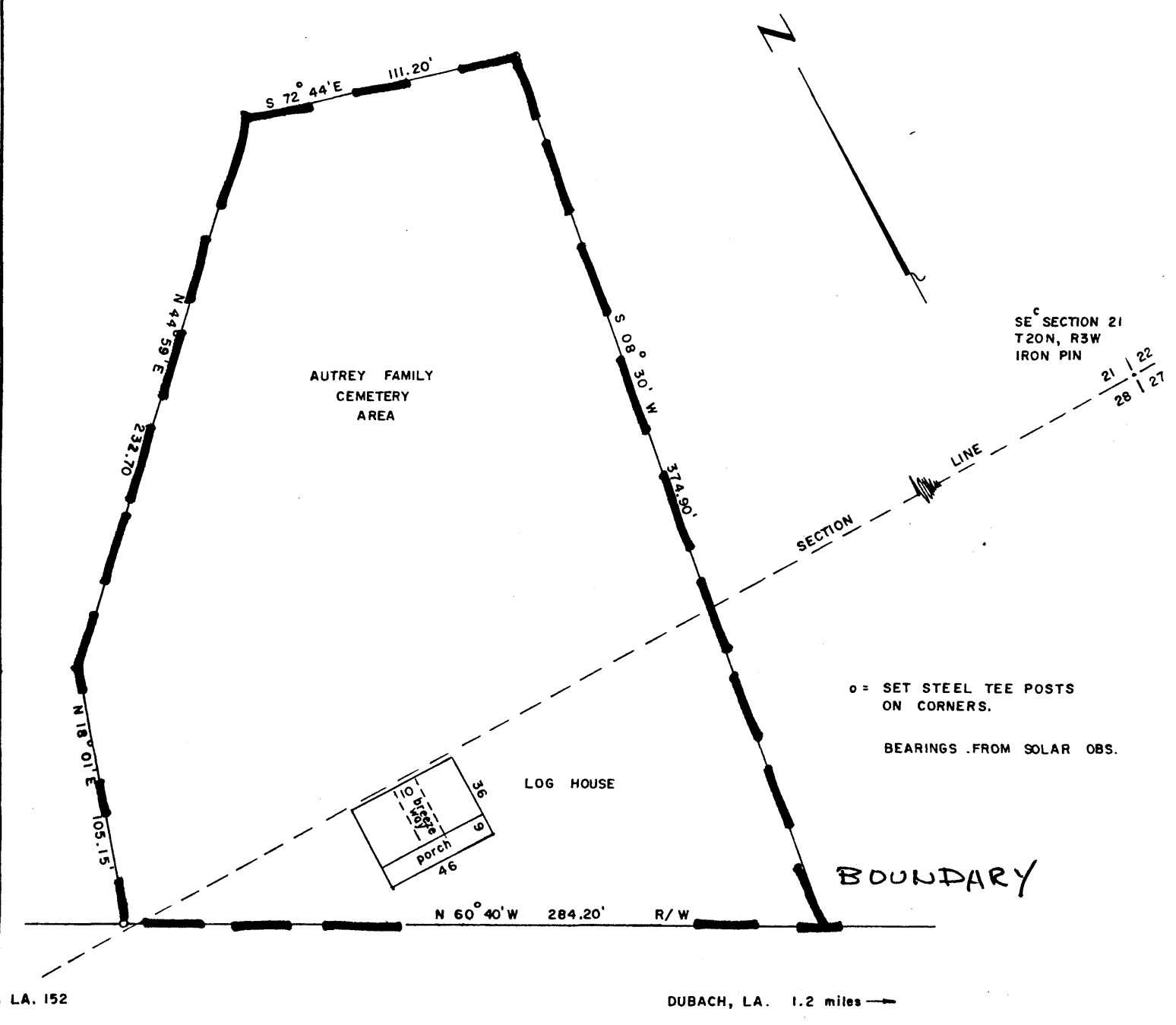
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *E. Bruce Larver*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/23/80

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>Beth Grosvenor</i>	date <u>10/20/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	





SECTION 21
SECTION 28

o = SET STEEL TEE POSTS ON CORNERS.
BEARINGS FROM SOLAR OBS.

BOUNDARY

LA. 152

DUBACH, LA. 1.2 miles →

LA. 151

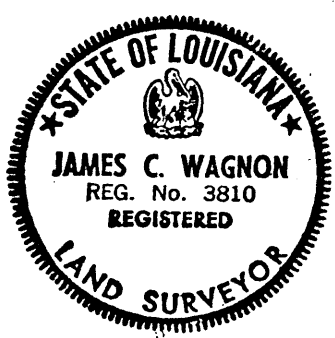
survey for

THE LINCOLN PARISH MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

THE ABSALOM AUTREY HOME

1.6677 ACRE SITE 1.2 MILES WEST OF DUBACH, LINCOLN PARISH, LA., IN THE SE/4 SE/4 SECTION 21 AND IN THE NE/4 NE/4 SECTION 28 OF T 20N, R 3W, LA. MERIDIAN.

MAP SCALED: LAT. 32° 42' 02.6" N
LONG. 92° 40' 33" W



J.C. Wagnon
J.C. WAGNON C.E. & L.S.
MAY 17, 1980
SCALE: 1" = 60'