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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

Thibodaux Multiple Resource Area Item number 7 & 8 Continuation sheet Lafourche Parish, LA

(Building #2) BREAUX HOUSE UTM: 15/710800/3298020

401 Patriot

Owner: Mrs. Henry Dansereau 401 Patriot Thibodaux, LA 70301

1890's (is on 1898 Sanborn map)

Builder: Lewis Breaux

Local Significance: Architecture

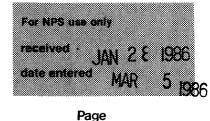
The Breaux House is a single story frame Queen Anne Revival residence with Eastlake gallery posts. The plan consists of two front rooms and a rear corridor leading to bedrooms and a kitchen. There are two polygonal bays, a small entrance vestibule, and two fireplaces, one of which has an elaborate slate mantel. This mantel has a basic aedicule shape, but with free-standing colonnettes on brackets supporting the shelf. The various surfaces are painted to resemble granite and marble. Panels are stenciled with stylized leaf and flower patterns. The roofline of the house features three imbricated shingle gables, each of which has stylized cruck and tie-beam ornamentation. The massing is crowned by a square turret with a flared pyramidal roof and an oculus. The Eastlake gallery features filigree brackets and incorporates five changes in direction in order to encompass the front half of the house.

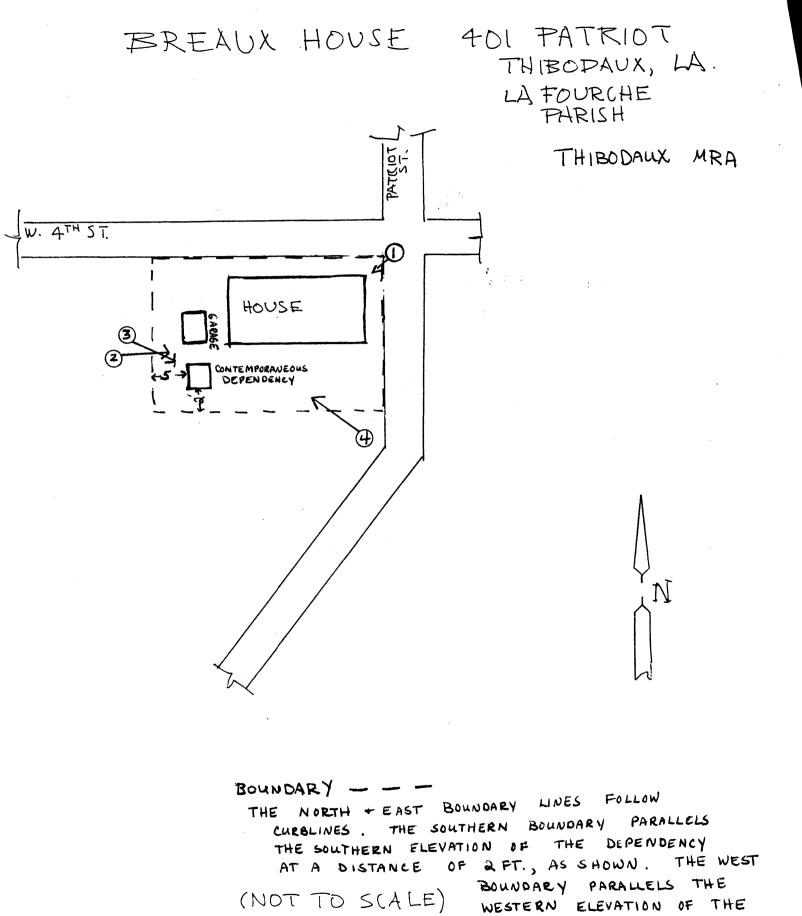
Since construction, the house has been partially aluminum sided, the front gallery has been screened in, a small rear gallery has been enclosed, and one of the mantels has been replaced. Despite these changes, the Breaux House still retains its massing, its gallery, and its painted slate mantel, which are the features which establish its architectural significance. In addition, it retains most of its exterior and interior details; hence its architectural identity remains intact.

Significance - Please refer to Queen Anne Revival section of Item 8. In addition, the Breaux House is separately significant because of its painted slate mantel. The paintwork is in perfect condition and is a very rare surviving example in the parish.

Contributing/Non-contributing Elements:

To the rear of the house is a small roughly contemporaneous frame dependency which is listed as a contributing element. Also at the rear is a frame garage which may well not be fifty years old. In any event, it is certainly not contemporaneous with the house and hence is listed as a non-contributing element.





@ 1/4 acre

BOUNDARY PARALLELS THE WESTERN ELEVATION OF THE DEPENDENCY AT A DISTANCE OF 5 FT., AS SHOWN. THE SOUTHERN & WESTERN BOUNDARIES CUT CLOSE BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF ADJACENT NON-RELATED BLDGS.