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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: LOUISIANA	
COUNTY: ORLEANS	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 29 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
French Market - Old Meat Market

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Halle Des Boucheries

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
800 Decatur Street

CITY OR TOWN:
New Orleans

STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Orleans** CODE: **71**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
French Market Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:
83 French Market Place

CITY OR TOWN: **New Orleans** STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Conveyance Office - Civil Courts Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
421 Loyola Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **New Orleans** STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Vieux Carre Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Tulane University Library

STREET AND NUMBER:
6823 St. Charles Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **New Orleans** STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old meat market, the oldest unit of the French Market Complex, was originally an open arcaded, one story market structure, with heavy plastered brick masonry walls, arches and interior columns. The exterior side walls were composed of a series of nearly semicircular arches, uniform in size and shape, supported on rectangular brick piers with simple moulded capitals. The two end walls each consisted of a wide elliptical center arch flanked by smaller arches similar to those of the side wall arches. These triple arched end walls were surmounted by low-pitched plastered brick pediments forming the gable ends of the tile roof. At the eaves line was a simple moulded cornice that also ran across the gable end. At every fifth bay in its length, the building was divided by an arched cross wall similar to the end walls. Square columns in line with the piers of the exterior arches supported the roof structure of heavy timber trusses, purlins and rafters. Although the basic structure has remained virtually intact since it was built, the building has been remodelled at various times to meet the changing needs of the market. The old low pitched roof was replaced with a more steeply pitched hipped slate roof eliminating the gable ends or pediments. The open arches have been closed in with wood and glass or masonry. In the 1930's an extensive renovation was effected through a Works Progress Administration project. The entire interior was remodelled, a new roof of flat tiles replaced the old slate roof. A row of columns similar to those of the vegetable market was added along the Decatur street facade and a flat roofed appendage was added to the Dumaine street end of the structure. The building has remained practically unchanged since that time except for some interior alterations.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Halle des Boucheries was designed in 1813 by Jacques Tanesse, then city surveyor, and constructed by the prominent local architect-builders, Claude Gurlie and Joseph Guillot, for the City of New Orleans. The original contract drawings are still extant in the private collection of Richard Koch, architect. The building occupies the site of another market built in 1808 by the architect Arsène Laccariere Latour and destroyed by a hurricane in 1811. This river front area has been the traditional market place of New Orleans almost since the beginnings of the city. Except for the few years of the 1808 market, the present structure is the only permanent building ever to occupy this important site diagonally across the street from the old Place d'Armes, now Jackson Square. Through the years it has attracted the attention of artists, writers and visitors to the city such as Benjamin Latrobe, Charles Alexander Lesueur, Lafeadio Hearn and countless others.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Epitome of the State of Louisiana with an Historical Notice of New Orleans, views and descriptions of Public Buildings, etc., etc., New Orleans, 1840

Impressions Respecting New Orleans by Benjamin H.B. Latrobe, Samuel Wilson, Jr., (ed.) New York, 1951

Guide to New Orleans - F.F. Hansell - New Orleans 1903.

Historical Sketch Book and Guide to New Orleans, Lafcadio Hearn and others - New York 1884

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Samuel Wilson, Jr., Architect for

ORGANIZATION: **French Market Corporation** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
83 French Market Place

CITY OR TOWN: **New Orleans,** STATE: **Louisiana** CODE: **22**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: George M. Peake
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 18 June 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
MAR 29 1972

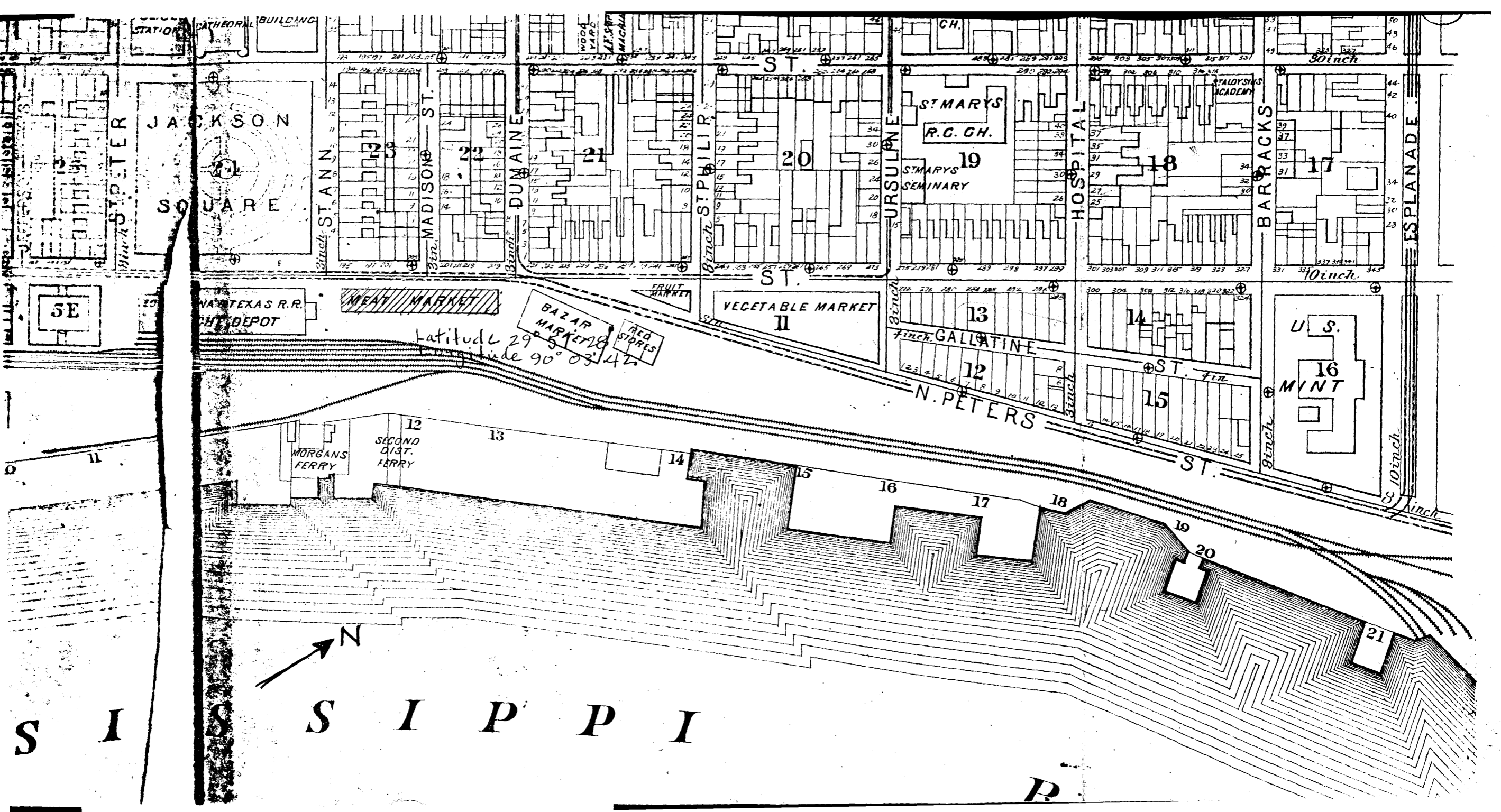
Date: _____

ATTEST:
William M. Mouton
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAR 29 1972

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JACKSON SQUARE

TEXAS R.R. CH. DEPOT

ST. ANN

MADISON ST.

DUMAINE

ST. PETER

URSULINE

HOSPITAL

BARRACKS

MORGAN'S FERRY

MEAT MARKET

BAZAR MARKET

VEGETABLE MARKET

GALLATINE

ST. FER

U.S. MINT

MISSISSIPPI

SECOND DIST. FERRY

N. PETERS ST.

ST. MARYS R.C. CH.

ST. MARYS SEMINARY

ST. MARYS ACADEMY

ESPLANADE



Latitude 29° 5' 47"
Longitude 90° 03' 47"

RED STORES

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

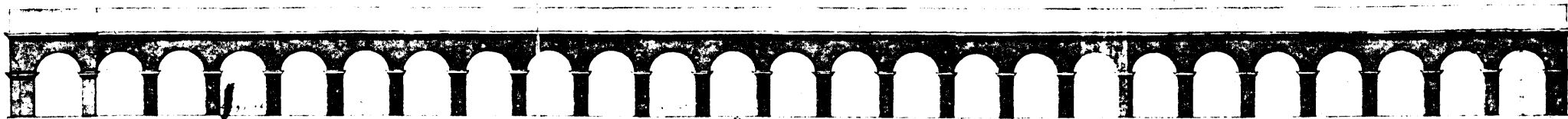
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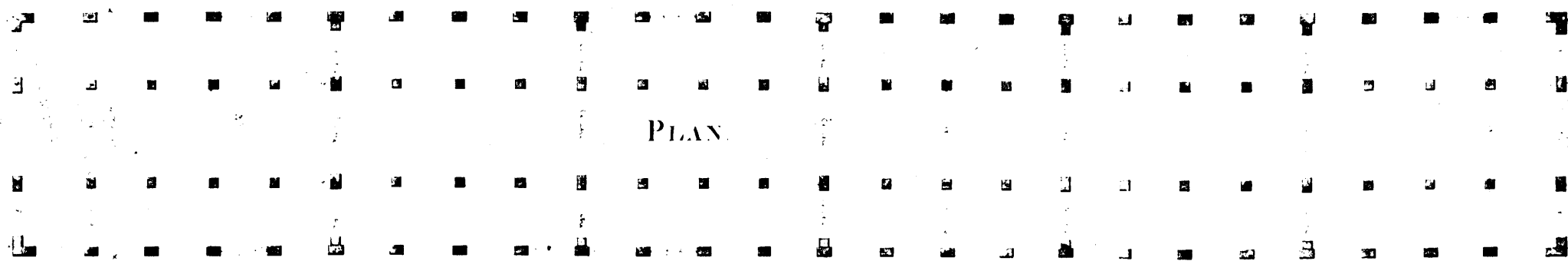
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1. NAME			
COMMON: FRENCH MARKET - OLD MEAT MARKET			
AND/OR HISTORIC: HALLE DES BOUCHERIES			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 800 DECATUR ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: NEW ORLEANS			
STATE: LOUISIANA	CODE 22	COUNTY: ORLEANS	CODE 71
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: ROBINSONS ATLAS			
SCALE: 200 feet per inch			
DATE: 1883			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Elevation d'une Halle des Boucheries prise sur la longueur.

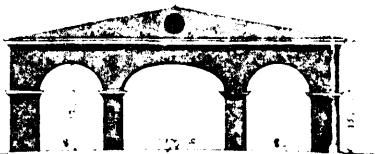


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PLAN.

Elevation prise sur la largeur
de la Halle



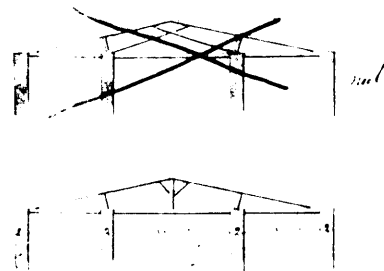
Cercil de Ville
(de la N^e. Orleans.)

Sur le plan ci-dessus, le Cercil de Ville qui
sera de plan circulaire pour la construction de la
Halle des Boucheries qui s'ouvrira par un Cercil
sur les bords et dont l'entrée sera à l'extrémité au
Cercil de Ville et qui sera sur le plan ci-dessus
qui est et sera en un lieu.

Collation de Cercil de Ville, en la date
du 28 Avril 1813. M. H. H. H.

approuvé M. G. G. G.

J. J. J. J.



Signature

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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AND/OR HISTORIC: HALLE DES LEGUMES <i>Boucheries</i>			
2. LOCATION			
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CITY OR TOWN: NEW ORLEANS			
STATE: LOUISIANA	CODE 22	COUNTY: ORLEANS	CODE 71
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Jacques Tanesse			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1813			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Property of Richard Koch			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Original Plans of the Meat Market by Jacques Tanesse, 1813.			