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7. Description

The Armour Building (1929) is a single story common bond brick warehouse with an overall trapezoid shape. It is located at the corner of St. James and Mayflower Sts. on flat land behind the Mississippi River levee. Despite a few alterations, the building retains its National Register eligibility as a contributing element to the Beauregard Town Historic District.

Three of the four sides feature exposed common bond brickwork, segmentally arched openings, and unadorned parapets. The fourth side, which faces Mayflower Street, has a higher quality brick front with square head windows, a corbell table, and a cement trimmed parapet. The hypostyle interior features plain wooden posts and beams, exposed joists, and plain brick walls.

Alterations:

It appears that the present garage doors and the present glass main entrance door are replacements. In addition, the small fixed awning on the Mayflower front is not original. Finally, a new opening has been installed in the southwest front of the building.

Assessment of Integrity:

In our opinion, these changes should be regarded as minor given the total scope of the building's architecture. It still easily conveys its identity as a 1920's commercial warehouse.

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8. Significance

The Catfish Town warehouse area is an integral part of the Beauregard Town Historic District. The lumber, cotton, and other agricultural products which were shipped via the warehouses generated much of the prosperity which caused the rebuilding of the major (residential) portion of the district.

Catfish Town is listed on the National Register as part of the Beauregard Town Historic District. However, when the district boundaries were finalized, the Armour Building was excluded. The original nomination was prepared in 1976 and '77. At that time the Armour Building was only 48 years old; hence it could not be counted as a contributing element and the district boundaries could not be extended to take it in. However, today the building is 54 years old. Moreover, it has a similar character to the other warehouses in Catfish Town. In fact, its details are almost identical to warehouses which are already listed as contributing elements in the district.

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9. Bibliography

East Baton Rouge Conveyance Records. A contract in these records shows that the present structure was constructed in 1929. Copy in National Register File, LA State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Information:

Because the addendum area is still within the figure defined by the existing UTMs, new UTMs were not computed. See xerox of Levy Hay Warehouse addendum USGS map for existing UTMs and figure.



