

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Antoine, C. C., House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1941 Perrin Street NA not for publication

city or town Shreveport NA vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Caddo code 017 zip code 71101

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally X statewide ___ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

July 14, 1999

Signature of certifying official/Title Genri Hobdy, Date
LA SHPO, Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the
National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the
National Register
- removed from the National
Register
- other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

8/20/99

Antoine, C. C. House
Name of property

Caddo Parish, LA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | — | buildings |
| — | — | sites |
| — | — | structures |
| — | — | objects |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Cat. Domestic

Sub. Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Cat. Domestic

Sub. Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Asbestos
roof Asphalt

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" next to the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
X B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

NA

(Mark "X" next to all that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Politics/Government

Ethnic Heritage: Black

Period of Significance

1910-1921

Significant Dates

NA

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Antoine, C. C.

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

NA

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Antoine, C. C. House
Name of property

Caddo Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than an acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 15 427640 3596980

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date June 1999

street & number P.O. Box 44247 telephone (225) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Lorenza Bell, Jr.

street & number 3806 Shadow Creek Drive telephone Not Available

city or town Shreveport state LA zip code 71119

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The C. C. Antoine House (c. 1905) is a frame, one-and-a-half story, medium size cottage that partakes of the Queen Anne Revival style in its massing. It is located in a modest African-American neighborhood in Shreveport called Allendale. Despite numerous alterations, the house would still be recognizable to C. C. Antoine, a leading African-American political figure during Reconstruction.

The home's plan is anchored by a central hall with two large rooms on the west and four rooms of varying sizes on the east. The front room on the east is larger than the other east rooms and projects forward in a polygonal bay set beneath a front facing gable. Opposite the bay is the recessed entrance porch which embraces the remainder of the facade. The bay features a single window opening in front. According to long-time residents of the area, the angle sides of the bay never had windows. The eastern range of rooms also projects at the rear of the house, forming what might almost be described as a small rear wing. Opposite the wing is the rear porch. The home is raised on brick piers which become quite high at the rear to accommodate the sloping terrain.

The rear room on the west side contains the original low-key Eastlake staircase that ascends to the capacious finished attic. The overall roof is more or less pyramid-shaped with a single large dormer facing front and rear. The rear dormer is intact with its gable. It features one-over-one plate glass sash windows which strongly indicate the design for the original windows throughout the house. Most of the window openings are original. In the larger rooms they are set in pairs. Many of the interior door and window surrounds (all consisting of plain boards) survive as do most of the original doors with their four raised panels.

Over the years the house has been put to many uses, including apparently being subdivided at one time for two apartments. With the exception of the front gable, which still features the original drop siding, the exterior is sheathed in a synthetic substance (most likely an asbestos product). All but two of the window sashes have been replaced, mostly with aluminum units, but none of the window openings have been furred down. The front porch is now at grade level. The current columns, square wooden posts, are old but not original. The front dormer has been re-configured with a hip roof (originally a gable) and its facade has been boarded over. The original rear porch has been enclosed for a bathroom.

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The interior, which was always quite simple, has been fitted with paneling and celotex ceilings. Evidently there was never a fireplace. The only floorplan change has been the dividing of the central hall. (Because the dark-stained paneling creates a very dark interior, no interior photos were possible.)

Assessment of Integrity

Despite the admittedly serious alterations detailed above, the Antoine House retains its massing, fenestration pattern, setting, most of its floorplan and some of its details. Most importantly, it meets the Register's litmus test for nominations under Criterion B (home of a significant individual) – C. C. Antoine would recognize his home in his old neighborhood, even with the alterations. Also, it should be noted that the changes are reversible.

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Little is known of Antoine's life from the 1880s until his purchase of 1941 Perrin in 1910. He lived in New Orleans during at least some of this period. For example, he is known to have been the vice-president of the New Orleans Comite des Citoyens, formed in 1890 to wage legal and public opinion battles against discrimination. At the time of his 1921 death at his Shreveport home at the age of 85, he owned a small plantation in the area, several city lots, and the candidate house.

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Other Properties Associated with Antoine:

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Antoine, C. C. House

Name of property

Caddo Parish, LA

County and State

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LEGAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 9, Block 9, Talbort-Perrin Subdivision, City of Shreveport, bearing the municipal address of 1941 Perrin Street.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

Boundaries follow the lot lines of the property owned by Mr. Antoine in the historic period. They are also the current property lines.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY NAME: Antoine, C.C., House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Caddo

DATE RECEIVED: 4/04/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/18/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001013

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT ___ RETURN ___ REJECT ___ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This documentation justifies the proposed move of the C. C. Antoine House under the terms of Section 60.14 of the National Register regulations. The documentation demonstrates that there is no feasible alternative for the preservation of the building. It is, moreover, the sole surviving property most closely associated with C. C. Antoine, as required for buildings significant under Criterion B.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/Proposed move
REVIEWER Daniel V. [unclear] DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE (252) 364-2252 DATE 5/15/07

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Move Pre-approval, Antoine House, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA

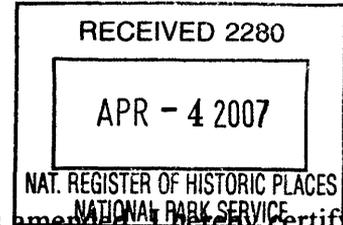
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Pre-Approval for a Move

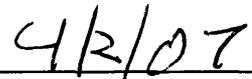
C. C. Antoine House
Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA



State Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this request for pre-approval of a move meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria.


Jonathan Fricker
Louisiana Deputy SHPO


Date

Parts 7 & 8

In 1999 the Register accepted the C. C. Antoine House under Criterion B as the home of a Reconstruction-era African-American lieutenant-governor. At that time the house was rental property. Now it is vacant. The Shreveport African-American Multi-cultural Tourism Commission is in the process of acquiring the house and has been awarded a grant from the City of Shreveport to purchase and re-locate the house for the purpose of developing it into a museum. The organization wishes to obtain pre-approval of a proposed move through the official National Register process.

The Multi-cultural Tourism Commission and city officials do not believe the present site would be conducive to development of the house as a museum. The early to mid-twentieth century working class neighborhood has a mix of well-maintained houses, deteriorating occupied houses, vacant lots where houses once stood and some abandoned houses. Crime, whether perceived or real, was also cited as a reason for the re-location. Parking might also be an issue. Essentially visitors would have to park on the street or a piece of vacant property nearby would have to be purchased (providing it's available).

The proposed location is about a mile away in the same general neighborhood on city property – specifically, the C. C. Antoine Park, a recreational park established in the early 1980s. The applicant, most fortunately, has not elected to place the house in an inappropriate setting in the middle of the park. See attached map. It will face Milam Street and will be fairly close to the street – i.e., placed in the manner of a house along the street. To the left is an obelisk-shaped monument honoring Antoine (placed there when the park opened). Immediately behind is a parking lot which city officials believe will be adequate for both visitors to the house and the park. Viewshed photos are enclosed. Residences are located along Sycamore, the street bordering the park on the west. Looking up Milam from the proposed location one sees a slightly less dense streetscape of residences and one small commercial building. Looking the other way on Milam from the proposed location one sees residences and a church. The land directly in front of the proposed location is vacant. Sanborn maps (1935) show a neighborhood of fairly tightly packed residential streetscapes at that time (similar to the home's original location).

National Register guidelines for moved buildings nominated under Criterion B (association with a significant individual) state that the candidate “must be the single surviving property that is most closely associated with the part of the person’s life for which he or she is significant.” As demonstrated in the original

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nomination, this is the only extant property associated with C. C. Antoine. (A copy of the statement of significance from the original nomination is enclosed.)

PHOTO INFORMATION COMMON TO ALL

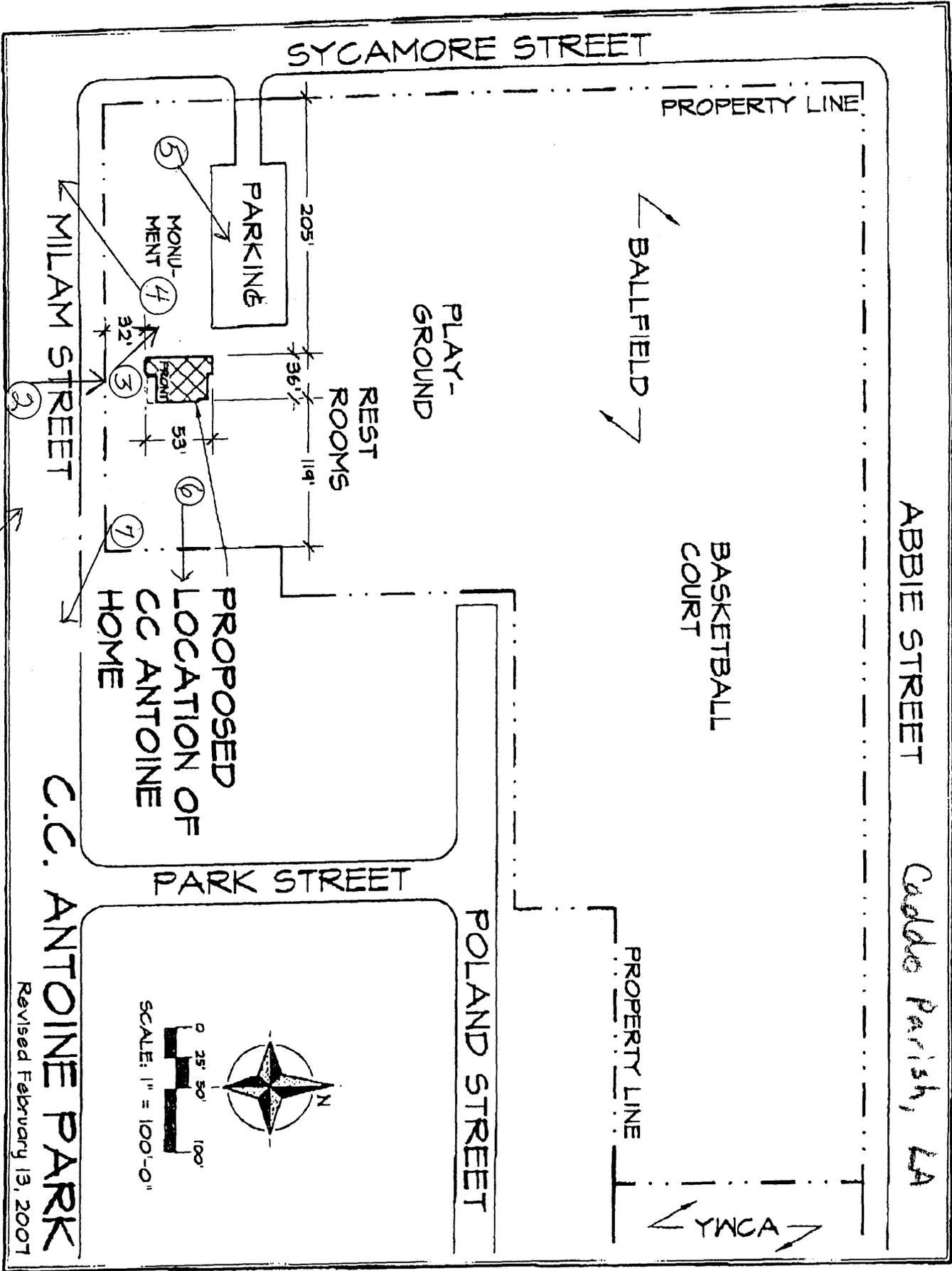
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Date Taken: December 2006

Location of Negative: LA SHPO

Pre-approval of move
C. C. Antoine House

ABBEIE STREET
Cade Parish, LA



C.C. ANTOINE PARK

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