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Amendment to the nomination form for the Bay St. Louis Multiple Resource Area, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi.

(NOTE: All of the following properties and the district were included in the original nomination dated January 1980 but were not listed due to insufficient information.)

- St. Joseph's Chapel
- Webb School (300 Third St.)
- Alfred LeBlanc, Sr. House (986 S. Beach Blvd. and 100 Bay Oaks Court)
- 104, 105, 106 Boudin Lane
- 115 Julia St.
- 211 Third St.
- Marv's Body Shop
- Taylor School (116 Leonard St.)
- Elmwood Historic District

In 1986 the district and the individual properties were researched and reevaluated in order to resubmit them for Register nomination. As a result of the reevaluation, several properties have been deleted. The proposed district has been deleted as well, but three of its elements are being individually nominated. The properties now being submitted for nomination are:

- Glen Oak (806 N. Beach Blvd.)
- Taylor House (808 N. Beach Blvd.)
- DOE Elmwood Manor (902 N. Beach Blvd.)
- Webb School (300 Third St.)
- Not Accepted ~~Alfred LeBlanc, Sr. House (986 S. Beach Blvd. and 100 Bay Oaks Court)~~
- Taylor School (116 Leonard St.)

Statement of Significance

The town of Bay St. Louis (pop. 7,891) comprises an impressive collection of buildings constructed from 1790 to the 1940's. The architectural structures included in this proposed amendment to the Bay St. Louis Multiple Resource Area nomination were erected from before 1812 to approximately 1913. They are all being nominated for their architectural significance. Additional significance is attached to the Taylor and Webb Schools because of their importance to the theme of education within a local context.

In the original nomination, the Elmwood Historic District encompassed

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ten buildings. All located north of Highway 90, the houses were strung out along the western sea wall of the Bay of St. Louis. However, due to a lack of cohesiveness in this "district", only three of the buildings (Glen Oak, Elmwood Manor, and the Taylor House) are being nominated, each as an individual property.

Glen Oak at 806 N. Beach Boulevard is believed to have been constructed circa 1820, but is primarily significant because of its Shingle Style renovation. It is the only example of this architectural style in Bay St. Louis. This is rather unusual because the popularity of the Shingle Style coincided with the community's peak as a seaside resort. In fact, the only other Shingle Style buildings on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that have been identified to date are in Ocean Springs at the other end of the state's coastline. The construction of Elmwood Manor (902 N. Beach Blvd.) began before 1812 and was completed in 1828. It is one of the earliest extant buildings in the community. Not only is Elmwood Manor a significant example of the French Colonial style of architecture, but the infrastructure of its roof is also an important illustration of early nineteenth century timber frame construction.

At 808 N. Beach Boulevard is the Taylor House. Constructed around 1910, the building is a good example of a locally persistent house form dating from the antebellum period with early twentieth century architectural elements.

The Alfred LeBlanc, Sr. House, although it is now two separate structures (986 S. Beach Blvd. and 100 Bay Oaks Court), is being nominated as one property. In the original nomination, the buildings were referred to as the Henry P. Dart, Sr. House. These two structures were originally part of one long building believed to have been constructed before the Civil War. It underwent a major renovation in the late nineteenth century which resulted in a Queen Anne style building. In the 1940's, the center of the house was removed, leaving the two houses now standing. Taken as a unit, the remnants are a significant articulation of the Queen Anne style of architecture as it was applied to summer resort housing in late nineteenth century Bay St. Louis. Each house retains a surprisingly high degree of architectural integrity, despite the division. Each house has a tower which is a rare design element for Queen Anne style buildings in Bay St. Louis.

The Taylor and Webb Schools are the final properties included in this proposed amendment. Both are early twentieth century buildings. Taylor School (116 Leonard St.) is a Craftsman style structure erected in 1910. Its primary significance derives from the fact that it is extremely uncommon for this style of architecture to be articulated in

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an institutional building. The Craftsman style is associated primarily, if not exclusively, with residential architecture. The Webb School (300 Third St.) is the only early twentieth century Colonial Revival style school building on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that has been surveyed to date. It was constructed in 1913. Both structures are indicative of the one and two teacher schools that comprised the public education system on the Mississippi Gulf Coast around the turn of the century. Other school buildings from this area recorded in the Statewide Survey Files are generally larger and more elaborate in design than these.

All of the buildings considered in this proposed amendment are significant in terms of the themes of architecture and/or education which were discussed in the Bay St. Louis Multiple Resource Area cover nomination. Taken as a group, the structures are an architectural illustration of one hundred years in Bay St. Louis history. These cultural resources, in conjunction with the properties that have already been listed, help historians and others to interpret the past of one of the oldest towns on the Gulf Coast.

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Bay St. Louis MRA/Amendment
Hancock County, Mississippi

Amendment for Purposes of Delisting Properties From The National Register of Historic Places

In 1980, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History filed a nomination of numerous properties located in the Bay St. Louis Multiple Resource Area, Hancock County, Mississippi. In 1986, the Bay St. Louis MRA was amended to include additional properties which were then listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since the date of listing, the following properties have lost the qualities which originally caused it to be listed. Each property was destroyed on or about August 29, 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and should be delisted from the National Register of Historic Places.

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date Listed</u>
1. Glen Oaks/Kimbrough House	806 N. Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis, MS	21 Nov 1986
2. Taylor House	808 N. Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis, MS	21 Nov 1986
3. Taylor School	116 Leonard Street Bay St. Louis, MS	15 Jan 1987

Section 11:

Form Prepared By:

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Date: February 5, 2008

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

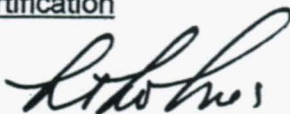
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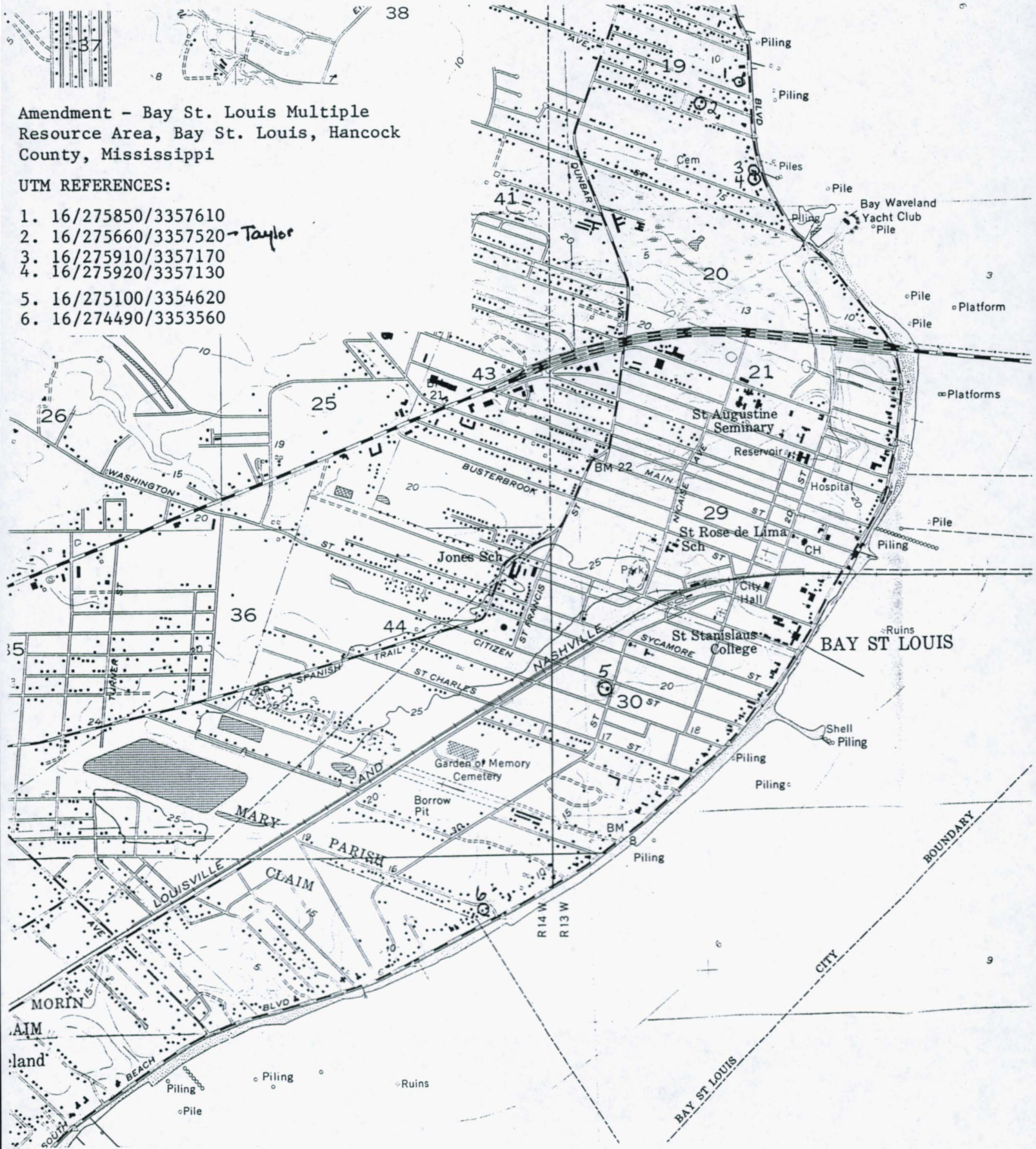
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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UTM REFERENCES:

1. 16/275850/3357610
2. 16/275660/3357520 - Taylor
3. 16/275910/3357170
4. 16/275920/3357130
5. 16/275100/3354620
6. 16/274490/3353560



Historic Sites Survey



State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Taylor School is a one story, 5x2 bay, clapboarded building raised on rusticated, concrete block piers. Its corrugated tin roof has exposed rafter ends and side gables with two attic windows each. The front facade is marked by a large, central gable set perpendicular to the main roofline and projecting out over a porch where it is supported by four craftsman style columns resting on rusticated, concrete block pedestals. The gable, which is sheathed in shingle siding, contains a paired attic window and two smaller gables. The porch has two sets of steps leading up to it and a simple, wooden railing with a Colonial Revival style motif. Located in the porch area is a paired window flanked by two sets of double doors. Each door has panelling on its lower half and a multilight window. The predominant window form is 8/4 double hung sash.

ALTERATIONS:

None

ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS:

None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: The lawn, shrubbery and flowers are well-maintained because this property belongs to the Bay-Waveland Garden Club.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Taylor School is significant as a rare example of the Craftsman style of architecture being utilized for an institutional building. The Craftsman style was associated primarily, if not exclusively, with residential architecture. The school maintains a high degree of architectural integrity.

Taylor School, along with Webb School, is representative of the one and two teacher schools that comprised the public education system on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The massing, size and styles of Webb and Taylor Schools are unique among the remaining, surveyed school buildings which are generally larger and more monumental in design than these.

NAME: Taylor School

STREET NO: 116 Leonard Street

TOWN/VIC: Bay St. Louis

COUNTY: Hancock

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: City of Bay St. Louis
ADDRESS P. O. Box 310, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

PRESENT USE:
Meeting place for Garden Club

FORMER USE:
School

DATE: c. 1910

STYLE: Craftsman

ARCH/BUILDER: unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: historical report of Bay-Waveland
Garden Club

ENVIRONMENT:
residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

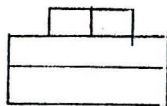
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Leonard St.

N. Beach Blvd.



PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Very good.

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Lots 12 and 13, Block 2, Leonard's Subdivision, Bay St. Louis, Miss., registered for taxes as Parcel 19538, City of Bay St. Louis.

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

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FORM PREPARED BY:

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July 1986



Taylor School, 116 Leonard St., front
(north) and side (east) elevations,
view to southwest

Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi
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