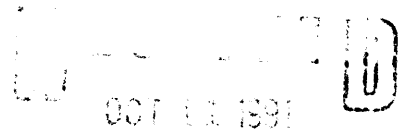


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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Byerley House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Lake and Ingram Streets
city, town Lake Providence
state Louisiana code LA county East Carroll code 035 zip code 71254

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [X] private, [] public-local, [] public-State, [] public-Federal
Category of Property: [X] building(s), [] district, [] site, [] structure, [] object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 1 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, Total 1

Name of related multiple property listing: NA
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Leslie Tassin, LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Date October 8, 1991
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] 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:)
Entered in the National Register: 11/13/91
Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 VACANT/Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival
 Eastlake

foundation brick
 walls weatherboard

roof asphalt
 other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Byerley House (c. 1902) is a one story frame Queen Anne Revival style dwelling with exterior Eastlake embellishments. It is located in the community of Lake Providence, the seat of East Carroll Parish. The house stands on a large, unlandscaped corner lot in an older residential district near the southeastern shore of an oxbow lake. Although it has experienced a move and some loss of interior fabric, the home's National Register eligibility remains intact.

The Byerley Home's Queen Anne features include:

- 1) asymmetrical massing with five cross gables,
- 2) textured surfaces, including beaded board siding on the facade and gable peaks combining fishscale, diamond, and crescent shaped shingles,
- 3) a wraparound gallery, and
- 4) one rectangular and one hexagonal bay. The latter is highlighted by forty-five degree corner cuts surmounted by scalloped Eastlake brackets with pendants.

The home's other Eastlake features include turned gallery columns and circular grilled vents piercing each of the building's major gables. The home is also distinguished by an entrance with transom and sidelights, a glass and paneled door displaying a dentil band above the glass, tall two-over-two windows facing the gallery, and a built-in cabinet in the dining room. The floorplan lacks a center hall and is three rooms wide with a large ell attached at the rear.

The Byerley House was moved in 1991 in order to save it from imminent demolition. Although it now faces a different direction, it still stands on a large corner lot just as it did before. It also remains within its original residential neighborhood, standing only one block from its former location. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate that the ell's side porch and part of its rear porch were enclosed subsequent to the home's construction. Although the exact dates of these additions cannot be documented, they appear to be from the early twentieth century. Except for the loss of its mantels, the building has experienced no other changes. Thus the facade, its most important architectural feature, remains entirely unaltered. As an intact and extremely rare example of the Queen Anne Revival style within Lake Providence, the Byerley House is a strong candidate for National Register listing.

See continuation sheet

Also located on the property is a modern brick garage. It is being counted as a non-contributing element for the purposes of this nomination.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1902

Significant Dates
c. 1902

Cultural Affiliation
NA

Significant Person
NA

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Byerley House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a rare surviving example of the Queen Anne Revival style within the community of Lake Providence.

Although Lake Providence was founded in 1833, two major incursions of the Mississippi River levee destroyed much of the earlier town. The historic downtown commercial area dates mainly from the early twentieth century. In the late nineteenth/early twentieth century the community experienced a modest wave of residential construction. Because the Queen Anne Revival style was at the apex of its popularity at this time, it is reasonable to assume that many of these new homes reflected that style. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps appear to verify the assumption that there were once more numerous examples of the Queen Anne style in the town. For example, the 1909 map identifies approximately 156 Lake Providence buildings as dwellings. Of these, 29 display a configuration reflecting the projecting bays and wraparound galleries associated with the Queen Anne style. However, very few of these dwellings have survived. Indeed, at least three important examples have been lost within the last ten years, leaving only four notable Queen Anne style houses remaining. The Byerley House is one of these survivors.

Historical Note

The home was originally built for Frank Byerley, Sr. His son Frank, Jr. was a well-known aviator for whom the local Lake Providence airport is named. Byerley, Jr. was a veteran Army pilot who served in World War I and later worked as a commercial pilot for the Detroit News. His career also included a period of bush-flying in the Alaska wilds. The home is now owned by Doorway to Louisiana, Inc., a private group which is restoring the building for use as a visitor's and community center.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Site visit and windshield survey of Lake Providence, LA by National Register staff.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Lake Providence, LA, 1909.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property @ 1 acre

UTM References

A

1	5	6	7	0	8	6	0	3	6	3	1	0	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

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D

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Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary lines follow the property lines of the parcel of land upon which the house is located, said lot measuring 139 feet along Lake St. by a depth of 383 feet along Ingram Street. Please refer to enclosed property plat, said lot identified as "Doorway to Louisiana, Inc. (Byerley House)."

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Boundary lines follow property lines.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff
organization Division of Historic Preservation date September 1991
street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-8160
city or town Baton Rouge, state Louisiana zip code 70804

Owner: DOORWAY TO LOUISIANA, INC.
c/o Paul Rosenzweig
602 Schneider Lane
Lake Providence, LA 71254

From [unclear]

To

E. D. REED
VAIL D. BALDRIDGE

1/2 interest

1/2 interest

187.5'

Lake Street

BYERLEY HOUSE
Lake Providence, LA
East Carroll Parish

113'

139'

Baxter C. Deal

ELIZABETH D. REED
VAIL D. BALDRIDGE

DOORWAY TO LOUISIANA, INC.
(Byerley House)

1" = 50'

383'

Anger Street