

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Frederick House

and/or common Same

## 2. Location

street & number 238 Vermont Street N/A not for publication

city, town Covington N/A vicinity of congressional district 1st - Robert Livingston

state LA code 22 parish ~~St. Tammany~~ code 103

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Le Gardeur, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 1680

city, town Covington N/A vicinity of state LA 70434

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Tammany Parish Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 1090 510 E. Boston Street

city, town Covington state LA 70433

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>    N/A    </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Frederick House (1890) is a frame, 1-1/2 story, fully developed raised house with Queen Anne/Eastlake ornamentation. It is located on a double street with a neutral ground which has live oaks planted in the center. The area is characterized by a mixture of modern and turn-of-the-century residences. The few alterations which have been made are minor and in no way threaten the house's integrity.

The house is a central hall, double parlor plan structure with a rear kitchen/dining room wing. It is constructed of yellow pine with cypress trim and is raised approximately three feet above the ground on brick piers.

The five bay facade features six over nine floor-length windows and a chamfered gallery with Eastlake ornamentation in the upper portions. The portion below the railing has oriental looking screenwork with highly unusual octagonal pierced panels. The roof features an unusual double window dormer with imbricated shingles in a central panel and in the gable. This gable design is repeated on the sides of the house with curious gablets furred out from the gables. The front doorway has heavy consoles supporting a wide cornice. Fireplaces are set in the corners of each room. Mantels are more or less similar with paneled aedicule motif designs. Each mantel has a shallow arched top with a large keystone. Each of the interior doors has four panels and a two pane transom. The more pretentious doorways have corner blocks.

### Assessment of Integrity

Since the death of the builder, Emile Fredericks, in 1945, the house has been largely in the hands of renters, and little has been done to alter the original architectural fabric.

The few alterations which have been made include:

1. The screening-in of part of the front gallery. (Photo 1)
2. The installation of two metal awnings, one on the side and the other on the rear.
3. The installation of brick walls between the brick piers which support the rear wing. (Photo 3)
4. The loss of a few shutters.
5. The installation of a side door (with a small metal awning). (Photo 3)
6. The roof on the rear kitchen/dining room wing was modified in the bungalow style (exposed rafter ends).

These changes should be regarded as minor and of no importance. All of them are reversible.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1890 **Builder/Architect** Builder - Emile "Boss" Frederick

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criteria B and C

The Frederick House is significant on the local level in two respects:

- (1) It is architecturally significant as an architectural landmark within the context of Covington's sizeable heritage of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century residences.
- (2) It is significant in the area of politics/government because its builder and owner, Emile "Boss" Frederick, while residing in the house, was a prominent early-twentieth century Covington politician.

### Architecture:

Although Covington was founded in 1813, successive fires during the nineteenth century destroyed most of it. As a result, the present historic building stock dates largely from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. At that time the town developed as one of a number of ozone health resort communities north of Lake Pontchartrain. This residential development consisted mainly of shotgun houses, Northshore houses (a local variation of the shotgun house), Queen Anne Revival cottages, small raised cottages (which are architectural descendants of earlier Creole cottages), and bungalows.

Taken within this context, the Frederick House is conspicuous in several respects. Firstly, it is one of the largest residences in Covington. Secondly, of Covington's raised cottages, the Frederick House is the only one with a fully developed five bay facade. Finally, the Frederick House has three distinctive ornamental features which are unique in Covington and rare in the rest of the state. These are the styling of the massive front dormer, the curious side gables, and the oriental style balustrades. These features give the Frederick House the status of an individually crafted landmark within an area which is generally characterized by lower quality, more standard builder architecture and details of the period.

### Politics/Government

The Frederick House is significant in the area of politics/government because its builder and owner, Emile "Boss" Frederick, while residing in the house, was a prominent early-twentieth century Covington politician. He served the town as mayor for two terms, was a member of the city council, and as one newspaper put it, "participated in every movement which promoted the interest of his city and parish."

These contributions were made in the early-twentieth century while Frederick was living in the house. He lived there from the time it was built (1890) until his death in 1945 at the age of 88.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Chain of Title, St. Tammany Parish Courthouse

St. Tammany Farmer, December 14, 1945.

Research Report Prepared by Owners, located in Frederick House National Register file, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .33 acres

Quadrangle name Covington, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

1	5	7	7	8	7	5	0	3	3	7	4	3	5	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached plat map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mr. and Mrs. M. J. LeGardeur, Jr.

organization N/A

date December 1980

street & number P. O. Box 1680

telephone (504) 892-1420 (Mr. Le Gardeur's office)

city or town Covington

state LA (504) 796-5773 (home) 70434

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Robert B. DeBlieux*  
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 25, 1982

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

*William A. Branham*

date 8-11-82

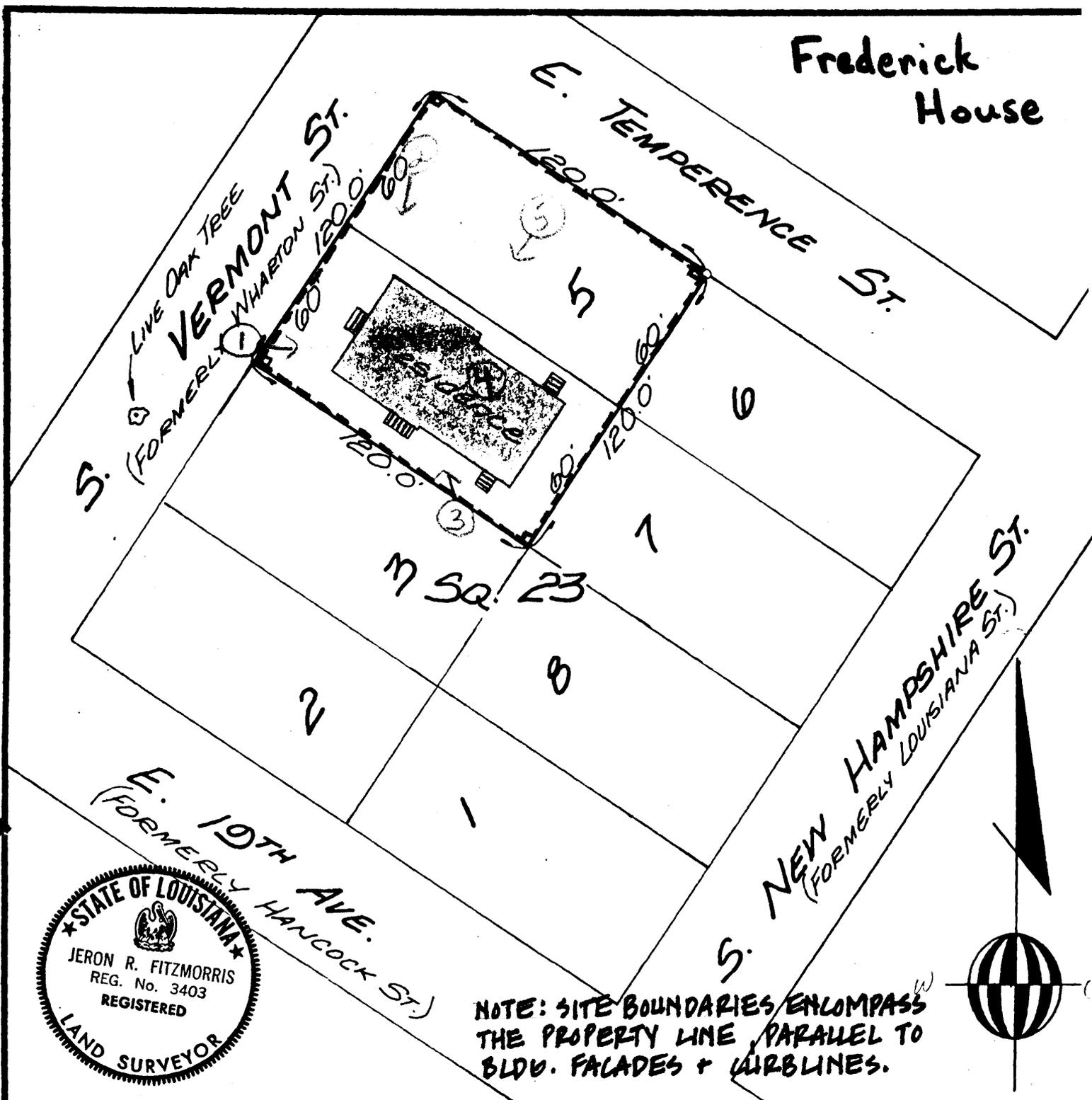
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Frederick House



NOTE: SITE BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS THE PROPERTY LINE, PARALLEL TO BLDG. FACADES + AIRBLINES.

MAP PREPARED FOR **MAURICE & MARY LYNN LEGARDEUR**  
 SHOWING A SURVEY MADE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN **Square 23, Lots 4 & 5, Division of Spring, City of Covington, St. Tammany Parish, LO.**  
 THIS MAP IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PHYSICAL SURVEY MADE ON THE GROUND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE UNDERSIGNED:

CERTIFIED CORRECT

**LAND SURVEYING Inc.**  
 COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

*Jeron R. Fitzmorris*  
 LOUISIANA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

SCALE: 1" = 50'

DATE: *September 24, 1980*

NUMBER *2127*