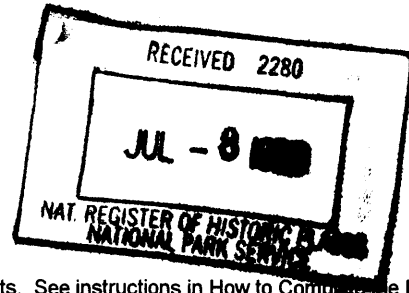


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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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 Wossman House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1205 St. John Drive NA not for publication

city or town Monroe NA vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Ouachita code 073 zip code 71202

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 statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gerri Hobdy

June 29, 1999

Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, Date
Louisiana 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

Edson H. Beall

6-5-99

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.
- 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

(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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1900

Significant Dates

c. 1900

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

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:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Wossman House
Name of property

Ouachita 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 583500 3595000

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

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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 Jome P. and Nancy A. Mauldin

street & number 1205 St. John Drive telephone (318) 323-2996

city or town Monroe state LA zip code 71202

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The Wossman House (c.1900) is a small one story Queen Anne/Eastlake residence located in a late nineteenth/early twentieth century neighborhood south of downtown Monroe. It was moved to this site in 1949/50 from its original location nearby. The main block of the house retains all of its c.1900 character on the exterior and much of its interior.

The house was built at 313 Wood Street, about one mile to the north of its present location, toward the downtown. It is shown at this site on a 1932 Sanborn map, but by 1950 it had been moved to its present location at 1205 St. John (per a Sanborn map of that date). City directories narrow down the date of the move, which must have occurred in 1949/50. Miss Julia Wossman, the owner and mover of the house, is shown as still residing at 313 Wood in the 1949-50 city directory (which presumably would have been published in 1949). The next available directory, for 1952, shows 1205 St. John as her home as well as business address (bookstore).

The main block of the Wossman House is gable end with the roof ridge parallel to the street. Projecting toward the street, at one end, is a gabled cutaway bay. Projecting from this is another gable. An Eastlake porch begins at this gable, turns the corner and spans the remainder of the facade (in an overall L shape). Both forward-facing gables are sheathed in fishscale shingles. The edge of the cutaway bay is ornamented at the eave with openwork brackets. The fairly elaborate Eastlake porch has a strong visual presence, featuring abacus-like turned columns, openwork sunburst brackets with balldrops, a spindle screen, and a balustrade.

The exterior is sheathed in narrow gauge clapboards. Most windows are four over four. The original Eastlake entrance door features various turned and incised members.

There is also a rear ell wing, but it appears that the back portion (perhaps the back one-half) is not original or has been rebuilt using old material on the interior and exterior. The main block also has a rear shed-roof extension that is not original.

The floorplan of what is known to be the original portion of the house consists of a hall with one room on the south side and two rooms on the north. Details are typical of the period – heavily molded door and window surrounds with bull's eye cornerblocks

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and doors with four raised panels. Some doors have movable transoms. The hall has a wainscot of medium gauge beaded boards placed vertically. The one surviving mantel (of 2) has reeded pilasters, a plain wide entablature and a bracket finishing off each side that begins at the shelf and extends to the floor.

Assessment of Integrity:

The Wossman House retains those features which establish its architectural character and significance (see Part 8); hence there is no integrity problem. Also, the building was moved only a short distance and remains within its geographical context for evaluation – the City of Monroe.

Non-Contributing Element:

In the rear yard is a simple frame one-story building added to the site between 1932 and 1950. Because it does not relate to the architectural significance of the candidate and is not eligible on its own merits, it is being counted as a non-contributing element.

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The Wossman House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a superior, and relatively rare, example of the Eastlake taste within the City of Monroe.

Monroe is one of Louisiana's larger cities and among its oldest, tracing its origins to a fort established there in the late 1770s. However, despite its long history, there are relatively few residences in the city which predate the Colonial Revival and Bungalow styles, due to great prosperity in the early twentieth century from a lumber boom and the discovery of a major natural gas field. The Division of Historic Preservation's Historic Structures Survey reveals that of Monroe's 1,276 buildings over 50 years old, only 32 display elements of the Eastlake style. (There are also relatively few Queen Anne houses. Virtually all are one story, and Queen Anne features are generally confined to a projecting bay and fishscale shingles, as is seen at the candidate.)

Most of Monroe's examples of the Eastlake taste are low-key and could best be described as featuring only one or two hesitant touches of the style (perhaps simple turned posts and maybe brackets). Only seven can be termed major examples because of their consistent and fully developed articulation. The Wossman House is among this small number of obvious landmarks. Its ell-shaped gallery, which encompasses almost the entire facade, is fully developed, featuring turned abacus-like columns, spindlescreens, sunburst motif brackets, balldrops and a balustrade. An elaborate front door in the Eastlake taste adds to the overall intensity of the detailing.

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Monroe City Directories, various years.

Historic Structures Survey, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana Division of Historic
Preservation.

Sanborn Insurance Company maps, Monroe, 1932, 1950.

LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 19, Layton's Park Addition to the City of Monroe, bearing the municipal address of
1205 St. John Drive.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

There are no historic property lines for this moved house. Boundaries follow the
current property lines of the lot where the house has been located since 1950.