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Registration Form

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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 Lewis House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 210 East Alabama Ave. N/A not for publication
city, town Ruston N/A vicinity
state Louisiana code LA county Lincoln code 061 zip code 71270

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
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 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Leslie Tassin Signature of certifying official September 19, 1988 Date
Leslie Tassin, LA State Historic Preservation Officer, Dept of Culture, Recreation & Tourism
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:

entered in the National Register. Alanus Byers Entered in the National Register 10/20/88
 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 the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

COMMERCE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival

Colonial Revival

foundation brickwalls weatherboardroof asphaltother _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Lewis House is a two story frame dwelling in the transitional Queen Anne-Colonial Revival style located in a residential neighborhood in the parish seat of Ruston. Built in 1902, it has retained its integrity with only a few alterations.

A dominant front facing gabled wing establishes the asymmetrical design of the house. A smaller pediment is echoed over the central entrance introducing the one story partial front gallery. This gallery wraps around one side wall, while above the front entrance, a balcony presents another level of interest. Adding to the restless configuration, various angles are created by a side two story cutaway bay and a side gabled wing projecting from the central block.

Exterior classical details include Tuscan columns supporting the gallery and balcony, colossal pilasters at the corners, cornice-line dentils and a Palladian motif in the front attic gable and again in the doorway of the balcony.

Upon entering, a spacious stair room is indicative of the interior refinement. Here a three-run stairway is featured with elaborate square newel posts and a turned balustrade. A round tinted window embellishes the first landing. Among other outstanding details displayed throughout the house are five original catalog-ordered neo-classic mantels and decoratively fluted window and door surrounds and baseboards. This same fluting is found on the stairway on the newel posts and the paneled base of the balustrade.

Alterations:

In the 1940s the original turned balustrade on the front and side gallery was replaced by a solid stuccoed skirt and piers. The original columns were shortened to rest on top of the piers.

Earlier, shortly after construction, both the first and second level rear galleries were enclosed in order to provide for bathrooms.

Assessment of Integrity:

The gallery alteration is the only one of concern, and it has not significantly changed the Tuscan style of the gallery. In addition, even with this change, the Lewis House is still among the finest of any of the seventeen two story period residences in Ruston (see Item 8).

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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 N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
architecture

Period of Significance
1902

Significant Dates
1902

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

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

The Lewis House is architecturally significant on the local level as one of Ruston's landmark residences of the late-nineteenth/early-twentieth century period.

The Louisiana Historic Structures Survey has identified 718 50+ year old structures in Lincoln Parish, most of which are in the city of Ruston, founded in 1884. Ruston's collection dates from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Lewis House is distinguished among Ruston's older residences because of its size, its age, its intricate massing, and the variety and quality of its details. Most of Ruston's older residences are plain single story cottages or bungalows. There are also some Queen Anne Revival cottages with off-center front gables and forward-projecting polygonal bays. The Lewis House is one of only seventeen two story residences from the period, and of these it is one of the finest. Of the seventeen, most are either severely altered or fairly plain. Alterations include replaced front porch columns, enclosed front porches, or resheathing. Many of the seventeen are completely square fronted and have plain square columns. By contrast, the Lewis House has Tuscan columns and a relatively dynamic asymmetrical composition consisting of a wraparound gallery set between two protruding gabled wings. The massing is further enlivened by a second story porch and a separate gallery gable marking the entrance. Moreover, while virtually all major openings on the other examples are of the plain square head variety, the Lewis House features two Palladian motifs.

Historical Note:

The Lewis House was built for W. J. Lewis. It was owned by the Lewis family until 1987, when it was purchased by the present owner, Margaret Colvin. Mrs. Colvin and her husband restored the house, and it serves as their antique shop.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Lincoln Parish Historic Structures Survey, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.
Historical sketch of house prepared by owner.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
- 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

Acreeage of property less than an acre

UTM References

A 15 534240 3599020
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary lines follow property lines of the two lots upon which the house stands, said lots being Lots 13 and 14 of Block N of the Town of Ruston, each lot measuring 50' along Alabama Avenue and 120' in depth. Please refer to enclosed plat map; boundaries highlighted in yellow.

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Boundary Justification

Boundary lines follow property lines.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By Assisted by owner

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date July 1988

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

Current owner: Margaret Pesnell Colvin
210 East Alabama Ave.
Ruston, LA 71270 318-255-3405 or 255-0348

Lewis House

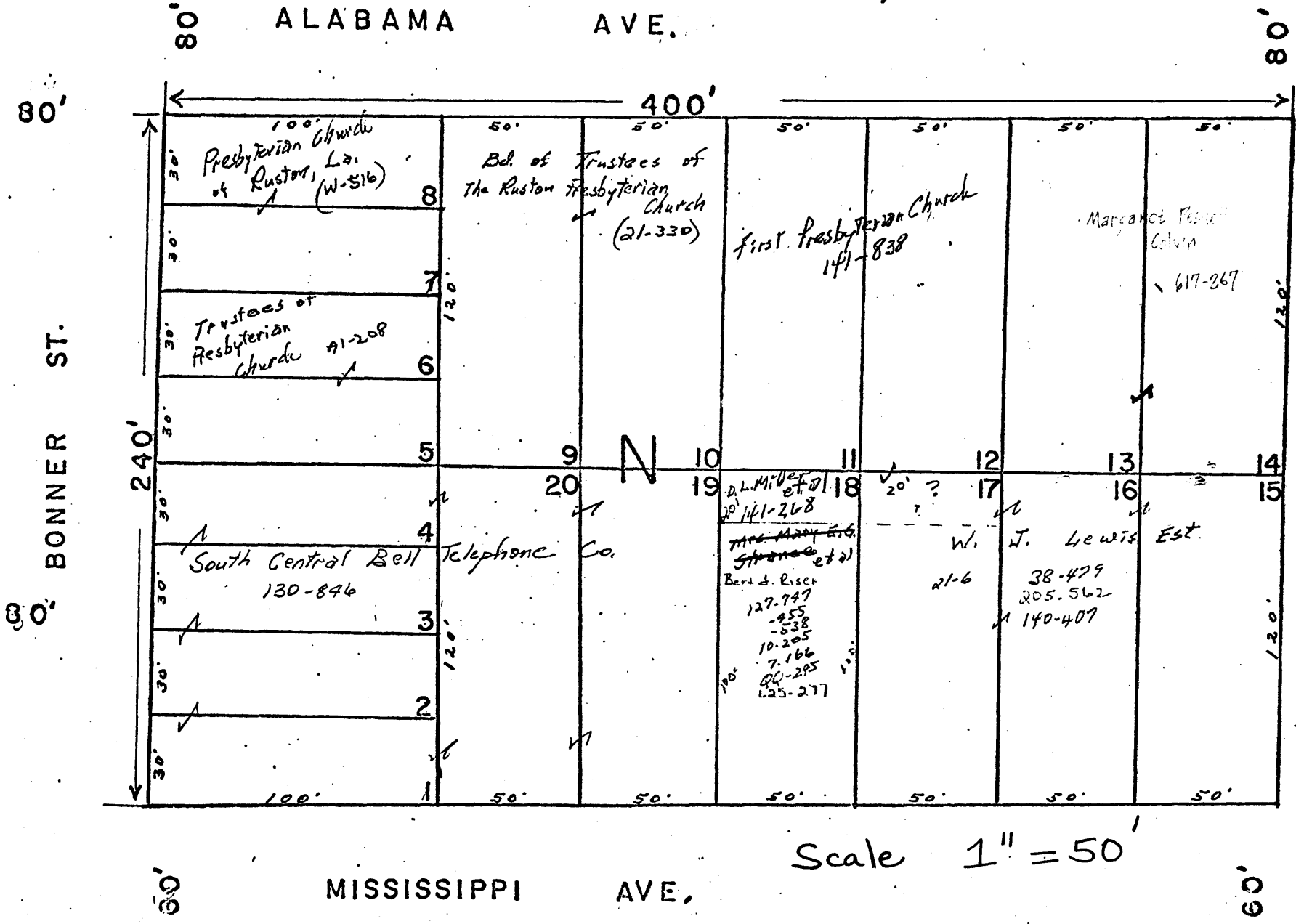
RUSTON

LINCOLN PARISH, LA

BLK. N - TOWN OF RUSTON

ALABAMA

AVE.



Scale 1" = 50'

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