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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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 Tallulah Men's Club Building
other names/site number Tallulah Club

2. Location

street & number 108 North Cedar Street NA not for publication
city, town Tallulah NA vicinity
state Louisiana code LA county Madison code 065 zip code 71282

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>	<u>0</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:
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 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 October 2, 1991
Signature of certifying official Leslie Tassin, LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Date
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. 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:) _____

William Byrum 11/7/91
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Entered in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Clubhouse

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls brick

roof slateother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Tallulah Men's Club (c. 1929) is a two story brick Colonial Revival structure located across from the courthouse in the Madison Parish seat of Tallulah. The building has undergone only minor changes.

The rectangular structure is distinguished by a large four pillar Colonial Revival portico featuring the following classical details:

- 1) four colossal wooden pillars rising from low brick bases, surmounted by molded wooden capitals, and set in pairs.
- 2) an entablature featuring a molded architrave, the words "Tallulah Club" attached to an otherwise smooth frieze, and a denticulated cornice. This entablature extends to encircle the building.
- 3) a tympanum pierced by an oculus-like grilled vent with keystones.
- 4) a raked denticulated cornice outlining the tympanum.

Behind the portico the building's facade is composed of large transomed windows piercing the center and single leaf doors located at the two corners. One door leads to an interior staircase rising to the second floor, where a lobby, four private game rooms, kitchen, and bathroom remain intact. The other door provides access to what was once a large ballroom. This room has been subdivided into three rooms, one fitted out as a barber shop. However, the original coffered pressed metal ceiling still spans the large space. It is hidden by a dropped ceiling in the front but is exposed to view at the rear.

In addition to the changes mentioned above, other alterations include the covering of first floor windows on one side of the building, the loss of part of the original built-in bar which lined the central portion of one downstairs interior wall, the screening of the second floor gallery, and the replacement of original facade windows with large panes of plate glass. Although the exterior changes are regrettable, in reality they have only a very minor effect upon the building's appearance. This is because the intact portico totally defines and dominates the structure, leaving the rest of the facade to recede in visual significance. Thus, the Men's Club looks almost exactly as it did upon completion c. 1929 and remains one of Tallulah's important surviving architectural landmarks.

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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 NA

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1929

Significant Dates
c. 1929

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 Tallulah Men's Club is of local significance in the area of architecture because it is one of only a handful of surviving landmark buildings within the Madison parish community. Although the town was founded in 1857, floods and other factors have taken their toll on the building stock. Today there are perhaps 150 50+ year old structures, most of which are plain bungalows, nondescript cottages, Colonial Revival cottages or plain commercial buildings. There are also a handful of fairly generic Queen Anne Revival cottages. In contrast to this comparatively humble patrimony, the Men's Club is a large and imposing Colonial Revival style building with distinctly articulated classical elements. Its facade features one of only three colossal pedimented porticoes in all of Tallulah. Thus, the structure has a significant presence on the town's main square.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Site visit and windshield survey of Tallulah, LA, by National Register staff.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for Tallulah, LA, 1928, 1938.

Deed of purchase, copy in National Register file.

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 # _____

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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 less than an acre

UTM References

A 15 670540 3586900
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Legal property description: "The northern part of lots 116 and 117 of the original town of Tallulah, fronting 32 1/2 feet on Cedar Street and running back between parallel lines a distance of 100 feet."

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Boundary Justification

Boundary lines follow the property lines of the parcel of land upon which the building is located.

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11. Form Prepared By

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