

# Historic Sites Survey



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-1/2-story, 5x2-bay rectangular plan with rear addition constructed on brick piers. Wood frame. Clapboard siding. Gabled-on-hip roof with shingled pediment facing street. Palladian motif window with shutter on sides, colored glass. Red, gray, green slate shingles. Undercut porch with rectangular wood columns with capitals. Central entrance with multi-lit transom, sidelights. Chimney.

## ALTERATIONS:

2 additions old-front and rear-1976 addition and west side.

## OUTBUILDINGS:

2 rear.

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Cedar trees in front.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is the best preserved example in Bay St. Louis of the Colonial Revival style cottage with gable-on-hip roof. Palladian motif gable window, central entrance and square columns with capitals. The fact that this house type is not frequently found in Bay St. Louis, the shotgun and Creole cottage types being predominant, also contributes to its architectural significance on a local context: Thought to have been constructed ca. 1895 by painter, Paul Surcouf, this was the first house on this part of St. Charles Street. It was purchased in 1913 by Trudy B. Carre who also owned the surrounding land and sold and subdivided it in 1926 creating the present St. Charles subdivision.

## NAME:

STREET NO: 242 St. Charles

TOWN/VIC: Bay St. Louis

COUNTY: Hancock

BLOCK/LOT: 8, 9, 10 St. Charles Subidivision

PRESENT OWNER: Charles Cresson  
ADDRESS 5520 Canal Blvd.

New Orleans, LA  
PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: 1895

STYLE: Colonial Revival

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE:

ENVIRONMENT: residence

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NEIGHBORHOOD   
LOCAL   
STATE  
NATIONAL

PHOTOS C-10

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AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

TREES:

LEGAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Lots 8, 9, 10 of the St. Charles Subdivision in Ward 4

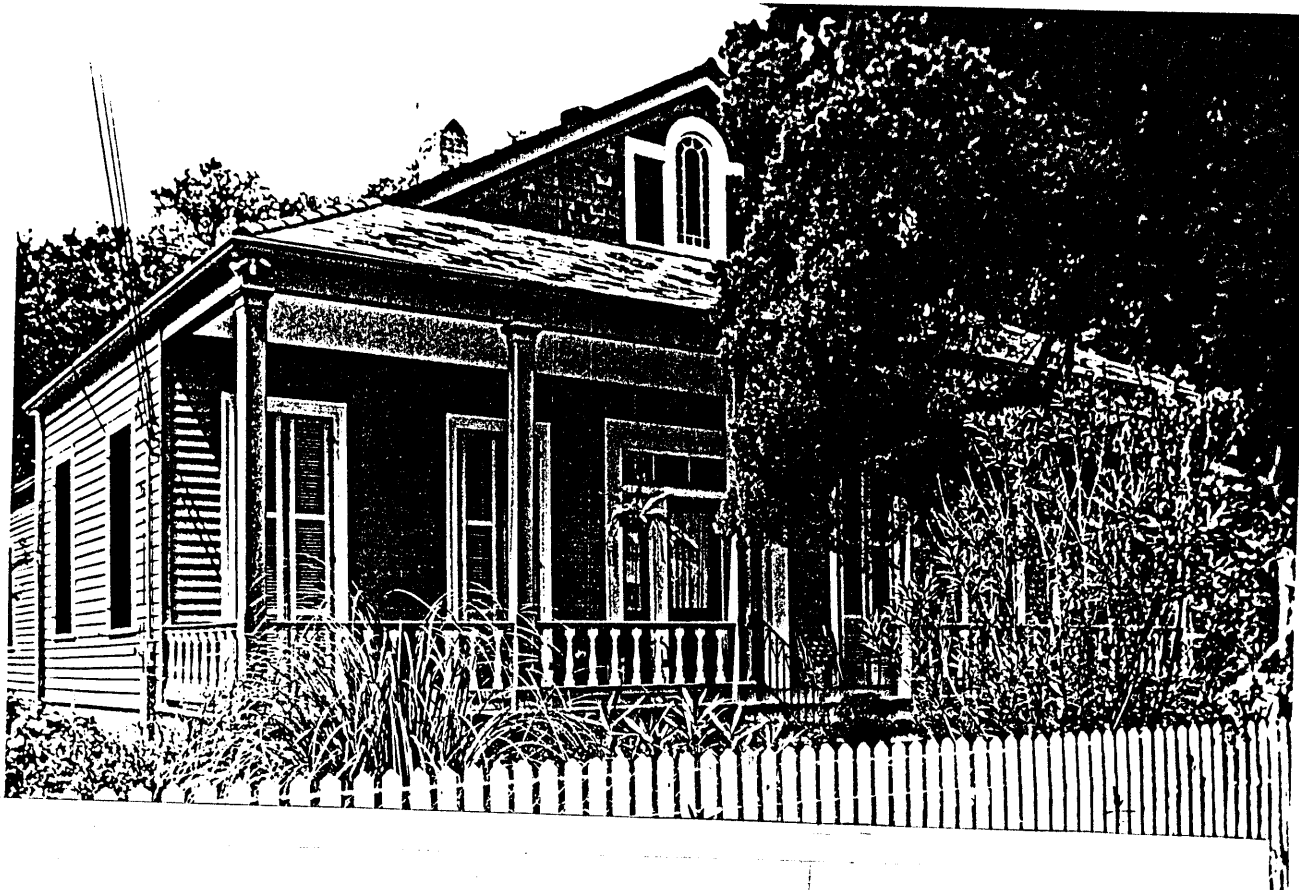
ACREAGE: One-half acre

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Front elevation of 242 St. Charles St. looking  
southwest.

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