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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lewis house is set on the corner of Jordan Street and Irving Place, in what was once a turn-of-the-century residential area, now partially given over to commercial buildings. The original concrete false rusticated stone fence survives intact.

The two-story frame house has a fairly conventional plan. A square entrance foyer, with a staircase, leads to a central corridor with a double row of rooms which run from front to rear of the house. Irregularity is achieved by enlarging the center rooms and applying a two-story corner turret, and a two-story semi-octagonal bay. These extensions of the house are marked by sawtooth shingled gables which protrude from the large pyramid roof. There is also a band of sawtooth shingles separating the upper and lower stories of the semi-octagonal bay.

The front porch wraps around the main corner of the house, and encompasses the turret. Both the front and side entrances to the porch are marked by sunburst gables. The porch columns, ballustrades, and brackets are in the Eastlake idiom, and are comparatively elaborate for that region.

Similar details are seen on the two rear porches, one of which has been partially enclosed for a bathroom. But the clapboarding on the enclosure so well matches that of the house that it is impossible to tell that the enclosure was not original.

The interiors are large and square with corner fireplaces. Most of the mantels are of the "golden oak" catalogue-ordered type, with styles which run the gamut from "Rococo" to "Colonial." One of the rear parlor mantels, however, is exceptionally fine. The oak mantel consists of an aedicule motif with a paneled frieze resting upon fluted, freestanding, composite order columns. The overmantel takes the form of a large scalloped shell culminating in a central scroll volute. Flanking the shell is a pair of shallow relief lions' heads which are esconced in foliage.

The walls have a simple wainscotting treatment. Doorways are framed with transoms and incised corner blocks. Several of the doors slide but most are mounted on hinges. Most of the original knobs and escutcheon plates remain.

To the rear of the property is a small, rectangular, pyramid-roofed carriage house, which echoes the styling of the main house. The only important change in the carriage house has been the application of asbestos siding. However, this is due to be removed in the upcoming restoration.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lewis home is one of about half a dozen substantial Queen Anne Revival residences within the city of Shreveport. Of these it is one of the best preserved with most of the original fabric in immaculately restored condition. In addition, the Lewis home has a fully developed Queen Anne corner turret, of which there are only about three examples remaining in the city.

The Lewis home, the oldest home on Jordan Street, was built about 1898 by a Mr. Ross, who sold it to Thomas C. Lewis soon after its construction. Lewis, a native of Tennessee, was orphaned by a cholera epidemic and was left in the care of neighbors who brought him to Mansfield, Louisiana, where he grew up. During the Civil War he rose to the rank of captain in the Confederate Army, serving in the seige of Vicksburg. After the war he moved to Shreveport, where he operated a drug store and later acquired a considerable amount of real estate. He died around 1900, soon after acquiring the house. His family kept possession of the home until the 1930's.

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Information from the files of Historic Preservation of Shreveport, recorded in letters from Goodloe Stuck to Dr. C. E. Boyd, 31 Dec. 1974 and 22 Jan. 1975, copies in National Register file for Lewis Home, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

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