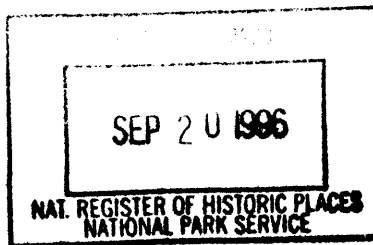


United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 an 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 Miles-Hanna House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 206 Charter N/A not for publication

city or town Delhi N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Richland code 083 zip code 71232

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jonathan Fricker 9/16/96
 Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan Fricker, Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
 State of 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 commenting official/Title Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper Edson R. Beall Date of Action 10.18.96

Miles-Hanna House
Name of Property

Richland Parish, LA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & culture/museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival
Eastlake

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls weatherboard
roof asphalt
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Miles-Hanna House (1892) is a frame one story Queen Anne house with Eastlake details. It is located on a fairly spacious corner lot just north of the old downtown. Most of the noticeable alterations have been at the rear.

The house's Queen Anne influence can be seen in its massing. There is a hip roof with a gabled projection in the front which features a polygonal bay. Spanning the remainder of the facade is an Eastlake porch under a shed roof. Extending from the rear of the main block is a gabled ell wing.

The house's Eastlake influence can be seen in its details. The three-bay front porch has turned columns with an abacus-like design and a balustrade formed of turned members. Accenting the columns are scrollsawn brackets. The front door and screen door feature Eastlake motifs as does the parlor mantel. The latter is ornamented with slender decoratively turned colonnettes (a pair on each side), and the entablature has a band of decorative trim with an abacus-like design.

The house's other three mantels, which are identical, feature molded pilasters with a bull's eye design at the top and a mantel shelf supported by a bracket at each end. Most of the doors feature four raised panels and movable transoms with their original hardware. Door and window frames are formed of unornamented boards. Windows are four over four.

The main block of the Miles-Hanna House has a central hall with two rooms to the south and two to the north. A single flight of stairs ascends to what was originally an unfinished attic. Running perpendicular to the central hall behind the north range of rooms is a cross hall. Beyond this hall is the dining room/kitchen ell wing.

Changes to the house since construction include:

(1) The previously mentioned cross hall originally culminated in a gabled side porch, as documented in an old photo. Remaining is the doorway, which features a four panel door with sidelights that are hinged to open in the manner of doors.

(2) At some point in the historic period a shed roof bathroom was attached to the rear room on the south side.

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(3) The ell's shed roof porch has been almost entirely enclosed (date unknown but some of the work is clearly of a more recent vintage). Surviving are some of what must have been the original porch posts. They are boxed pillars similar to those shown in the old photo of the gabled side porch.

(4) A simple shed roof carport is attached to the rear of the ell.

(5) Within the last few years the attic has been finished off, and thin sheetrock has been installed in the downstairs rooms. With the exception of the cross hall, which retains its original flush board walls, the walls originally were covered in paper over cheesecloth.

(6) The original front and ell wing wooden steps have been replaced with concrete steps. Both have modern iron railings.

(7) The chimneys have been cut off at the roofline level.

Assessment of Integrity:

All in all, the Miles-Hanna House is relatively well preserved on both the interior and exterior. Most importantly, the house retains all of its original character defining Queen Anne and Eastlake features and hence its Register eligibility.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for 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 N/A
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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

1892

Significant Dates

1892

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Miles-Hanna House
Name of Property

Richland 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.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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

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organization Division of Historic Preservation date August 1996

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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Delhi

street & number P. O. Box 277 telephone 318-878-3792

city or town Delhi state LA zip code 71232

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The Miles-Hanna House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a landmark within the the town of Delhi (population of about 3500). It achieves this distinction as a very rare surviving example of the Queen Anne Revival and Eastlake styles.

Delhi was a tiny unincorporated hamlet until the coming of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad in the early 1880s. By 1900 there was sufficient population for the community to be incorporated as a village, and in 1919 it was incorporated as a town. In 1920 the population was 980. Located in the rich delta land of northeast Louisiana where cotton was king, Delhi was a shipping center for area farmers.

It is interesting that while Delhi developed in the Queen Anne-Eastlake era, today such houses are quite rare. In short, while a middle-class Queen Anne cottage of the type represented by the Miles-Hanna House would be typical in many Louisiana communities, it stands out in Delhi. The area's history plus other sources (mainly recollections) indicate that there were once various examples of the Queen Anne style in the community; however, today there are only two. The other example, also one story, is more elaborate, but it has been asbestos sided. The remainder of Delhi's historic buildings consist of low-key folk bungalows, plain cottages, and twenty or so typical commercial buildings from c.1900 to c.1940. Within the foregoing context, the Miles-Hanna House meets the National Register definition of local significance. It is a landmark within Delhi to even the casual observer.

Historical Note:

The house was built for Harriet Purvis Miles and Frank A. Miles, Sr. in 1892 on three lots purchased that year. The couple had married in nearby Rayville October 28, 1891. The last family member to live in the house was their daughter Emma Miles Hanna. She and her husband, Frank Hanna, had moved into the house after World War II to care for her widowed father, who died in 1952. Emma remained in the family home until her death on September 20, 1989, in her 94th year. The house is now owned by the Town of Delhi and operated as a local history museum.

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Miles, Frank A., Jr. *My Family: Purvis-Miles*. Privately published, 1994.

Historic photo showing side gabled porch, in possession of Miles-Hanna Museum.

Boundary Description: Lots 54, 69 & 72, Owens Plan of Delhi.

Justification: Boundaries follow property lines.