

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Dendinger House

other names/site number Regent Square

2. Location

street & number 206 Covington Street N/A not for publication

city or town Madisonville N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county St. Tammany code 103 zip code 70434

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 August 13, 1992
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Deputy SHPO, Department 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 certifying 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 Entered in the National Register Date of Action 9/22/92
William J. ...

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St. Tammany 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	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	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)

COMMERCE/TRADE-specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival

Colonial Revival

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 Dendinger House stands in the center of a large, landscaped block in the St. Tammany Parish community of Madisonville. A transitional house showing the influence of both the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles, the two-story frame residence was constructed in 1911. While the interior has experienced some changes resulting from a recent restoration, the home's National Register eligibility remains intact.

The Dendinger House has a central hall floor plan. Three rooms and a butler's pantry are located on one side of the hallway, while two additional rooms and front and rear stair halls are found on the opposite side. The second floor also has a central hall and contains bedrooms and bathroom facilities.

Characteristics of the Queen Anne style found in the house include the following:

1. a roofline featuring a gable, dormers and cresting;
2. corbelled chimney tops;
3. two hexagonal bays, one of which features 45 degree corner cuts and Eastlake brackets;
4. fish scale shingles in the front facing gable;
5. window sashes featuring multiple diamond shaped panes; and
6. a gallery which wraps around the home on three sides.

The home's Colonial Revival characteristics include:

1. the gallery decoration, which features Tuscan columns, a wide entablature, and a ceiling subdivided into bays by exposed beams. Additional beams outline the ceiling's edge.
2. a second story balustrade,
3. two elliptical bays, and
4. interior denticulated woodwork surrounding the doors and windows on the lower floor.

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Other features of interest in the house include bracketed overhanging eaves, a jerkinhead roof on the rear elevation, two sets of interior pocket doors, original brass hardware on the doors and windows, and stained glass in the attic's two front windows.

During the above mentioned restoration, the following changes were made:

1. Several original pieces of woodwork were removed. These included a built-in bench located beside the stairway in the front stair hall, a heavy plate rack which encircled the dining room, and three mantels with their accompanying glazed tile hearths and surrounds. The latter were replaced by modern Colonial Revival style mantels milled in England.
2. New wainscotting was added to the lower floor's central hall, new bookshelves were built in the library, and new crown molding was installed in all the downstairs rooms.
3. The original kitchen was converted into a formal display space. However, the room's woodwork was left intact.
4. The rear screened porch was glazed in and improved. Italian ceramic floor tiles were laid, a small kitchen was installed on one side of the space, and heavy screens were attached to the newly glazed walls. Similar screens were attached to the second floor rear windows. The original plain, straight exterior rear stairway was replaced by a double winder stair featuring a chinoiserie balustrade.
5. Four stained glass windows (two square windows on the front stair landing and two diamond shaped windows on a side elevation) were removed. They were replaced by multi-pane sashes of clear glass which match the subdivided upper window sashes of the first floor.

Despite these changes, the Dendinger House appears remarkably as it did in 1911. Except for the four replacement windows, the facade and side elevations remain entirely intact. Furthermore, this change is not noticeable because the new windows match the sashes of the originals. Although architectural features have been removed from the interior, all the materials have been saved and are available for future restoration. The Dendinger House still ranks as the sole residential landmark from the 1890-1920 era in Madisonville, and as one of only two architectural landmarks from this period in the entire community. As such, it is a prime candidate for National Register listing.

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Contributing Element

One original outbuilding stands on the property. Built at the same time as the house, the two story, frame structure served as a combination laundry, garage, and servants' quarters. It is being counted as a contributing element for the purposes of this nomination.

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.

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

1911

Significant Dates

1911

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Jenkins Brothers (contractors)

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Dendinger House
Name of Property

St. Tammany Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property @ 1.5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	15	772780	3367470
Zone	Easting	Northing	

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	

4			
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

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date June 1992

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

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

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 John M. Poole

Poole Lumber Company

street & number P. O. Drawer 1240 telephone (504) 892-4500

city or town Covington state Louisiana zip code 70434

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The Dendinger House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is one of only two landmark buildings from the 1890-1920 era in the community of Madisonville.

Although the town was incorporated in 1817, the majority of its building stock appears to date from the 1890-1920 period of prosperity which resulted from a boom in the lumber and shipbuilding industries in St. Tammany Parish. However, most of the structures built during this period are relatively undistinguished. Although an occasional California bungalow can be found, most of Madisonville's period residences are small one-story shotguns, galleried cottages, Queen Anne style cottages, or folk bungalows. While some of these houses display Eastlake trim, the majority are unornamented. Thus, the large transitional Queen Anne and Colonial Revival style Dendinger House is the town's sole landmark residence from the 1890-1920 era. The community's only other architectural landmark from the period is the large, classically styled Madisonville Bank (National Register).

Historical Note

The house was built for Theodore Dendinger, Sr., a locally prominent businessman. Dendinger was Chairman of the Board of Dendinger, Inc., a New Orleans company whose subsidiaries included the Madison Lumber Company of Madisonville and New Orleans and the Dendinger Transportation Company of New Orleans. The latter operated boats and schooners between Madisonville and New Orleans and provided the first year-round automobile ferry service linking that city to Lake Pontchartrain's north shore. Currently serving as the headquarters of an interior design firm, the home remains under the ownership of Dendinger family descendants.

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Site visit by National Register staff.

Historic Structures Survey of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana Division of Historic
Preservation.

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Boundary Description:

The nominated property occupies a city block bounded by Covington, Johnston, Second and Morgan streets.

Justification:

Boundaries follow property lines of the parcel of land upon which the nominated resource is located.