

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic J. S. Block Building

and/or common Ferd Levi Building

2. Location

street & number 101 North Grand Street ___ not for publication

city, town Monroe ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state La code 22 county Ouachita code 073

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

4. Owner of Property

name Jeff Walter

street & number Drawer 1356

city, town West Monroe ___ vicinity of state La

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ouachita Parish Courthouse

street & number 300 St. John Street

city, town Monroe state La 71201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1980 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records La State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state La

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ferd Levi Building is located at the corner of Grand and DeSiard Streets adjacent to the Ouachita River levee in the old commercial section of Monroe. The immediate neighborhood is characterized by turn-of-the-century commercial buildings, warehouses, and modern shops.

Constructed of common bond brick, the building features shallow arch fenestration, brick pilasters, a corner entrance, and a parapet formed of molded brick panels. Much reworked over the years, the interior still features the original cast iron Corinthian support columns and the original window frames with their molded boards and bull's eye corner blocks. Cast iron for the elaborate glazed shop front was made at Pullis Brothers Iron Works of St. Louis, Missouri. The plate glass in the large display window is replaced, but the small panes in the upper portions of the shop front appear to be original. The cast iron columns are partially fluted with console capitals. The corner entrance is treated with a single Persian column which has a Corinthian capital and a lace work of cast iron scroll volutes. The second story facade is treated with pressed tin ornamentation including brincaded segmental and triangular pediments over the windows and triglyphs at either end of the parapet.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1893 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Ferd Levi Building is significant in the area of architecture as an outstanding example of a late nineteenth century commercial building in the city of Monroe. Of the approximately 15 surviving examples of 1890's commercial buildings in Monroe, it is one of the most elaborate and best preserved. Its richly ornamented pediments, its parapet with panels and triglyphs, and its fluted cast iron columns create a standard of pre-tention which is only surpassed by one other example in the city, and that one has completely lost its original shop front,

9. Major Bibliographical References

Title Search, Ouachita Parish Courthouse
 Research Report Prepared by Mac Ward, North Delta Regional Planning and Development
 District, Monroe, Located in Ferd Levi Building National Register File, State
 Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .1 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

1	5	8	8	2	9	5	0	3	5	9	5	9	7	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

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G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mac Ward

organization North Delta Regional Planning and Development District date March 1980

street & number 2115 Justice Street telephone

city or town Monroe state La 71201

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. Bernard James*

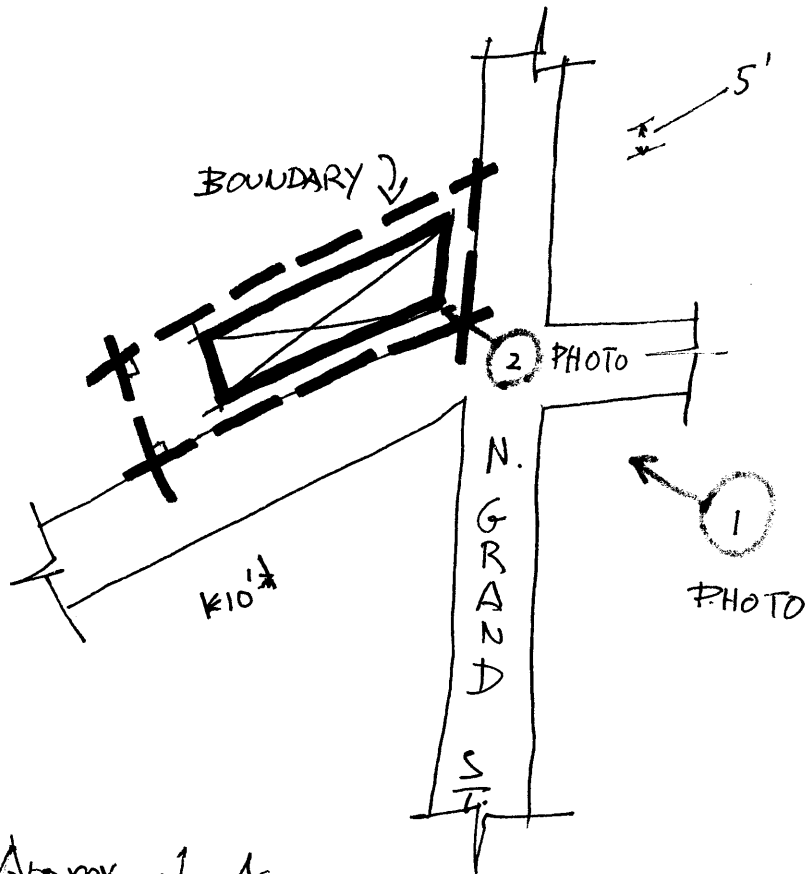
title _____ date 5/23/80

For HCERS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

J. Bell Grosvenor
 Keeper of the National Register date 9/30/80

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration



Approx .1 Acre

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