

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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

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

**1. Name**

historic Walker House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 1912 St. Charles N/A not for publication

city, town New Orleans N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Orleans code 071

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	Rehabilitation in progress for
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum use as
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Dr. Norman L. Roulet and Dr. Ann Roulet

street & number 17400 Shaker Blvd.

city, town Shaker Heights N/A vicinity of state Ohio 44120

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Conveyance Office, City of New Orleans

street & number 421 Loyola Avenue

city, town New Orleans state LA 70112

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1986  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Walker House (c.1861) is a two-story frame Greek Revival townhouse located on Lower St. Charles Avenue near the New Orleans Central Business District. Although there have been some alterations, they have not significantly affected the house's National Register eligibility.

The Walker House has a side hall plan two rooms deep with a late-nineteenth century rear wing. Evidently there was an earlier rear wing which was replaced. (An 1876 Sanborn map shows an attached service wing, but the present one appears to date from a somewhat later period.) The main story features a double parlor with pocket doors. All detailing is typical of mid-nineteenth century New Orleans, with ogee moldings around the fenestration and door panels as well as marble Rococo Revival mantels. In addition, one Rococo Revival style brincade ceiling medallion survives.

The facade features a two story classical style gallery with fluted Roman Doric columns below and fluted composite columns above. These are surmounted by a full entablature with a modillion cornice.

### Alterations

As mentioned earlier, the present rear wing dates from the late-nineteenth century. One of its downstairs rooms was placed adjacent to the original double parlor. This room connected with the double parlor through a new set of pocket doors, thus creating a triple parlor. Also, at about the same time, all four of the original fireplaces were fitted for burning coal, and the front door and shutters were replaced. Subsequently, bathrooms and closets were installed. Despite these changes, the house still retains its identity as a Greek Revival galleried townhouse, which is the source of its architectural importance.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c, 1861 **Builder/Architect** Builder; Felix Walker

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criterion C

The Walker House is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare surviving representative of the one-time architectural character of New Orleans' principal avenue,

St. Charles Avenue has been aptly called "the most memorable linear landmark" in New Orleans. It developed as the grand residential rue as well as the "backbone" of the American upriver development from the original city of New Orleans. (French development occurred mainly downriver and to the east.) At one time St. Charles boasted many Greek Revival townhouses, particularly in the thirteen block stretch between Jackson Avenue and Lee Circle where the Walker House is located. But today this part of the avenue is characterized largely by commercial development, with the Walker House being the most intact structure of its type and style remaining. According to the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission, the Walker House "survives as a testament to the architectural character of lower St. Charles Avenue which has been all but obliterated."

The Walker House is also significant as a rare surviving Greek Revival townhouse within the context of the entire seventy-two block length of St. Charles. Virtually everything along the avenue represents a later period of taste, with little surviving to portray St. Charles' early stature as a Greek Revival "mecca." In fact, there are only nine examples - two cottages and seven townhouses. Of these seven, three are either badly altered or relatively plain. The Walker House is among the four townhouses which are both well preserved and first-rate examples of the style. (The primary factor establishing them as first-rate galleried townhouses is the use of round fluted columns with Grecian capitals as opposed to square posts.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission Nomination Form, Based upon research in conveyance records, city directories and Sanborn maps,  
Research report by Victor McGee, Architectural Historian. Based upon research in primary sources such as conveyance records, city directories, etc.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property @ 1/6th of an acre

Quadrangle name New Orleans East, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary lines follow the property lines of the parcel of land on which the building stands, said property being a rectangle measuring 60 feet along St. Charles Avenue by 120 feet in depth, comprising lots 27 & 28, Square 208, Fourth District,

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNER  
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date February 1986

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358


city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

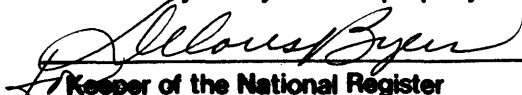
national  state  local

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature   
title State Historic Preservation Officer date March 27, 1986  
Robert B. DeBlieux

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

  
Keeper of the National Register Entered in the National Register date 5-15-86

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

WALKER HOUSE

1912 ST. CHARLES

New Orleans

Orleans Parish, LA

Photo Direction

MAP

NOT TO SCALE

