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**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

Tessier Buildings

AND/OR COMMON

Lafayette Buildings

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

342, 346 and 348 Lafayette Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Louisiana

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

East Baton Rouge Parish 33

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___ DISTRICT

___ PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___ UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ STRUCTURE

___ BOTH

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ OBJECT

___ IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ BEING CONSIDERED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ NO

___ MILITARY

___ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jules F. and Frances L. Landry

STREET & NUMBER

348 Lafayette Street

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Louisiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

Nineteenth Judicial District

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

STREET & NUMBER

222 St. Louis Street

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Baton Rouge

DATE

March, 1970

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

City-Parish Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

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 Tessier buildings are a set of three townhouses at 342, 346, and 348 Lafayette Street in Baton Rouge. They face the Mississippi River in an area which is mainly characterized by 20th century commercial buildings.

The buildings are two stories high with pitched roofs and two story frontal galleries. No. 342, which is the northernmost of the three houses, dates from about 1820. It has an extensively remodeled rear wing which gives the house an "L"-shaped plan. No. 348, which is the southernmost house, probably dates from the 1830's or 1840's. Most of its interior walls were removed in the late 19th century to accommodate a theatre. Both 342 and 348 were built without halls. No. 346, the middle house, probably dates from the 1850's. Its plan features a side hall with front and rear parlors.

The buildings have brick bearing wall construction with cypress beams, some of which are beaded and exposed in No. 342.

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 checked="" 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 ca. 1820-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles R. Tessier

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tessier buildings are an excellent group of the urban townhouse type in Louisiana. This can be seen in the massing, the fenestration, the gable parapets, and especially in their cast iron galleries. At one time, buildings of this type characterized much of urban Baton Rouge. The Tessier buildings are the only remaining examples in the city.

The first two buildings, and possibly the third, were built and owned by Charles R. Tessier, a wealthy and prominent citizen in Baton Rouge. He was the first probate judge in the city and the Worshipful Master of the Etoile Flamboyant Masonic Lodge #10. Tessier's importance is indicated by the fact that in 1825 he officially received the Marquis de Lafayette for the city.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation page.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 5 | 6 7 3 9 4 0 | 3 3 6 9 8 6 0

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Begin at south wall of southernmost building and proceed northward along Lafayette Street for ninety-seven feet and eleven inches (97'11"). Proceed east for one hundred thirty-five feet and three inches (135'3") at Laurel Street side and proceed

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

Frederick Ellsworth Kleyle

ORGANIZATION

DATE

October 3, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

538 North Eighth Street

TELEPHONE

(504) 383-9583

CITY OR TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana

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

Andre Thompson

TITLE

Secretary - Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism

DATE

1/25/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William Cole

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3-16-78

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Lydia Cline to Charles Tessier, dated January 18, 1820, Conveyance Book "JH," Folio 375, Bundle 390, recorded in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

J. B. Ferchaud to Lydia Cline (Clein), dated February 26, 1817, Conveyance Book "JD" 604, No. 303. Here description refers to a kitchen wall on the north line of lot 2, square 3 or 81, and is found in act of sale from J. B. Ferchaud to Lydia Clein of N1/2 of Lot 2, measuring 30 feet front on Second Street and 160 feet in depth, referred to above.

E. L. Bernard to J. B. Ferchaud, dated August 13, 1813, Conveyance Book, Notarial Act 160.
Patent from government, however, is as follows:
Claim of Richard Devall (Sec. 72, T7S, R1W)
Cosby Report of 1813; Claim No. A20, Confirmed by Act of Congress, March 3, 1819;
BASED ON SPANISH GRANT of October 7, 1786 to Fre. Deverges. Signed by Governor Estaban Miro.

Sheriff's Sale of Property of Charles R. Tessier to Daniel D. Avery, Sheriff's Deed dated November 1, 1854, Sheriff's Book SH1, Folio 113.

Chain of Title: Traced by Jules F. Landry.
Patent from government: Claim of Richard Devall (Sec. 72, T7S, R1W) Cosby Report 1813; based on Spanish Land Grant of October 7, 1786, to Fre. Deverges. Signed by Governor Estaban Miro. Official letters of W. C. C. Claiborne, (1801-1816) D. Rowland, 1917. Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi, pp. 190, pp. 252.

Historic Baton Rouge - An Urban Planning Perspective for the Preservation of its Heritage. Community Renewal Program for the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The preparation of this report was financed through a community renewal program grant from the Urban Renewal Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the provisions of Title I of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended.

Henry & William G. Waller, City Surveyors - Plat of Square 3, Devall Town, dated January 6, 1854. "The above plat represents Square No. 3 in the part of the City of Baton Rouge, known as 'Deval Town.' "

United States Department of Interior Geological Survey, Baton Rouge West Quadrangle, Louisiana, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic) NW/4 Baton Rouge 15' Quadrangle.

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south at Riverside Mall (formerly Third Street) side for ninety-seven feet and eleven inches (97'11"), which would encompass the original rear patio and dependency locations and the conference room addition of 1958 by Jules F. and Frances L. Landry for use in their law offices. Proceed west for one hundred thirty-five feet and three inches (135'3") at Florida Street side, back to Lafayette Street.