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1 NAME HISTORIC Tessier Buil	**			
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STREET & NUMBER 342, 346 and CITY, TOWN Baton Rouge	1 348 Lafayette Street			
STATE Louisiana		CODE	COUNTY East Baton Roug	code ge Parish 33
CLASSIFIC	CATION	· · ·		
CATEGORY DISTRICT X_BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT	OWNERSHIP PUBLIC PUBLIC BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED	STATUS COCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO	PRESI AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY	ENTUSE MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENT RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:
ΝΑΜΕ	F PROPERTY Frances L. Landry e Street		······	
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	N OF LEGAL DESCR Nineteenth Judici SETC. Courthouse for th	IPTION		
STREET & NUMBER 222 St. Loui	s Street			
CITY, TOWN			STATE	
ΤΪΤLE Historic Bat	NTATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS	Louisian	
DATE March, 1970		FEDERAL	STATE XCOUNTY XOCAL	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS	City-Parish Planning	Commission		
CITY, TOWN	Baton Rouge		STATE Louisian	a

7' DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

__UNALTERED

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CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE __MOVED DATE_____

 ---EXCELLENT
 __DETERIORATED

 X_GOOD
 __RUINS

 __FAIR
 __UNEXPOSED

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 accomodate 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

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PREHISTOHIC 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE ART COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY INVENTION	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GÓVERNMENT	RELIGION SCIENCE SCULPTURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY)
SPECIFIC DAT	ES _{ca.} 1820-1850	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT Charles R. Tes	sier

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 associated are the decomposited are

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 Etoil 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.

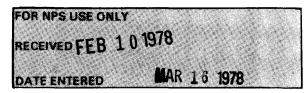
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA			
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY3 acres			
QUADRANGLE NAME			
UTM REFERENCES 7 3,316,918,6.0 B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B 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 TELEPHONE 538 North Eighth Street (504) 383-9583	TELEPHONE		
CITY OR TOWN STATE			
Baton Rouge Louisiana			
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 National Park Service. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE			
TITLE Secretary - Department of Cylture, Recreation & Tourism $1/25/78$			
FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 3.16.78			
ATTEST CHIEF OF REGISTRATION			

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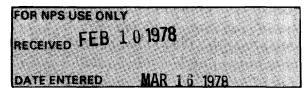
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- Lydia Cline to Charles Tessier, dated January 18, 1820, Conveyance Book "JH," Folio 375, Bundle 390, recorded in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.
- J. B. Ferchaud to Lydia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