

**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 Elrose

and or common same

2. Location

street & number 217 West University Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of

state Louisiana code 22 county Lafayette Parish code 055

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Butcher Distributing Corporation (Elden and Dorothy Butcher)

street & number 174 Ronald Boulevard 318-234-6678

city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of state LA 70503

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafayette Parish Courthouse

street & number 221 West Main Street P.O. Box 2009

city, town Lafayette state LA 70502

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Lafayette Parish Historical Sites Inventory, Section II has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Lafayette Regional Planning Commission

city, town Lafayette state LA

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Elrose (1900) is a large, story and a half, frame, Queen Anne Revival house located in a residential area near downtown Lafayette. It has been altered very little and hence very easily retains its National Register eligibility.

Elrose has a central hall plan, two rooms deep, with a staircase set in an alcove at the end of the hall. Pocket doors give the interior a somewhat open character. There is also a rear "L" wing and a rear gallery. The front gallery wraps around the side of the house following the contours of an octagonal corner turret. The corner turret projects above the roofline, culminating in a flared spire. The complex roofline also features a central dormer and a very large side dormer. Each side of the house has a small projecting wing, one of which terminates in a polygonal bay under a gable. Most of the exterior detailing is in the Colonial Revival style, including Doric columns, gable end returns, and an oculus. The only exception to this is the Eastlake rear gallery.

The interior features transomed doors, catalogue golden oak mantels, and narrow gauge beaded wainscotting. The staircase has a heavy ornamental newel post with incised plant forms. Most of the windows are of the large plate glass sash type. Some are floor-length to enable one to step out onto the front gallery.

The only noteworthy change in the house since construction is the enclosure of a small portion of the side gallery. In our opinion, this change should be regarded as minor.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1900 **Builder/Architect** Crow Girard (builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

Elrose is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is one of Lafayette Parish's finest examples of late nineteenth-early twentieth century residential architecture.

The Lafayette Parish Historical Sites Inventory has identified some 111 residences which date from c. 1880 to c. 1920. (This figure is undoubtedly low.) Most of these buildings are relatively small unpretentious cottages with period details.

Elrose is conspicuous among this group because of the following factors:

1. It is one of the largest period residences in the parish.
2. It is one of only sixteen period residences whose roofline is sufficiently elaborate to have three forward facing elements- i.e., some combination of dormers, gables or turret tops.
3. It is one of only five period residences whose massing is enlivened by a protruding gallery which follows the undulating contours of a bay or a turret.
4. It is one of only six period residences which have turrets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical Sites Inventory, Lafayette Parish, Section II. Prepared by the Lafayette Regional Planning Commission for the Lafayette Council of Governments. June, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Lafayette, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries follow property lines, as shown on enclosed sketch map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff
Division of Historic Preservation

ASSISTED BY THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

organization State of Louisiana

date April 1984

street & number P.O. Box 44247

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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



Robert B. DeBlieux

title LA State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 10, 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 6-14-84

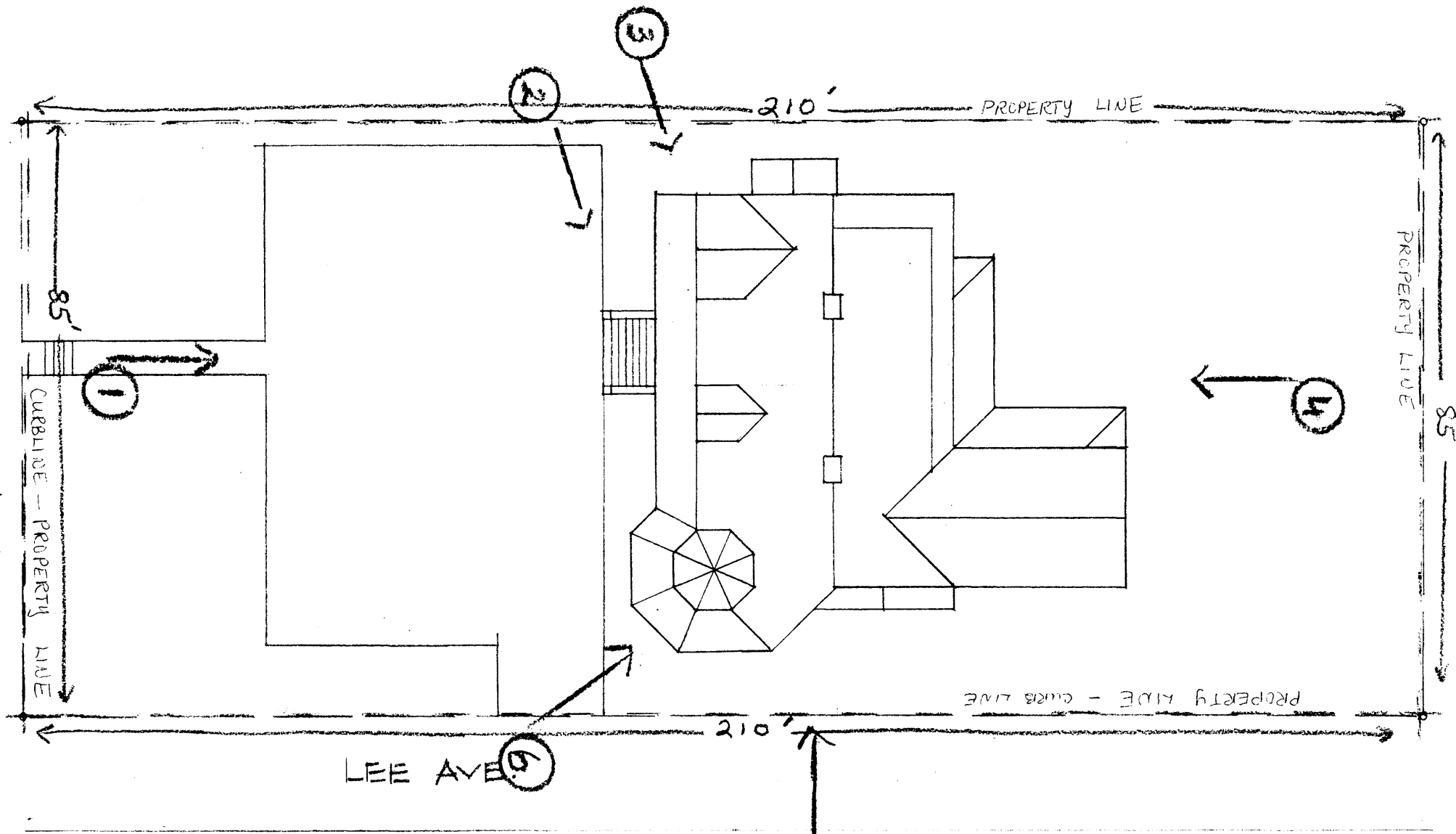
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Keeper of the National Register

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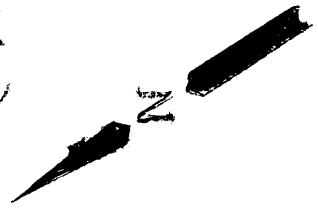
Chief of Registration

W. UNIVERSITY AVE. (FORMERLY COLLEGE)



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 BOUNDARIES FOLLOW
 PROPERTY LOT LINES,
 AS SHOWN

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 LAFAYETTE PARISH, LAFAYETTE