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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Heard, J. W. House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 605 Cherry Street N/A not for publication

city or town Bernice N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Union code 111 zip code 71222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gerri Hobdy 12/3/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, Date
LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Entered in the National Register Date of Action 11/7/94

for Signature of the Keeper Gregory M. Lapsley

Heard, J. W. House
Name of Property

Union Parish, LA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Queen Anne Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The one-and-one-half story frame J. W. Heard House stands on a large corner lot in the small Union Parish community of Bernice. Built in 1904, it reflects the tendency of some builders to mix elements of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. Although it has received some alterations, it remains eligible for National Register listing.

The home's first floor contains a central hall with two rooms on each side. Thus, it has a square, box-like appearance despite the existence of a service ell projecting at the rear. Two bedrooms and a wide hall are located on the second floor, and it is in the massing of this level that the influence of the Queen Anne Revival style is seen. The multiplane roofline is formed by three large cross gables which face the front and sides. In addition, a dormer projects from the rear.

The home's decorative elements are almost entirely Colonial Revival. These include:

- 1) a front and a side gallery whose entablatures are outlined by modillions. The front gallery also has a small pedimented entry pavilion projecting from its center.
- 2) additional bands of modillions beneath bold moldings which subdivide the roof's three gables,
- 3) sets of paired and tripled Tuscan gallery columns rising from paneled piers,
- 4) engaged Tuscan columns located at the points where the galleries connect to the house, and
- 5) an interior paneled staircase and two mantels, one of which is accompanied by an overmantel.

Other features of interest in the home include front and rear entrances with transoms and sidelights, a set of pocket doors, reeded door and window surrounds, beaded board wainscot set in a diagonal pattern, large paned front windows surmounted by stained glass transoms, and two windows whose lower sashes raise high enough to serve as doors to the side gallery.

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Alterations since construction include:

- 1) the lengthening of the ell and its porch to create a utility room, the modernization of the original kitchen located within the ell, and the attachment of a concrete block garage to the rear wall of the ell,
- 2) the installation of a first floor bath on one corner of the rear porch. A second floor bath was created by enlarging a closet with space added from an adjacent bedroom and the attic.
- 3) the enclosure of the ell porch and the rest of the rear porch,
- 4) the replacement of the front gallery railing with one similar to that on the side gallery, the loss of the home's chimneys, and the loss of the stair rising to the side gallery, and
- 5) the installation of a decorative mantel in a location which has never had a fireplace.

All of these changes are either minor in nature or occur at the rear of the home. Thus, they do not have a serious impact upon the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival features which make the house significant. As an architectural landmark within Union Parish, the J. W. Heard House is a prime candidate for National Register listing.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

1904

Significant Dates

1904

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Jacob T. Crews, builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Heard, J. W. House
Name of Property

Union Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	15	532040	3630990
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 57, Town of Bernice.

Boundary Justification Boundaries follow property lines of parcel of land upon which nominated building is located.
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date November 1993

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city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Minor Patton

street & number P. O. Box 86 telephone (318) 285-9519

city or town Bernice state Louisiana zip code 71222

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The J. W. Heard House is of local significance in the area of architecture because it is one of a limited number of landmark structures in Union Parish.

Union is a piney woods parish which has been largely characterized by Upland South settlement and relatively small-scale agriculture. There was also some lumber related development in the early twentieth century. All of this has left the parish with a comparatively modest architectural patrimony, as is shown in the Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey. This survey has identified some 371 50+ year old buildings in the parish, most of which are bungalows, double pen houses, extremely conservative Queen Anne Revival cottages, or ordinary commercial buildings. Less than a dozen structures can be said to be landmarks either because of their age or architectural styling. With its Queen Anne massing and boldly articulated Colonial Revival gable and gallery treatment, the J. W. Heard House is one of these rare landmarks.

Historical Note

The J. W. Heard House was constructed in 1904, only five years after the founding of Bernice in 1899. Builder Jacob T. Crews constructed the structure along with many of the town's other early homes. First owner Joseph Heard moved his business from Shiloh, four miles east of Bernice, as did many others when Bernice was born as a result of the railroad and a fire which destroyed much of Shiloh. Heard established J. W. Heard and Brother general merchandise store, as well as a store in Junction City. He was also a brother of Louisiana Governor William Wright Heard, who served from 1900-1904. The house remained in Heard's family's hands until 1967. It then had three other owners before being purchased by the Patton family in 1991.

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