

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Winnfield Hotel

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 302 E. Main Street _____ not for publication

city, town Winnfield _____ vicinity of congressional district 5th-Jerry Huckaby

state La. code 022 county Winn Parish code 127

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. John James Johnson, III

street & number 302 East Main Street

city, town Winnfield _____ vicinity of state La. 71487

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Winn Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Winnfield _____ state La.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge _____ state La.

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 Winnfield Hotel is situated near the center of the town of Winnfield. The lobby is set in the corner of the "L" shaped plan. Both legs of the "L" are traversed by central corridors which give access to the rooms. This general condition prevails on the second and third floors as well.

The building is constructed of heavy masonry with wooden joists. The exterior brick surface is worked so as to give the effect of classical articulation. The ground floor brickwork is laid so as to resemble rusticated stone. The upper floors have colossal order brick pilasters which are spaced so as to create the effect of pavilions and side bays across each facade. This produces slight undulation in the entablature and in the crowning parapet.

The corner of the "L" shaped plan is emphasized by a graceful protruding turret.

Windows are plate glass, and the ornamentation, including the Ionic pilaster capitols, the modillion cornice, and some of the ceilings, are of pressed metal.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1908 **Builder/Architect** Builder—John A. Colvin

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria A and C

The Winnfield Hotel is significant in the area of architecture because it is a landmark in the commercial area of Winnfield. It dominates the town with an impressive broad spread along two streets, a full three stories, and a colossal order piano nobile. It is the only truly monumental commercial building in town.

The Winnfield Hotel was built in 1908 by John A. Colvin and was at that time and for some years afterward called the City Hotel. The structure is significant as a community focal point. This was especially true during the hotel's heyday in the early 1900's. At this time Winnfield was undergoing a boom period due to the coming of the railroad and the lumber industry.

In addition, the Winnfield Hotel has connections with Winnfield's most famous citizen, Huey P. Long. Long used the hotel often during campaigning as a stopover and meeting place.

The Winnfield Hotel passed out of the Colvin family's hands in the early 1930's. In 1938 it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson Sr. and is presently owned and managed by J. J. Johnson III.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Research Report on Winnfield Hotel prepared by Mary Margaret Shuman and Abigail Hahn, located in Winnfield Hotel National Register File, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .7 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A

1	5	5	3	4	3	2	5	3	5	3	2	1	2	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are drawn to encompass the hotel and the lots on which it stands. These are lots #1 and 2 on the City block bounded by Main Street, Laurel Street, Gum Street and Center Street.

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 Mr. John James Johnson, III
 organization _____ date November 1979
 street & number 302 East Main Street telephone _____
 city or town Winnfield state La.

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. Bernard Carr*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/27/80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>Sally G. Odd</i>	date 6/11/80
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <i>Beth Gardner</i>	date 6/1/80
Chief of Registration	

SKETCH MAP

