

**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 Old Handleman Building

and/or common Handleman's

2. Location

street & number 1824-32 Dryades Street not for publication

city, town New Orleans vicinity of congressional district 2nd-Lindy Boggs

state La. code 022 county Orleans Parish code 071

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie L. Chambers

street & number 6810 Rugby Court

city, town New Orleans vicinity of state La. 70126

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Orleans Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town New Orleans 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 Handleman Building is set on Dryades Street in the central business district of New Orleans. Four stories high, the building has a massive two-story hypostyle sales area with a surrounding mezzanine balcony, which is reached by an imperial staircase. The third and fourth floors consist of open storage space. A two-story side wing provides additional hypostyle sales space.

The building has heavy wooden post and beam construction with steel tie bars, bolts, and joints. The exterior walls are of heavy masonry.

The Dryades Street facade is articulated in the manner resembling a Renaissance palazzo but with large areas of glass. The first and second stories form the base and the third and fourth stories form the piano nobile with engaged colossal composite order columns. There is also a pressed metal paneled frieze and modillion cornice. The first floor shop front is sheltered by a suspended canopy which has an eyebrow arch over both ground floor entrances. The canopy is supported by pairs of cables which are attached to decorative lions' heads set in the base of the piano nobile.

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/ 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 1923 **Builder/Architect** Weiss and Dreyfous

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Handleman store is significant in the area of architecture because it was designed by the firm of Weiss and Dreyfous (later Weiss, Dreyfous, and Seiferth), probably the leading architectural firm in Louisiana during the 1920's. It is an elegant and restrained example of the application of Renaissance Revival architecture to a commercial building. It is particularly noteworthy for its use of the colossal order, which is unusual in a commercial building, in the area.

In the various old business districts of New Orleans, the vast majority of commercial buildings are only two stories high and do not feature columns of any kind. Few received the kind of fully developed four story "Palazzo" treatment seen at the Handleman Building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Letter from Solis Seiferth to Al Landry, November 7, 1979. Located in National Register file for Handleman Building, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.
 Title search by Al Landry, Orleans Parish Courthouse.
 Research report prepared by Al Landry, located in National Register file for Handleman Building, State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property approx. .5 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries were drawn to take in the building and lot. See attached plat.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Al Landry, A.I.A.

organization _____ date December 1979

street & number Route 1, Box 42. telephone _____

city or town New Iberia 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

C. Bernard Carter

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. Oldham</i>	date <u>6/11/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <i>Beth Grosvenor</i>	date <u>6/9/80</u>
Chief of Registration	



PHOTO 1
PHOTO 2
PHOTO 3

PHOTO 4

DRYADES 11000 EVERETT
3343'10" HIGH 3419'4" C.O.

ST. ANDREW 1000 0001
2987'0" 3419'4" 3001'0" C.O.

BARONNE 1000 0001
358'11" HIGH 352'8" C.O.

