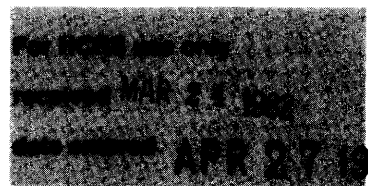


**United States Department of the Interior
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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



1982

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Lyons House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 1335 Horridge Street n/a not for publication

city, town Vinton n/a vicinity of congressional district 7th--John Breaux

state LA code 22 county Calcasieu Parish code 019

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Daniel B. Cooper and Brady B. Fontenot

street & number 1335 Horridge Street

city, town Vinton n/a vicinity of state LA 70668

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calcasieu Parish Courthouse

street & number corner of Kirby and Ryan (no exact street address) P.O. Box 1030

city, town Lake Charles state LA 70601

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>n/a</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lyons House (1900) is a two-story Queen Anne Revival style house of above average quality which is considered a landmark in the small town of Vinton. It is located on a large lot on the corner of Horridge and Loree Streets near the Vinton central business district. The property consists of the house, a two-story c.1940 garage building, and a c.1950 tin shed.* There are two large oak trees in the front yard. Apart from these, little remains of the original landscaping. However, an early photograph reveals that the original landscaping was plain, so its loss should not be considered significantly detrimental to the property. The only serious integrity problem is the house's thirty year old asbestos siding. In spite of this and other changes, the Lyons House is still vastly superior to its neighbors in terms of size, massing, and richness of ornamentation.

Although the design strives for irregularity, the basic plan of the house is compact and straightforward. The main block of the house is more or less divided into four spaces on each floor. There is also a two-story rear wing which adds one room to each story. Irregularity is achieved as follows: The stair hall, which is set in the southwest corner of the house, is recessed and rounded at the corner. The northwest parlor and southeast dining room project from the mass of the house. Both of the bedrooms above these rooms are surmounted by large gables. The dining room projection terminates in a semi-octagonal bay. The rounded stair hall is encompassed by a two-story curving Eastlake gallery. There is also a one-story gallery on the rear wing and a slightly protruding wing on the north side of the house which has its own one-story gallery.

The most noteworthy interior feature is the staircase, which is triangular in plan and has three landings. It is set against the curve of the stair hall, and is consequently richly three-dimensional. It also features elaborate Eastlake woodwork with a course of spindles above the balusters, scrollsawn surrounds for each baluster, and heavy turned newel posts.

Other noteworthy features of the Lyons House include:

- (1) the one remaining mantel with its free-standing columns which rise to encompass an oval mirrored overmantel,
- (2) stained glass transoms over several of the doors,
- (3) stained glass surrounds on several of the large plate glass windows, and
- (4) corner blocks on most of the door and window frames.

Changes in the house since construction which have not previously been mentioned include:

- (1) the replacement of the bottoms of the curving gallery columns with brick bases,
- (2) the loss of a tiny balustrade which surmounted the very top of the central pyramid roof, and
- (3) the loss of the corner brackets which made the transition between the semi-octagonal bay and the gable above it.

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7. Description (Continued)

Despite all of the changes mentioned, the house retains its standing within the town of Vinton. It is still far and away the town's most elaborate work of architecture.

*N.B.:The shed and garage were excluded from the nominated area because they are less than fifty years old, and are therefore considered intrusions.

LYONS HOUSE
 VINTON, LOUISIANA

