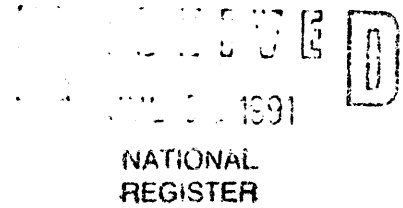


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Derouen House
other names/site number Creole Rose Manor

2. Location

street & number 214 W. Plaquemine
city, town Jennings
state Louisiana code LA county Jefferson Davis code 053 zip code 70546

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Leslie P. Tassin, LA SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Date July 1, 1991

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] 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
Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action 8/5/91

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/hotel

COMMERCE/specialty store

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Revival

Eastlake

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Derouen House is a two-story, frame Queen Anne style residence. It faces a busy street in a transitional residential and commercial neighborhood of Jennings. The house has experienced some changes since its 1898 construction date; however, none of these changes is serious enough to compromise the home's historic integrity and National Register eligibility.

The house is organized around an asymmetrical floorplan with a secondary side entrance and stair hall. (Please refer to enclosed floorplan sketch.) The stairway in this space is typical of the period. The hall connects the main portion of the house to a two-story wing, which appears to have been added early in the building's history. The home's main (central) entrance opens into a large room which itself connects to three separate spaces: the stair hall on the east, a large room on the north, and a dining room to the west. On the opposite side of the dining room stands a kitchen with front and rear porch areas.

The home's significant Queen Anne features are found on the exterior. In addition to the asymmetrical footprint, these characteristics include:

- 1) a marked verticality,
- 2) a roofline featuring elongated cross gables outlined by deep cornices,
- 3) a small wraparound gallery which incorporates an entrance pavilion with its own diminutive projecting gable with deep cornice, and
- 4) two types of textured surfaces within the gable peaks. The first surface type is formed by combining multiple shapes of shingles, the second by using wooden templets cut in wedges (keystones) and undulating shapes to create a layered effect.

Other noteworthy decorative features distinguishing the Derouen Home include:

- 1) turned Eastlake columns on the wraparound gallery and kitchen's front porch,
- 2) a molded and paneled central door,

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- 3) transoms above the two major entrances,
- 4) small windows with little hoods mimicking gables within the larger gable peaks, and
- 5) semi-circular crescents ornamenting the entrance pavilion gable and large front gable of the home.

Changes which have occurred since the home's 1898 construction include the following:

- 1) the early addition of the aforementioned two-story wing, which was itself expanded on the lower level by extending the rear wall several feet,
- 2) the enlargement of the dining room, accomplished by enclosing a part of the kitchen's front porch,
- 3) the enclosure of the kitchen's rear porch. This seems to have occurred in two stages--the first to create a downstairs bathroom and the second to create a small room directly behind the kitchen.
- 4) the loss of the home's original mantel, which has been replaced with one from the period,
- 5) the covering of the damaged kitchen floor with new wood, and the loss of the kitchen's staircase,
- 6) the subdivision of an upstairs parlor to create a hallway and bath, and
- 7) the installation of shutters on the facade during a recent interior and exterior restoration.

None of these changes seriously impacts the historic integrity of the house. Although the losses of part of the kitchen's front porch and the home's original mantel are regrettable, the building's most important decorative components remain intact. These include its wraparound gallery with gabled entrance pavilion, two types of textured surfaces, Eastlake columns, emphasis on verticality, and roofline with Queen Anne massing. The unusual floorplan also remains largely intact. Thus, the house retains the overwhelming bulk of its historic architectural features and, with the exception of the shutters and partial enclosure of the porch, looks much as it did in the historic period. For these reasons, the Derouen Home is a viable National Register candidate.

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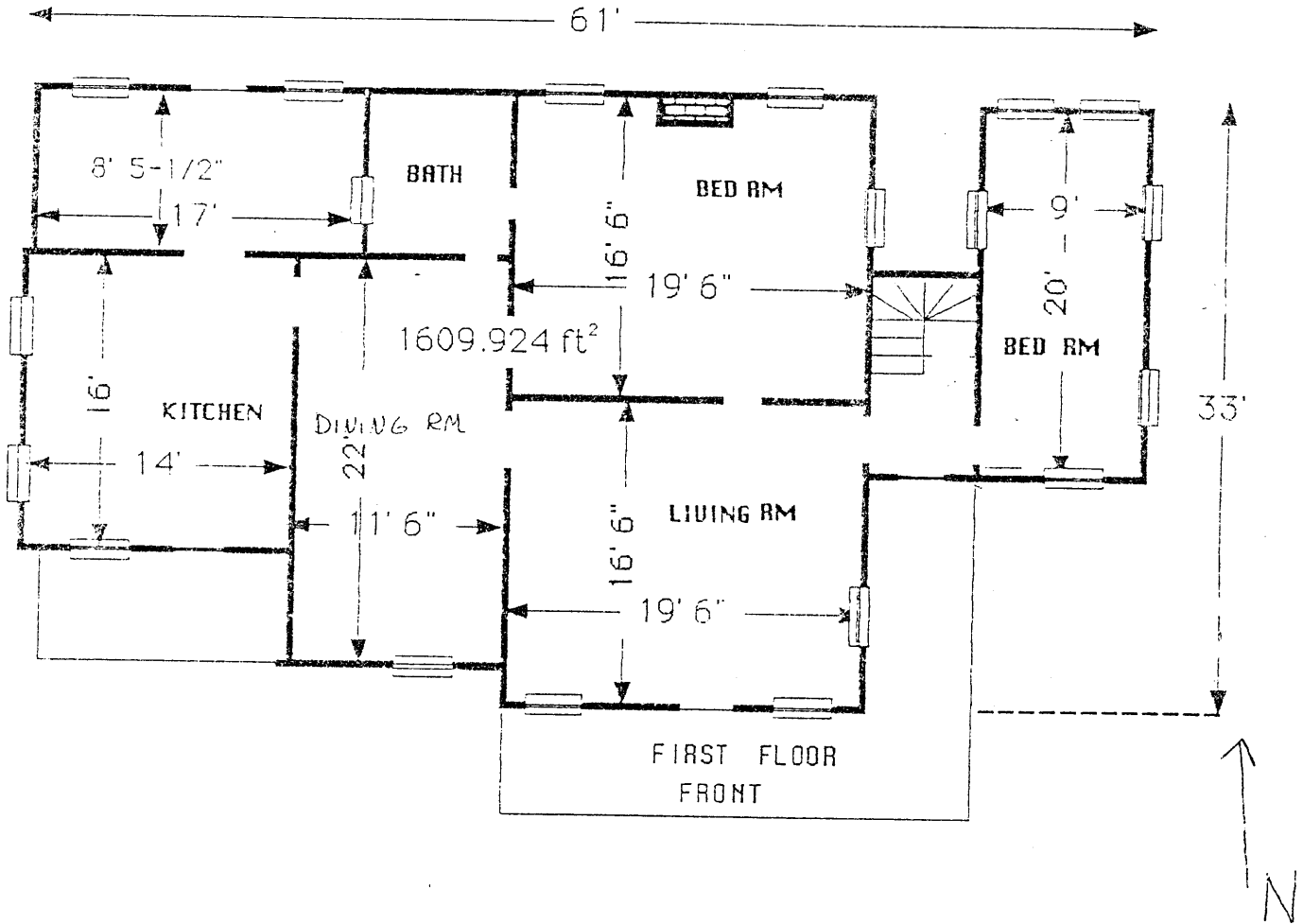
### Non-Contributing Element

One non-contributing element, a frame garage dating from the 1920s or 1930s, is located on the property. It is listed as non-contributing because it is not contemporary with the house and does not contribute to its architectural significance.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
architecture

Period of Significance  
1898

Significant Dates  
1898

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Derouen House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it contributes to the distinctly Victorian and Queen Anne style heritage of Jennings.

Jennings was settled by Midwesterners during the last two decades of the nineteenth century. The houses these people built were copies of the crisp and sometimes prim architecture of their home states. In Jennings, Queen Anne style houses were characterized by front facing gables stressing verticality, elaborate massing, small porches or galleries, boldly emphasized doors and windows, contrasting textures, rich decorative work, a two-story configuration, and side entrances. These characteristics were in marked contrast to the interpretation of the Queen Anne style popular in South Louisiana at the time. Such homes usually tended to be conservative, one story, galleried cottages with simple massing and ornamentation. Thus, the collection of Queen Anne style homes found in Jennings is different from that found almost everywhere else in Louisiana. (A similar heritage is found in two other towns in the region with Midwestern immigration, Lake Charles and Crowley.)

The Derouen House is a component of this rich and unusual architectural heritage. It reflects the Midwestern preference for two story structures as well as the emphasis on verticality, massing and texture. In addition, it exhibits the tendency toward small galleries, emphatically decorated openings, and side entrances. Historic photos document that many of these houses once existed in Jennings, but only about two dozen remain. In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, all surviving examples of the style within Jennings are significant because they contribute to the city's special architectural identity.

Historical Note

The house was built by Delano Derouen, an early Jennings merchant. Derouen also served as the newly incorporated city's first treasurer (c. 1889). The structure was converted into a boarding house around 1908. The building was recently restored and is now used as a gift shop and bed and breakfast inn.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Site visit by National Register staff.

Fricker, Donna. "Jennings: 'Land of Sunshine and Flowers'" Preservation in Print, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, December 1989.

Chain-of-title research, copy in Register file.

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property less than an acre

UTM References

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C [ ]

B [ ]  
 Zone Easting Northing

D [ ]

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Verbal Boundary Description

The east 34 feet of Lot 11, all of Lot 12 and the west 6 feet of Lot 13, Block 8, S. L. Cary's Subdivision to the City of Jennings.

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Boundary Justification

Boundaries follow the property lines of the parcel of land occupied by the nominated building.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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