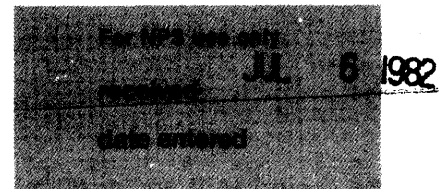


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 Joffrion House

~~AND/OR~~ common Royland

## 2. Location

street & number 605 N. Monroe N/A not for publication

city, town Marksville N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state LA code 22 county Avoyelles Parish code 009

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Marion P. and Gertrude H. Roy

street & number 605 N. Monroe

city, town Marksville N/A vicinity of state New Orleans 71351

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Avoyelles Parish Courthouse

street & number Main Street (no specific street address) no specific mailing address

city, town Marksville state LA 71351

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>N/A</u>

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Royland (1908) is a large Colonial Revival house located in an old residential section of Marksville. It is set well back with trees which flank a grand approach. It has suffered little loss of integrity (as described below).

The frame two-story structure has a central hall, double parlor plan and a rear kitchen wing. Originally the central hall was intended by the architects to merge with a front parlor to create one large ballroom space. However, during construction the two spaces were divided by a wall. The reason for this change is unknown.

The main block of the house is incorporated into a massive three-bay Ionic temple form with heavy modillion cornices and a lunette inscribed in the tympanum. The upper hall terminates in a balcony which surmounts the squat pedimented doorway.

The interiors are spacious but plain with standard catalog ordered mantels, doors, and wainscotting.

It appears that the south side of the upper rear gallery was always glazed in.

Since construction there have been two minor changes in the house:

- (1) The front facade clapboards have been replaced.
- (2) Louvered shutters have been installed on most of the windows.

### Assessment of Integrity:

The house is mainly significant because of its monumental size and its tremendous portico. Neither of these have been affected by the aforementioned changes.

# 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1908 **Builder/Architect** *Builder: J. W. Joffrion*

*Architects: Favrot and Livaudais*

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Criterion C

*Royland is locally significant in the area of architecture as a monument in the turn-of-the-century residential architecture of central Louisiana. In all likelihood it is the only example of a Colonial Revival residence in the region with a "full blown" classical temple form. It has a remarkable degree of classical purity given the date of construction.*

*In examining the legacy of the Colonial Revival influence in central Louisiana, one finds mainly asymmetrical Queen Anne houses with turrets, semioctagonal bays, verandas, and Colonial Revival details such as Doric columns and an occasional Palladian window motif. Essentially the Colonial Revival replaced the Eastlake style as the primary source of embellishments for Queen Anne houses and cottages.*

*In contrast to this, Royland's design shows a complete assimilation and understanding of the Colonial Revival as it had developed in America's eastern urban centers. By 1905 the "high style" Colonial Revival had developed into almost a neo-Georgian style. This can be seen at Royland in the symmetrical facade, the colossal pedimented portico, the heavy modillion cornice, and the frontal lunette. There are few other examples in central Louisiana which show this degree of "high style" sophistication.*

*Because Royland is regionally significant within the state, it is being nominated for significance at the local level.*

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Favrot and Livaudais blueprints for Royland in possession of owners.

Title Search, Avoyelles Parish Courthouse

Research Report Prepared by Owners. Copy in Royland National Register File, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ .46 acre

Quadrangle name Marksville, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marion P. and Gertrude H. Roy

organization N/A

date December 1980

street & number 605 N. Monroe St.

telephone 318-253-6027

city or town Marksville

state LA 71351

# 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 25, 1982

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date 8.11.82

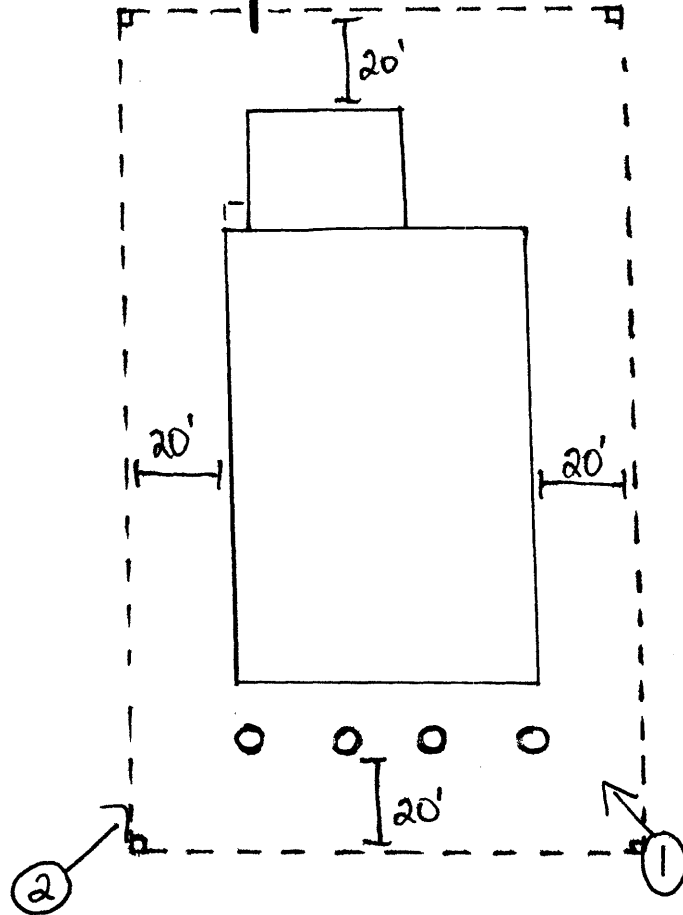
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

# Royland



NOTE: SITE BOUNDARIES PARALLEL  
BLDG. FACADES AT DISTANCES  
SHOWN.

SCALE 1" = 40' APPROX.

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Monroe Street