

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

**1. Name**

historic Bland House

and or common 330 St. James St.

**2. Location**

street & number 330 St. James St. N/A not for publication

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 county Rapides Parish code 079

**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 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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: future use as law offices

**4. Owner of Property**

name Howard N. Nugent, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 1309

city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity of state LA 71309-1309

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number 701 Murray St. P. O. Box 952

city, town Alexandria state LA 71301

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1984  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Bland House (c.1910) is a two story frame Colonial Revival structure located on the periphery of the Alexandria central business district. Despite a few alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

It is the current owner's belief that the Bland House is a remodeled and enlarged c.1870 structure. This could well be the case; however, the only visible evidence from an earlier period is a pair of arched Italianate windows set in the gables of the attic. In any event, this application is concerned only with the building's present appearance. The exact date of construction, or remodeling, is not known, although Sanborn maps at least narrow it down to the 1909-1921 period. Given the local history of the Colonial Revival style, the State Historic Preservation Office is using c.1910 as the official date for this nomination.

The Bland House is two rooms wide and two rooms deep with a rear wing; there are no hallways. There are two front doors off the front gallery and a second story balcony set on brincaded consoles.

The principal feature of the house is its gallery which takes the form of a colossal Tuscan pedimented portico. Despite the grandeur of this feature, the proportions are rather attenuated. The tympanum contains a vent shaped like a Palladian window motif. Each capital is ornamented with molded leaf forms.

The interiors are fairly plain, with twelve foot ceilings and large plate glass windows. The only noteworthy feature is the Arts and Crafts style staircase with its heavy square newel posts.

### Integrity:

Since c.1910 the following major changes have been made in the house:

- (1) The single central chimney has been removed and the two mantels it served have been lost.
- (2) In the 1950's a small single story rear addition was built, and the rear wing gallery was enlarged and glazed in.

Despite these changes, there is no doubt that the house retains its identity as an example of the Colonial Revival style. Moreover, it retains the portico which is the source of its architectural significance.

NB: The Bland House is currently undergoing rehabilitation under the Economic Recovery Tax Act Program. The balcony balustrade and the front doors are presently being repaired and will be reinstalled shortly. In addition, clapboards on various portions of the rear are being replaced at the time of this submission.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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**      c.1910      **Builder/Architect**      uncertain

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

The Bland House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a landmark in the domestic Colonial Revival architecture of Alexandria. The Louisiana Historic Structures Survey has identified 3,182 50+ year old buildings within the City of Alexandria, most of which date from the early twentieth century. The Colonial Revival is well represented among this group, at least numerically. But most of the examples are galleried cottages or boxy pyramidal roof houses. There are very few two story examples. The survey reveals that the Bland House is one of twenty-one examples which feature colossal order columns. Of these twenty-one, it is one of only seven with a pedimented portico. From among these seven, it is one of only three examples whose porticoes have a full four columns. (The others have only two columns, which looks rather awkward.) In addition, the Bland House portico is distinguished among the other columnar porticoes because its columns are equally spaced rather than grouped in pairs at the ends. This produces a more stately effect.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Structures Survey, Rapides Parish.

Sanborn Insurance Co. Maps, Alexandria, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1909, 1921.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property @1/10th of an acre

Quadrangle name Alexandria, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	5	5	5	3	0	4	0	3	4	6	3	7	8	0
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed property plat 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 National Register Staff

ASSISTED BY OWNER

organization Division of Historic Preservation

State of Louisiana

date July 1985

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telephone 504-922-0358

city or town Baton Rouge

state LA 70804

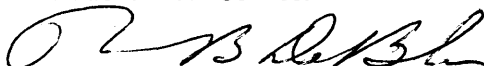
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 September 4, 1985

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

10-17-85

  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

# CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

1146-669

DATED MAY 7,

1985

TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN TITLE TO PREMISES SURVEYED:  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF  
THE SURVEY I HAVE MADE, SHOWN HEREON BY SHADED LINES.

SCALE 1" = 20'

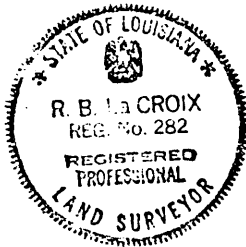
FOR HOWARD NUGENT JR.

AT REQUEST

LOT 3, SQ. 23, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA.

MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX & HIXSON, INC.  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS

BY:

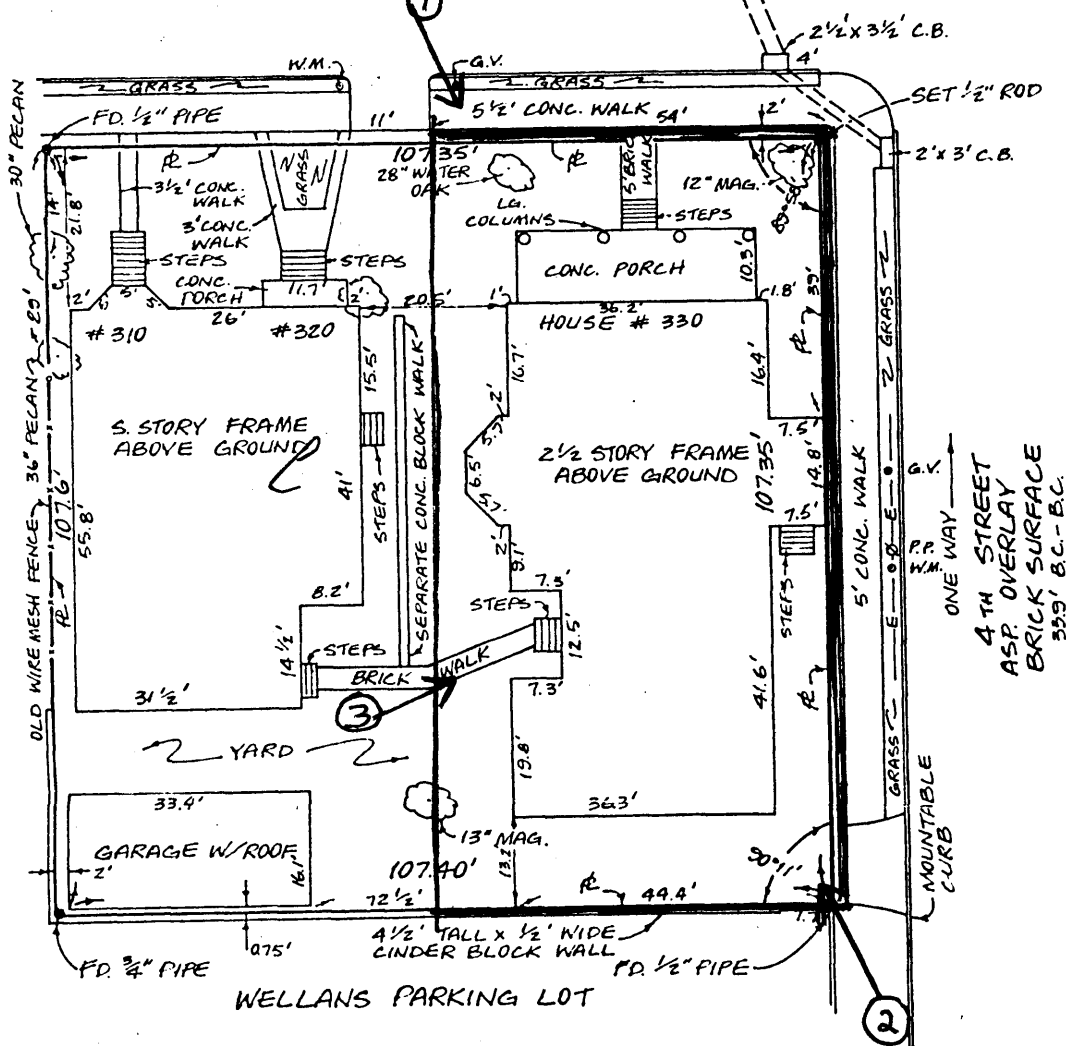


## BLAND HOUSE

Alexandria, LA

(Rapides Parish)

ONE WAY  
ST. JAMES STR. (CONC.)  
30.1' B.C. - B.C.



boundary line