

**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 McDonald House
and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 328 Lewisville Road N/A not for publication
city, town Minden N/A vicinity of
state LA code 22 parish Webster code 119

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Miriam Robinson Monk (318) 377-0775 (home)
(318) 377-2213 (work)
street & number 328 Lewisville Road
city, town Minden N/A vicinity of state LA 71055

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Webster Parish Courthouse
street & number 410 Main Street P. O. Box 370
city, town Minden state LA 71058

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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The McDonald House (c.1900) is a two story frame Queen Anne Revival residence located on a large corner lot in the old residential section of Minden. Despite some alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

The McDonald House features a prominent corner turret which forms a faceted alcove at one end of the large living room. There is no central hall; the house is entered via the living room, where a central staircase ascends in its own hall. Other rooms adjoin the living room through pocket doors, thus creating a somewhat open floor plan. In addition to the living room alcove, two of the house's principal rooms feature projecting polygonal bays. The living room and a secondary parlor have corner fireplaces which share a common chimney.

The exterior is enlivened by a continuous thirteen bay Tuscan gallery which encompasses three sides of the house. The gallery columns are tripled to mark the main entrance. As it follows the curve of the corner turret, the gallery bulges dramatically. Although the first story of the turret is faceted, the second story is completely round; even the plate glass windows are curved. The turret is surmounted by a round conical roof. The main entrance portion of the gallery is surmounted by a second story single bay galleried pavilion under a hip roof. The roofline also features a single chimney and two pent dormers. Two portions of the house feature imbricated shinglework. These are the skirting roof at the base of the second story galleried pavilion and the top of the second story of the turret.

All of the principal rooms feature curly pine wainscotting with burl panels. The doors have a similar treatment. Mantels are oak veneer and feature mirrored overmantels. In addition, two of the rooms have parquet floors.

Alterations

Since construction, the following changes have been made in the house:

1. In the 1920's a rear porch was glazed in.
2. In 1980 portions of the exterior were resheathed in aluminum siding. Although this is regrettable, the turret, detailing, and decorative shinglework were not touched. Only the flat areas of clapboarding were covered, and the siding was fitted to duplicate the appearance of the original siding underneath. Thus the house's exterior appearance was not noticeably altered.

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/
<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.1900 **Builder/Architect** Builder; Mr. McDonald

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The McDonald House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is an important example of the Queen Anne Revival style within the context of north-central Louisiana. (This includes the parishes of Lincoln, Union, Claiborne, Webster, Bienville, Jackson and Ouachita.)

North-central Louisiana, a distinctive area sometimes known as the "Hill Parishes," is mainly characterized by the Upland South culture. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the Queen Anne Revival was a decidedly urban influence in the region. But the several hundred examples found there today are fairly humble. Most are cottages with a two or three bay gallery across half the front and perhaps a single projecting polygonal bay under a gable.

The McDonald House is important within this group because of its scale and superior architectural styling. It is one of very few two story examples in the region. More importantly, its complex thirteen bay veranda is a type of feature found on only the grandest examples in the area. Finally, the McDonald House is one of only six Queen Anne Revival residences in the region to feature a turret. Generally speaking, it is the use of a turret which distinguishes the grand Queen Anne houses from the lesser examples. A turret contributes much to the elaborateness of a house's massing, something which is very much a part of the Queen Anne Revival aesthetic. Secondly, because a turret contributes very little extra floor space at considerable extra cost, it is certainly a luxury item.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Structures Survey, Lincoln, Union, Claiborne, Webster, Jackson, and Ouachita Parishes.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 9/10ths of an acre

Quadrangle name Minden South, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary lines follow property lines. 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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNER

organization Division of Historic Preservation
State of Louisiana date May 1986

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0353

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*

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 1, 1986

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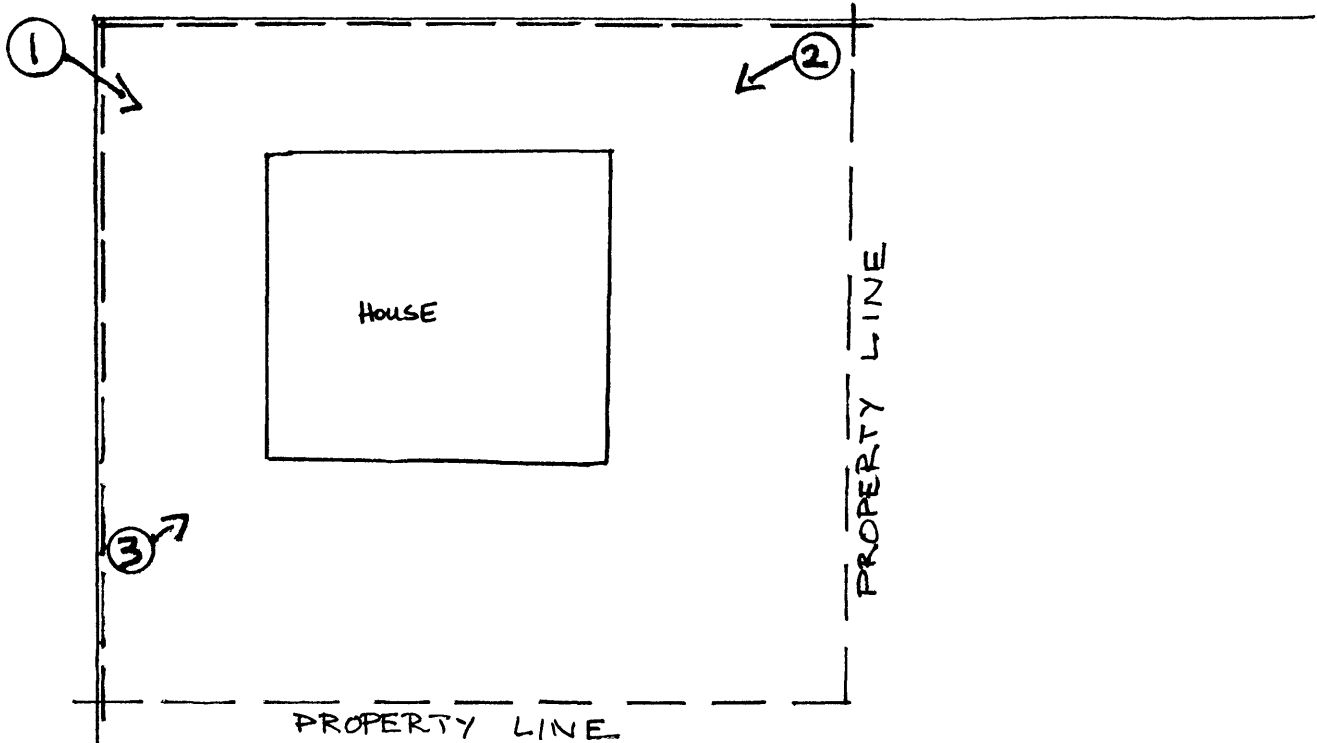
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Alvora Byers Entered in the National Register date 8-13-86
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

EAST + WEST ST.



LEWISVILLE ST. (HWY 159)

PHOTO DIRECTION MAP

MCDONALD HOUSE

WEBSTER PARISH, LA.

(NOT TO SCALE)

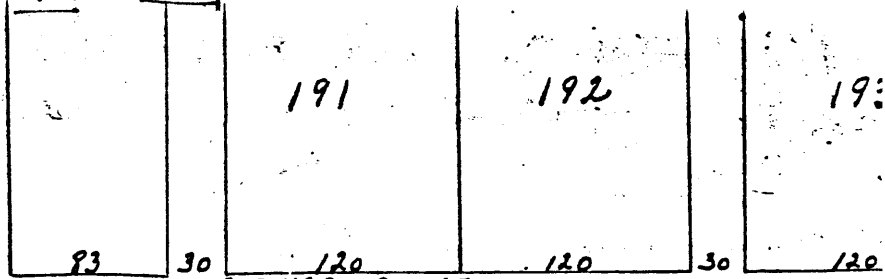
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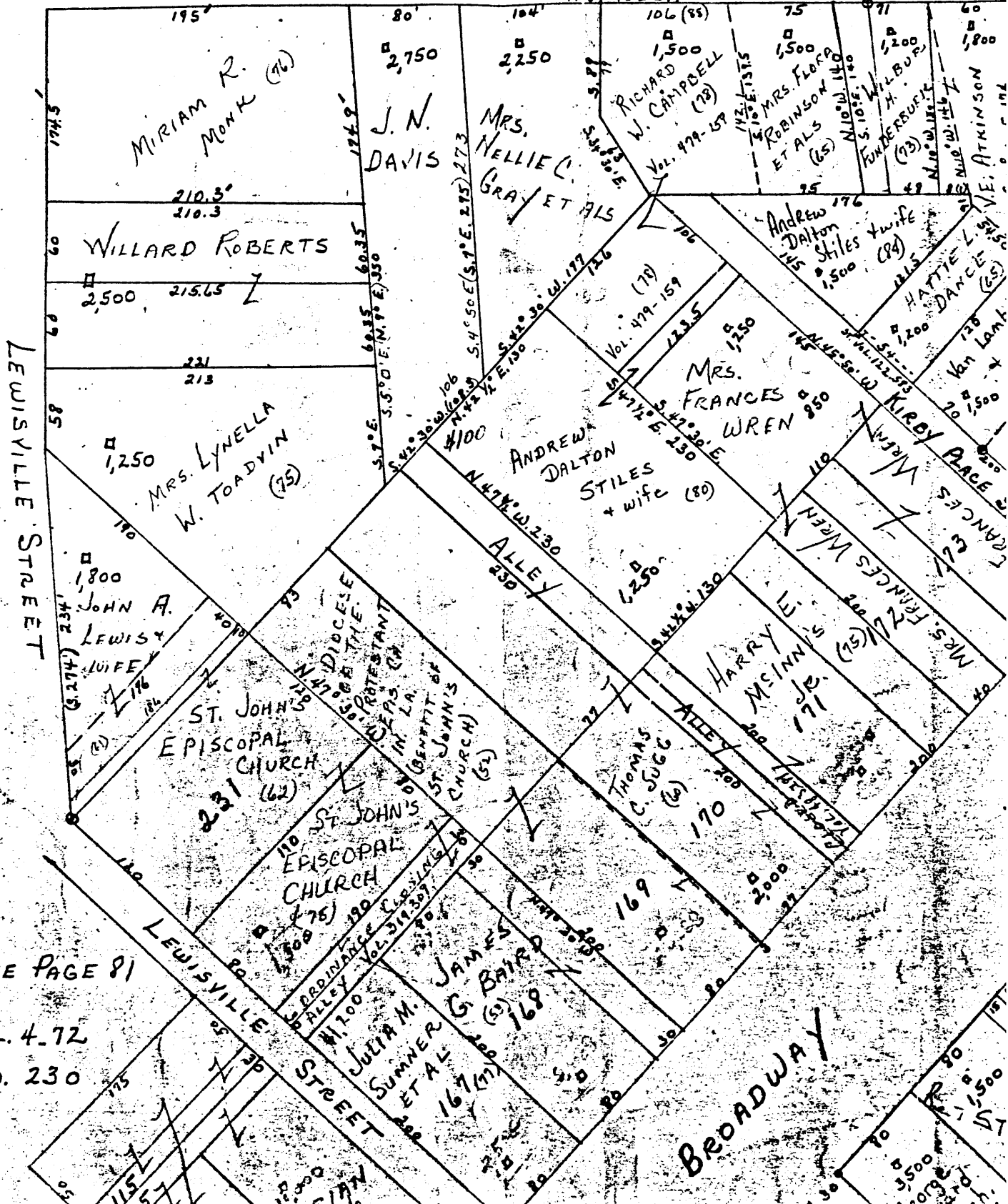
FOR SPECIFIC BOUNDARIES, PLEASE REFER TO
ENCLOSED PROPERTY PLAT MAP.

McDonald House Webster Parish, La. Boundaries Highlighted

Plat Map



EAST & WEST



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