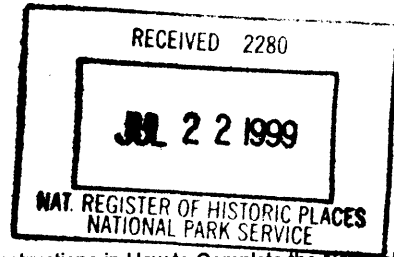


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dr. Terral Clinic

other names/site number Dr. Francis Clinic

2. Location

street & number 107 North Washington Street NA not for publication

city or town Farmerville NA vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Union code 111 zip code 71241

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jonathan Fricker July 16, 1999
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan Fricker, Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- 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):

Edson W. Beall signature of Keeper Date of Action 9/20/99

Dr. Terral Clinic
Name of property

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	—	buildings
—	—	sites
—	—	structures
—	—	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Cat. Health Care

Sub. Clinic

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Cat. Commerce/Trade

Sub. Business

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Asphalt
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" next to the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations NA
(Mark "X" next to all that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Health/Medicine

Period of Significance

1948-9

Significant Dates

1948

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS):** NA
- 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 15 555780 3626220

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date May 1999

street & number P.O. Box 44247 telephone (225) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state LA zip code 70804

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Charles R. McCullen

street & number 2805 Bramble Drive telephone (318) 322-7083

city or town Monroe state LA zip code 71201

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Dr. Terral Clinic, despite having undergone modifications, retains the integrity necessary to be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Located northwest of Monroe in the rural community of Farmerville, the typical two-storey commercial brick building, constructed in 1926, is considered to have no definable architectural style for the purposes of this nomination.

The building primarily features three-over-one windows typical of its period of construction; the exception to this pattern occurs at the operating room, where one-over-one windows are present. Above the second-storey windows at the front facade, the building's brickwork is decorated with a basketweave bond. (A similar building is located in the same block as the Dr. Terral Clinic.) Awnings similar to those exhibited in the *circa* 1953 photograph (attached) shield the second-storey windows; a new style of awning has replaced the original at the first floor.

The two street-facing elevations of the building's exterior were painted several years ago by the current owner. As can be seen in the *circa* 1953 photograph, modifications have also been made to the fenestration at the front elevation. Whereas the building originally had a door-window-door arrangement, the single southernmost door opening has been moved northward and replaced with French doors, requiring the removal of the original window; the original northernmost door has been replaced with a single multi-light door.

The interior of the building is plainly finished, and without decoration, befitting the building's original commercial use as physicians' offices and a medical clinic. The majority of the interior walls are finished with plaster, although the exterior brick walls are exposed at certain areas of the interior (the owner indicates this condition was present at the time of purchase). Although the ceilings have been dropped with acoustic tile to a height of eight feet, the owner indicates that this was done as a precautionary measure to enclose exposed wiring and ductwork. The original ceiling was located above these wires. The interior retains its original floorplan of offices and medical rooms, including the operating room, two recovery rooms, and five offices at the second floor; a series of wheelchair/gurney ramps at both the first and second floors underscores the building's use as a medical facility. The X-ray diagnostic facilities were originally located on the first floor; this area has been modified to house a modern kitchen facility. Original wooden interior doors feature two-, three-, and five-panel designs, all with original hinges and glass-knobbed hardware.

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The main reception area has been modified somewhat through the enlargement of the adjacent office space and the addition of a glass "window" to the two office walls adjacent to the reception area. However, the original office door was re-used when the walls were relocated.

Although the building has been moderately renovated, the Dr. Terral Clinic retains its significant details—most importantly, the original interior spatial configuration as a hospital facility and medical offices. As a result, the building's fundamental character remains unchanged and, in any case, would certainly be recognizable to an individual contemporary with its construction; it thus retains the requisite integrity to be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Located in the parish seat of the extensively rural Union Parish, the Dr. Terral Clinic is significant in the area of health and medicine because its initial operation as a clinic/hospital in 1948 represented a substantial improvement in health care facilities in Union Parish.

Although the building being considered for the National Register was used as a health care-related facility from the time of its 1926 construction (having originally been used as medical offices), it was not until July 1, 1948 that Dr. William C. Terral opened his clinic-hospital facility—the day after his graduation from medical school. Until that time, there had been no facility for major medical care located in Union Parish. A 1941 report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates that while Union Parish had seven doctors to serve its approximate population of 20,000, there were no surgeons, hospitals, or clinics in the parish. In order to receive extensive medical care, citizens were required to travel to either Monroe, Ruston, or Shreveport, Louisiana or El Dorado, Arkansas—a minimum distance of more than 25 miles by rural roads.

Dr. Terral's predecessor at the facility (and the man who commissioned the building), Dr. Charles C. Francis, had planned to convert his medical office building into a full hospital, but instead sold the building and renovation plans to Dr. Terral. Physicians' offices, the primary clinic, and laboratory and X-ray facilities were located at the first floor, with the operating and recovery rooms and additional offices at the second floor. Dr. Terral has indicated that the demand for medical care allowed his practice to flourish immediately—he offered many medical services for the first time in Union Parish. Neither X-ray nor medical laboratory services had been located in Union Parish prior to the opening of his practice. More importantly, citizens were able to undergo routine surgical procedures such as appendectomies and give birth in a hospital setting.

At the onset of his practice, working 12-14 hours per day, seven days per week, Dr. Terral provided care to the citizens of Union Parish with the assistance of one nurse. Clearly, the need for adequate health care in Union Parish was recognized—by the mid-1950s, Farmerville would boast the planning of a new clinic-hospital and the town of Marion had a hospital facility as well.

Although a 1926 news articles suggests that an operating room was constructed on the residential property of another doctor in Farmerville, there is no evidence to indicate that this facility remained in operation for any time at all or, indeed, if the office was

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ever opened. If it did in fact open, it no longer existed as of the 1941 publication of the above-referenced report, which listed no hospitals or clinics in the parish.

The former clinic/hospital is currently used as office space, a traditional use which the current owner intends to continue.

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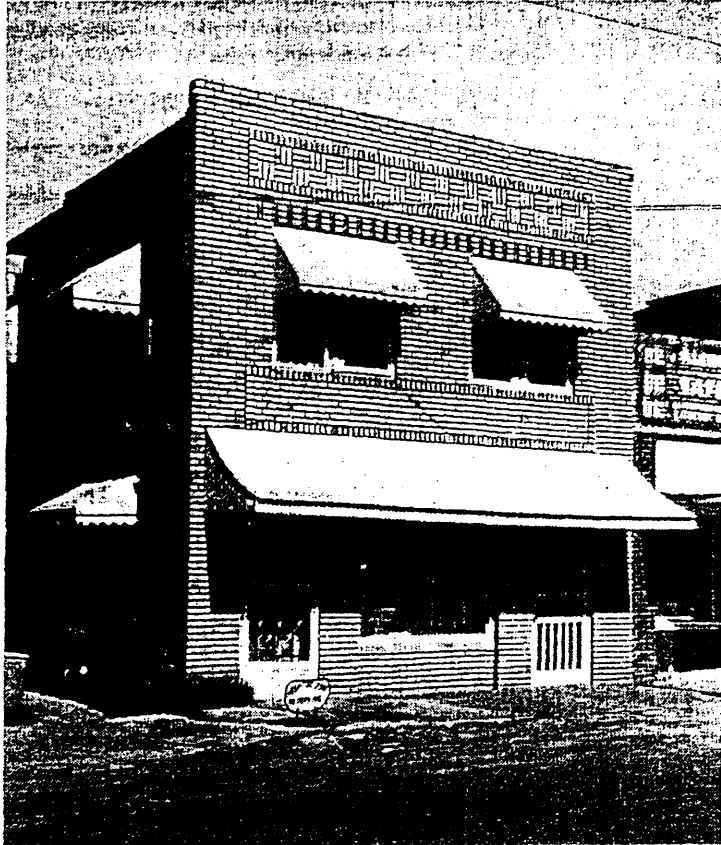
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LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

In the town of Farmerville, Louisiana, and beginning at a point on the west side of Washington Street, which point is 66 feet and 8 inches north from the southeast corner of the Block being and lying north of the Court square in the above town and from this point run west fifty feet and thence north twenty feet, thence east fifty feet, thence south twenty feet to the place of beginning, a lot twenty by fifty (20 x 50) feet.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Boundary follows property lines.



Terral Clinic—Farmerville

Terral Clinic, Union Parish, Louisiana

c. 1953 photo