

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 N/A

~~XXXX~~ common Lowé-Forman House

**2. Location**

street & number 5301 Camp Street N/A not for publication

city, town New Orleans N/A vicinity of congressional district 1st - Robert Livingston

state LA code 22 ~~XXXXXX~~ parish Orleans code 071

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Forman, Jr.

street & number 5301 Camp Street

city, town New Orleans N/A vicinity of state LA 70115

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Conveyance, City Hall

street & number 1500 Perdido Street

city, town New Orleans state LA 70112

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved

date N/A

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

The Lowe-Forman House (1897) is a relatively large Queen Anne Revival style town residence. It is located in a turn-of-the-century New Orleans residential neighborhood. It has suffered little loss of integrity over the years.

The two-story frame house has a side hall plan, two rooms deep, with a two-story rear wing. The hall is extra wide with a spatially articulated staircase. The living room and the dining room are connected by a set of sliding doors. The living room terminates in a forward facing semihexagonal bay which is continued in the story above.

The house has the following architectural embellishments which set it above its neighbors in terms of elaborateness and distinctiveness:

1. The Eastlake lower porch which has double columns and large brackets cut with fan forms. The east side of the porch terminates in a semicircular curve. All of the woodwork, including brackets, cornice, and balustrades, is steamed to conform to the curve.
2. The facade is surmounted by two gables of unequal size, both with elaborate moldings. The larger of the two surmounts the aforementioned semihexagonal bay. Transition between the bay and the gable is made by a group of four scroll shaped brackets. The gable itself is inset with an aedicule motif flouwered panel with a segmental pedimented top. The smaller of the two gables protrudes beyond the larger gable, and is inset with a lunette. It surmounts an unusual second story gallery consisting of a balustrade, a single central column, and large brackets.
3. The house is treated with four well-crafted stained glass windows. There is an unusual circular one set next to the front door, and two more which light the staircase as it ascends. There is also one set in the center of the second story semihexagonal bay. This one is surmounted by a wooden garland.
4. The staircase has Eastlake details with a balustrade consisting of both square and turned members. It is richly three-dimensional which is due in part to the fact that it is approached from the side. It ascends three steps to a balcony landing which has a stained glass window set on axis between two massive newel posts. It then ascends to a second landing and on to the upper story.

More common period features of the house include:

1. Plate glass windows.
2. Movable louver shutters.
3. Aedicule motif mantels (one of which has garlands).
4. Eastlake plaster ceiling medallions.
5. Transoms over interior doors.
6. Interior door frames constructed with corner blocks and bull's-eyes.

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7. Description (cont'd)

7. Interior doors constructed with four raised panels.

Integrity

Over the years the house has suffered little loss of architectural fabric. The only major loss has been the removal of the dining room mantel. In spite of this, the house retains many major embellishments which distinguish it from its neighbors. These include the articulation of the facade, the front gallery, and the staircase. The dining room mantel should be regarded as only a minor loss.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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** 1897 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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

The Lowe-Forman House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a superior example of late-nineteenth century architecture within the context of its local neighborhood.

The area of New Orleans west of Napoleon Street, east of Audubon Park, south of Prytania Street, and north of the Mississippi River is a homogeneous and well-recognized area of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century middle class residential development. There is also some later development. Turn-of-the-century development in this area is mainly characterized by standard builder houses with standard ornamentation. This includes shotgun houses, camelback houses, and two-story side hall plan houses which are ornamented with Italianate brackets, Eastlake columns, single Queen Anne Revival gables, and some Colonial Revival columns.

In contrast to this, the Lowe-Forman House has several distinctive features which place it considerably above the standard builder products commonly found in the area. These include:

1. The well-crafted, highly unusual curved east end of the lower front gallery.
2. The use of double Eastlake columns on the lower front gallery rather than the usual single Eastlake columns.
3. The use of two asymmetrically placed gables on the front facade rather than the usual single gable.
4. The highly unusual second story gallery with its single column.
5. The richly three-dimensional staircase. This is in contrast to the usual single straight flight staircase.

The house stands as one of possibly 30 of the architectural landmarks in an area of over 10,000 structures. It is therefore nominated for significance at the local level.

Relationship of Integrity to Significance: See Item 7

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JUN 10 1982

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Soard's New Orleans Directory, 1898

New Orleans Conveyance Records

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property approx. .14 acre

Quadrangle name New Orleans East, La.

Quadrangle scale 1=62500

UMT References

A 1 5 | 7 7 8 7 2 0 | 3 3 1 3 4 4 0  
Zone Easting Northing

B    |    |     
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to 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 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Forman, Jr.

organization N/A

date March 1982

street & number 5301 Camp Street

Home: (504) 891-0524  
telephone Mr. Forman's Office: (504) 566-158

city or town New Orleans

state LA 70115

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Robert B. DeBlieux*  
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 17, 1982

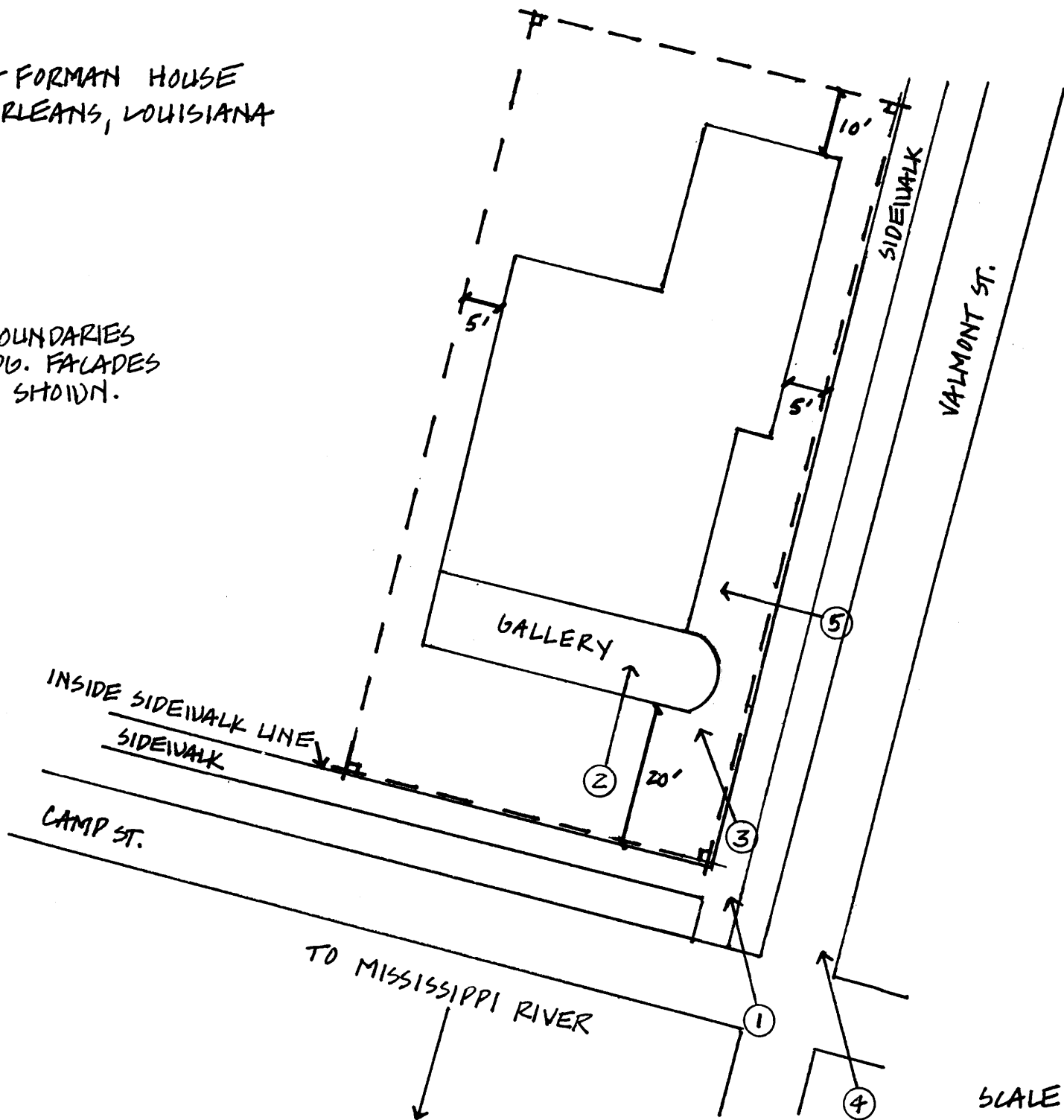
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*William H. Forman* date 6/29/82  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *[Signature]* date 6/29/82  
Chief of the National Register

LOIDE-FORMAN HOUSE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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



SCALE 1" = 20' APPROX.