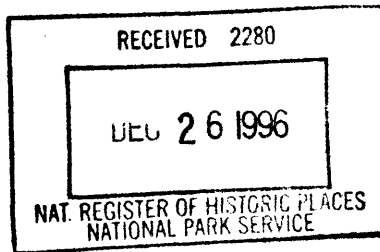


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 an 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 Harvey House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 608 Grammont N/A not for publication

city or town Monroe N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Ouachita code 073 zip code 71201

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Jonathan Fricker 12/13/96
Signature of Certifying official Title Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of 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 commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 A. Boall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action
1-25-97

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Name of Property

Ouachita Parish, LA
County and State

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.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

work in progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

Narrative Description

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

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The Harvey House is a one story frame residence located in a modern commercial area of downtown Monroe. The architectural evidence suggests a c.1880 date of construction. The house should be viewed within the context of the Italianate taste, due principally to its boldly articulated moldings and other details. Alterations have been minimal.

The Harvey House is a traditional galleried residence with a main block containing a central hall and one room on each side. The main block has a gable end roof (with gable end returns), a full entablature, and delicate, chamfered columns with boldly formed capitals. The entablature, gable end boards and the boards at the bottom of the porch floor are accented with multiple incised lines in the manner of reeding. There is also a three room ell wing. Sometime between 1893 and 1898 (per Sanborn maps) a one room addition was made at the rear of the main block adjacent to the ell.

Other details of the five bay facade include a balustrade of turned members, six over nine sliphead windows with boldly formed surrounds, and an entrance featuring a four lite transom and three lite sidelights with heavily molded panels below. The facade is sheathed in fairly narrow flush boards and is finished off with a molded baseboard.

The Harvey House is well detailed on the interior, which is well preserved. The mantel in the west front room features thick chamfered pilasters topped by large coupled brackets. The two identical back-to-back mantels in the eastern range have a very pronounced articulation. The entablature features several layers of molding at the top and incised horizontal lines toward the bottom. The pilasters are splayed and have oversized capitals with five layers of molding, a vertical piece of molding down the middle of each, and heavily molded bases. Door and window surrounds, baseboards, a chair rail in the hall and cornices (three rooms) are also boldly formed. Of particular interest are four elaborate cast-iron ceiling medallions ornamented with a variety of motifs. Doors have four raised panels with two lite movable transoms. The walls of the principal original rooms and the hall are sheathed in vertically laid beaded boards. The ceilings in these rooms are sheathed in unbeaded boards.

Alterations since construction:

(1) As noted previously, by 1898 the house had acquired a one room addition appended to the rear of the main block adjacent to the ell. This room presently has a low ceiling and has been patched and reworked due apparently to its conversion some time ago into a kitchen.

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(2) Although the house was built with an ell wing, Sanborn maps and the architectural evidence make it clear that the wing has evolved over the years, assuming its present character it appears by at least the 1930s. It is interesting to note that while the main rooms are well detailed, the last two rooms of the ell are quite simple, with the last one having an almost crude character.

(3) The original flooring has been covered with a simulation wood material.

(4) The front door has been replaced and a screen door has been added.

Assessment of Integrity:

The Harvey House is well-preserved in terms of National Register eligibility. All of its original character defining detailing remains.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for 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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) N/A

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1880

Significant Dates

c. 1880

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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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Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than an acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	5	5	8	3	4	6	0	3	5	9	6	3	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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 October 1996

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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name Merlin & Jane Smith

street & number 551 Queen Creeks Lane telephone 318-396-6767 (office)
318-396-0536 (home)

city or town West Monroe state LA zip code 71292

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The Harvey House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is one of very few pre-Colonial Revival residences remaining in the City of Monroe. It also illustrates very well the Italianate tradition as it is more typically found in Louisiana -- a galleried cottage much like one in the earlier Greek Revival style but with boldly articulated moldings, capitals, etc.

Monroe is one of Louisiana's larger cities and among its oldest, tracing its origins to a fort established there in the late 1770s. However, despite this long history, there are very few buildings which predate the twentieth century. Of the 1276 buildings over 50 years old recorded in a survey commissioned by the Division of Historic Preservation, only about 20-25 remain to represent earlier styles such as Italianate, Queen Anne Revival, Eastlake or Greek Revival. For example, almost all of the city's hundreds of historic residences date from the early twentieth century, a time of great prosperity due principally to a lumber boom and the discovery of a major natural gas field in 1916. Styles represented include Colonial Revival, bungalow, and numerous "English cottages" from the 1920s. Against this backdrop, a c.1880 galleried cottage in the Italianate tradition is a major landmark, being among few buildings left to represent the city's earliest architectural traditions.

In addition, the Harvey House is significant in its own right as an example of the way in which the Italianate was commonly found in Louisiana. Unlike typical examples of the style found in other regions of the country, characterized by picturesque asymmetry, Louisiana examples are by far rigidly symmetrical. As noted above, and as can be seen in the Harvey House, they closely resemble an earlier generation of Greek Revival residences. The difference is in the more lavish details -- for example, elaborate, boldly formed molding profiles and pronounced elements such as column capitals. The Harvey House is a textbook example of this version of the Italianate taste, being particularly well detailed and well preserved. It is one of only three known examples of its type remaining in the city, and its survival is indeed remarkable, given its downtown location and the periods of early twentieth century prosperity that caused almost all of the city to be rebuilt.

Historical Note:

The house at 608 Grammont was owned by real estate speculator Charles E. Bynum from 1906 until 1941 and used as rental property. It is being named for Florence G. Harvey, who began renting there in 1930 and then purchased the house from Bynum in 1941. In 1975 Mrs. Harvey deeded the property to her daughter Evelyn P. Bracken. The house was occupied until about a year ago. It is presently being restored by Merlin and Jane Smith, who purchased it in 1996 from the heirs of Bracken.

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Sanborn Insurance Maps, Monroe, 1890, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1909, 1913, 1920, 1926, 1932, 1950.

Title research done by owner.

Historic Structures Survey, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

Boundary description: Lot 2, Block 8, Hart's Addition, City of Monroe.

Justification: Boundaries follow property lines of parcel of land upon which nominated resource is located.