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**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 *Home*
Reiley-Reeves Home

AND/OR COMMON
Reiley House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
810 Park Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Baton Rouge

STATE Louisiana CODE 022 VICINITY OF East Baton Rouge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th -

CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves Jones ✓

STREET & NUMBER
Blairstown Plantation

CITY, TOWN Clinton VICINITY OF Louisiana 70722

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk of Court Office

STREET & NUMBER
East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Baton Rouge STATE Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1978 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN Baton Rouge STATE Louisiana 70804

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" 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 _____ |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reiley-Reeves home is the only Queen Anne style residence with a two-story octagonal room, turret and steeple left in Baton Rouge, and it is one of the few homes dating from the early 1900's (c. 1910-11) still standing in the city.

The house boasts a robust, masculine style, built obviously without the guidance of a trained architect. It features simple, yet massive moldings; mop boards 1' deep; 14' ceilings on the first floor, and 12' on the second; and French windows nearly 10' in height. The core of the building (less the porch) is heart pine dropped siding.

The aforementioned octagonal corner turret is hardly apparent to the casual observer because it is entirely encompassed within the front and side galleries on the first and second floors. But it protrudes impressively above the roof, adding dramatically to the skyline of the house. One of the most interesting aspects of the house is its plan. The Queen Anne living hall is achieved not by coherent design, but by modifying the standard Louisiana central hall double parlor plan.

One of the rear parlors is combined with the central hall to create a wide "L" shaped hall. The rear parlor portion, which creates the "L," contains a massive, two flight staircase opposite a brick mantel fireplace. Another Queen Anne spatial feature can be seen in the massive, paneled sliding doors which connect the living hall with the dining room, and the dining room with one of the front parlors. When the doors are fully open the living hall, dining room and the front parlor are spatially united.

The interior remains with little alteration in its design except for wall coverings and for partial removal of the servants' stairway in the rear. The nine fireplaces and mantel surrounds are original, but have been painted. Architectural details and ornaments, interior and exterior, are of Queen Anne style and are most graphically illustrated by the heavy vaguely Jacobean stairway.

The original brick and plaster facade, the heart pine second story gallery, and the original fenestration are evident on the front and side (east and north, respectively) elevations. In addition, a contemporary underground, open-air cellar, roughly 8' deep and cemented, is in existence and use; the cellar was originally designed for a heating furnace and for coal storage. The south side of the front porch is designed as a porte-cochere with a very deep bottom step for mounting horses or entering carriages or old motor cars.

Foundation traces of several outbuildings of this city compound are visible today: the brick stable, buggy shed and barn floors and the floor of the outdoor wash-house, with its natural underground drainage receptacle. The cook's house, built at a later date than the main house, is still standing to the rear, on an adjacent piece of property.

The original roofing material of pressed tin shingles is now covered with modern asbestos roofing, but is extant; this original roofing may be seen on the turret, which is accented by a cast-iron steeple.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Act of sale and mortgage, Zadok Realty to George J. Reiley, COB 46, folio 148 and MOB 36, folio 90; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Materialman's lien, George J. Reiley to Doherty Hardware Company, Limited, MOB 38, folio 263, Parish of East Baton Rouge-----dated October 17, 1911; recorded December (January) 6, 1912.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| C | | | | | | D | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See attached plat)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ann R. Jones

ORGANIZATION

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

810 Park Blvd.

TELEPHONE

(504) 383-0766

CITY OR TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana, 70806

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

Bernard Lamer

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2/26/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Bill Johnson*
 KEPT FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5-24-79
 MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE May 24, 1979

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Roseland Terrace

PLAN BK. 2

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GOVERNMENT STREET.

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WISTARIA STREET.

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OLEANDER STREET.

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CHEROKEE AVENUE

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OLIVE STREET.

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