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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 J. Arthur Roy House

and or common same

2. Location

street & number 1204 Johnston Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 county Lafayette Parish code 055

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 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"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A 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:

4. Owner of Property

name SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lafayette Parish Courthouse

street & number 221 West Main Street P. O. Box 2009

city, town Lafayette state LA 70502

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historical Sites Inventory, Lafayette Parish, Section II has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Lafayette Regional Planning Commission

city, town Lafayette 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 J. Arthur Roy House (1901) is a two-story frame Queen Anne Revival-Eastlake residence located in a residential area not far from downtown Lafayette. Because it has been little altered since construction, the house easily retains its National Register eligibility.

The Roy House features a central hall plan with an elaborate staircase which ascends from the rear of the hall to the front. The overall rectangular form of the house is broken up by a slightly protruding side wing and two two-story polygonal bays, both of which are set under gables with corner brackets. The house also has a two-story front gallery and a single story side gallery, both of which feature Eastlake columns with brackets. The front and side gables are inscribed with Palladian window motifs. The first and second stories are separated by a broad paneled band. The front gallery is surmounted by a similar band.

The interior features wainscotting and five-panel doors with richly molded raised panels. Most of the doors have molded fascia board surrounds with Eastlake cornerblocks. The mantels are golden oak and most feature mirrored overmantels. Some of the downstairs openings are treated with Eastlake scroll sawn screens popularly known as "carpenter's lace."

The most noteworthy feature of the interior is the staircase. At the base it has two heavily paneled newel posts which are richly sculpted with Eastlake details. The stair turns the corner with a simpler newel post and then ascends to the balustraded second story stair well. The balusters are particularly interesting. In addition to a decoratively turned top and bottom, each features a central truncated paneled obelisk.

The only noteworthy change in the house since construction has been the replacement of some of the interior door transoms with wooden panels. In our opinion, this change should be regarded as minor.

Adjacent to the house is a modern frame garage which, of course, is listed as a non-contributing element.

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 1901 **Builder/Architect** Builder: J. Arthur Roy
 Contractor: George Knapp
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C Architect: Arthur Van Dyke

The J. Arthur Roy House is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a landmark in Lafayette's heritage of late nineteenth-early twentieth century residences.

Of the sixty-nine 1880-1920 residences in Lafayette which are identified in the Lafayette Parish Historical Sites Inventory, twenty-one are a full two stories high. Of these twenty-one, the Roy House is the only one to feature two polygonal bays under gables (as opposed to one) as well as a two-story gallery. Moreover, the Roy House is the only one to feature a decorative paneled band between the stories. The Roy House interiors are also worthy of note. Scroll sawn screens are found in very few period residences in Lafayette. In addition, the Eastlake staircase is probably the most intricate and elaborate residential staircase in the city.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical Sites Inventory, Lafayette Parish, Section II. Prepared by Lafayette Regional Planning Commission for the Lafayette Council of Governments, June, 1977. This volume contains a historical sketch on the Roy House.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 2/3 acre

Quadrangle name Lafayette, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries follow property lot lines and curb lines, as shown on the enclosed plat 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 National Register Staff ASSISTED BY CITY OF LAFAYETTE

organization Division of Historic Preservation
State of Louisiana date April 1984

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-6682

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 May 10, 1984

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

Entered in the

National Register

date 6-14-84

Alton Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

Roy House

Item number 4

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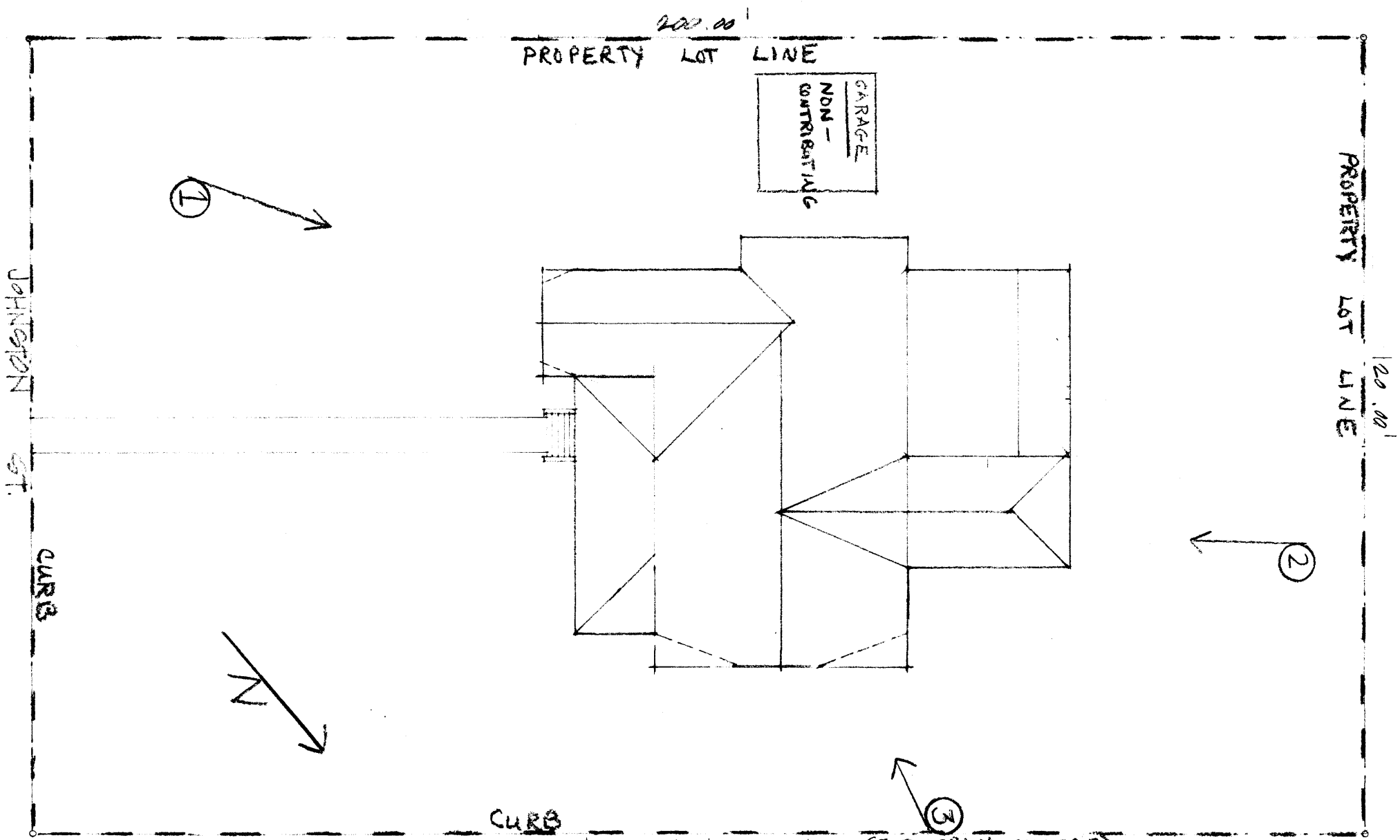
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= ROY HOME

===== SITE PLAN |" = 20'-0" =====

Lafayette
Lafayette Parish, LA

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