

Fairfield Historic District (Boundary Increase)
Caddo Parish, LOUISIANA

I hereby certify that the attached boundary increase is entered in the National Register


Signature of the Keeper

10/24/96
Date of Action

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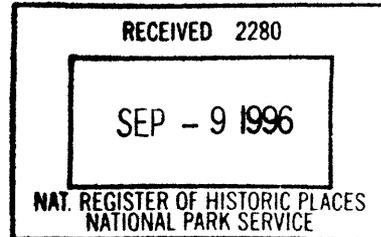
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3. As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant locally.

Jonathan C. Fricker 9/5/96
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date
 Jonathan C. Fricker, Deputy SHPO,
 Dept. Of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

5. Add 1 contributing building. Number of contributing resources previously listed:253

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The purpose of this boundary increase request is to begin the process of expanding the Fairfield Historic District in Shreveport to represent correctly its size and scope as a significant early twentieth century residential neighborhood. This application was precipitated by a Tax Reform Act submission for the property at 948 Boulevard Street, which is immediately outside the current district boundaries (see map). It is separated from the district by a fairly narrow alley. This request for a one building boundary increase is a temporary solution to solve an immediate problem and allow the LA SHPO staff adequate time for an overall reevaluation process. This methodology was cleared in advance with Louisiana’s National Register reviewer in Washington.

The property in question is an early twentieth century, single story, frame residence that partakes of the Colonial Revival style. Per attached xeroxed photographs of properties within the present boundaries, it is clear that the subject property is similar to other small Colonial Revival residences currently recognized as contributing within the district. Salient features include the use of round columns and forward facing dormers.

When the district was listed in 1983, the boundaries were very narrowly defined, being more or less limited to the area characterized by the most architecturally pretentious residences. The contribution made by more low key structures was not noted and was not a factor in defining the district. In addition, at the time the district was listed, a major factor in determining the boundaries was the construction of I-49, which was slated to take a large number of period residences immediately to the west of Fairfield Avenue. Thus the area in question, characterized mainly by bungalows, was not included in the district. Now that construction is complete, it is clear that the interstate did not take nearly as many properties as was envisioned. Also, there are a few small areas to the east of Fairfield, for example, where 948 Boulevard is located, that should also be included. Admittedly the houses in the proposed areas to be added are not as grand as those on Fairfield or scattered in other parts of the current district; however, they are similar to the more modest houses that comprise probably the bulk of the Fairfield Historic District and they will add to its credentials as a well preserved early twentieth century neighborhood.

Boundary description (948 Boulevard): Lots 8, 9 and west 20 feet of Lot 10, Block A, Thornhill Subdivision, City of Shreveport.

Less than an acre

UTMS: n/a (948 Boulevard is within the polygon on the original USGS map.)

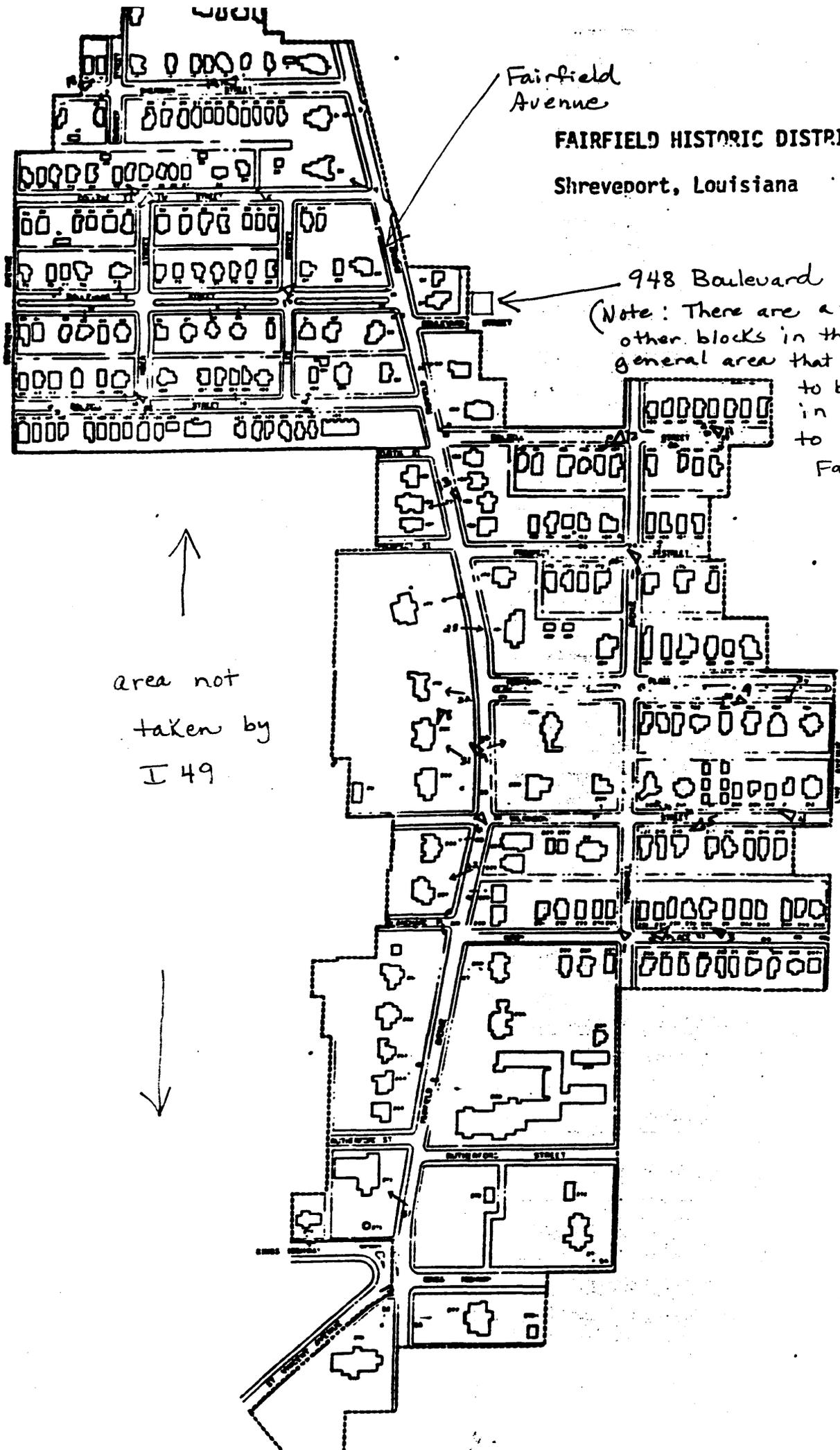
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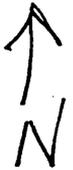


COMPARABLE MODEST EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY HOUSES WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT (SAMPLING ONLY)



Fairfield Avenue

FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT
Shreveport, Louisiana



948 Boulevard
(Note: There are a few other blocks in this general area that need to be added, in addition to west of Fairfield.)

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area not taken by I 49

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