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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 Natchitoches Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Natchitoches

North Central  
VICINITY OF Louisiana

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Louisiana

CODE

71457

COUNTY

Natchitoches

CODE

LA

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 list of property owners attached.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Natchitoches Parish Courthouse - Clerk of Court Office

STREET & NUMBER

Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Natchitoches

STATE

Louisiana 71457

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE National Register of Historic Places

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Natchitoches Historic District is a mixture of late 18th century, 19th century, and turn-of-the-twentieth century Victorian architecture. The City itself, the oldest permanent settlement in the state, actually dates from 1714 with the founding of Fort St. Jean Baptiste de Natchitoches by Louis Antoine Juchereau de Saint-Denis. For over a century it was an important trading center with the west. Its location on Louisiana's Red River permitted direct shipping from New Orleans, and it soon became an important link in the pack train trails.

The plan for the town was developed from property lines radiating from the river. In the late seventeen hundreds these property lines became streets, and later were intersected by other streets forming rectangular blocks. The area retains the atmosphere of a rural town with well-kept lawns and homes. Pride of ownership in this area is evident, and in recent years much restoration work by private individuals has boosted property values. The business area and the residential area are clearly defined due to early zoning restrictions. Front Street, which stretches the length of the business district, is brick paved and overlooks Cane River. This vista is one of the most beautiful in the South. The bank is terraced down to the river, and landscaped with crepe myrtles and oaks. Most of the opposite bank is also landscaped, and belongs to the city. The area in the old town section is not crowded and contains greenery in the business district. Old trees dot the landscape in the business district. New buildings that have gone up in the area in recent years have been designed to be compatible to the surroundings. Only those streets that run east and west are straight. Other streets are narrow and crooked, giving the appearance of quaintness since most of the dwellings were built at angles to the street.

The 1848 Conclin's New River Guide describes the city as follows:

Natchitoches is eighty miles above Alexandria. It is the last town of any size toward the south-western frontiers of the United States. The Spanish trade, for a considerable distance into the interior of the Mexican states, centers here; and it is the great thoroughfare for people going to and returning from those states. It is a very old town having been established above one hundred years ago. It is considerably larger than Alexandria [which is "the seat of justice for the parish, has a bank, a newspaper, a number of stores, &c."]. The population is a mixture of American, Spanish, and French. It is at present a growing place, and will probably one day become the largest town in this country, except New Orleans. There are many respectable families here; and the opulent planters have houses in the town, for the sake of society. The people are excessively fond of balls and dancing. It has a pleasant society, and a weekly newspaper, in French and English. The relations of this place with the immense country on the river above, and with the interior of the Spanish country, must necessarily be extended. It is beautifully situated on the shore of the river, and

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Natchitoches is the oldest permanent settlement in Louisiana. Established by the French in 1714 to promote trade with the Spanish and the Indians, and to keep back the Spaniards on the west, the town has been closely connected with the history of both Louisiana and Texas. The name, pronounced Nak-a-tosh, means "paw paw eaters" and was derived from the language of the Natchitosh, a tribe of Caddo Indians living along the Red River.

The Natchitoches Historic District is significant architecturally to the state of Louisiana as well as the nation because of its' number of buildings within the District constructed of boussilage type materials. These buildings are the only ones in this state in a concentrated area of this type of construction. Naturally there are various boussilage constructed buildings located throughout the state but in scattered locations. The largest boussilage type construction in the South and possibly in the United States is located in the Natchitoches Historic District. The house is commonly known as the Prudhomme-Rouquier house at 436 Jefferson Street. It is presently under restoration. It was constructed in 1806. Boussilage construction is a mixture of mud, moss or deer hair placed between posts. Batting is used to hold the boussilage in place until it is dried. Whenever a gallery overhang was in the house design, this boussilage was left exposed. However, if it was in an area of the building that could become wet, it was covered with a clapboard. Of course the boussilage constructed buildings within the District are of great importance; however the colonial, antebellum and victorian structures are of great significance also. It is this unique correlation of architectural designs that we believe makes the Natchitoches Historic District so unusual. The setting on the Cane River is superb. The City of Natchitoches has adopted the necessary ordinances to protect this District and the property owners have wholeheartedly accepted this designation and are cooperating completely.

For more than a century after its founding, Natchitoches was the center of the contest between France and Spain for trade and for territorial rights. France and Spain soon settled down almost in view of each other for a century of "watchful waiting." In the first few years of active colonization in Louisiana, Natchitoches, the closest point of contact on the border, became the focal point of interest in trade and in the inevitable conflict over boundaries.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 210 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	4,9,2	2,4,0	3,5	1,4	4,5,0	B	1,5	4,9,2	1,5,0	3,5	1,2	6,0,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C	1,5	4,9,1	3,0,0	3,5	1,2	6,0,0	D	1,5	4,9,7	2,6,0	3,5	1,4	4,5,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on East side by Williams Avenue between Old Bridge and Texas Street, continuing on East side by Jefferson Street between Old Bridge and College Avenue. South side by College Avenue to Second Street, North on Second to intersect with Fourth Street, Fourth Street to St. Denis Street, East on St. Denis to Third Street. North on Third Street to Pavie Street. East on Pavie Street to Washington Street. North on Washington Street to Texas Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Robert B. DeBlieux, Mayor, and State Historic Preservation Office

ORGANIZATION

City of Natchitoches

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 37, 314 Amulet Street

CITY OR TOWN

Natchitoches

DATE

August 10, 1978

TELEPHONE

318-352-4018

STATE

Louisiana

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS

JEFFERSON STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

100

Latief Ackel

116

Ida Gallien

122

Mrs. William Ackel et. al.

Vacant Lot

H. Taylor Estate

123

Earl Allen

130

Eugene W. Scott

134

Latief Ackel

137

W. G. Jones

142

J. L. Ackel

147

Ross Maggio

147 1/2

Ross Maggio

150

Melvin Doggett & W. A. Bradley, Jr.

154

L. H. Johnson Realty

154 1/2

L. H. Johnson Realty

158

Mrs. S. E. West

162

Delman Bynog

170

Alvin DeBlieux, Jr.

200

L. H. Johnson Realty

201

Miriam Carver

205

Mary Esther Roberson

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JEFFERSON STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
210	Mrs. L. E. Keran
220	Edwin A. Freeman
221	A. W. Jones
229	Jules Barré
230	Robert Lucky, Jr.
240	W. E. Alcock
300	John Luster
303	Dean F. Moore
309	Ryan Horton, Jr.
319	Mrs. A. A. Winbarg
320	Henry C. Taylor
310	City of Natchitoches
325	Mrs. M. L. Schuman Estate
331	Mrs. M. L. Schuman Estate
341	Mrs. Marshall Carver
342	Mary Grace Sandlin
357	Carl Henry, Jr.
358	Helen Levy et. al.
361	Dr. Steve M. Brown III

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**HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS**

**JEFFERSON STREET**

**Municipal Numbers**

**Property Owner**

366	Dr. Steve M. Brown III
400	Robert B. DeBlieux
401	E. Pauline Johnson
403	Don A. Mims
404	Mrs. Clyde Boyd
407	Cornelia E. Jordan
412	Mrs. Lucille Kelly
416	H. Lester Hughes
417	Mrs. Perry Angle, Jr.
424	Robert B. DeBlieux
428	Robert B. DeBlieux
431	Natchitoches Parish Police Jury
436	Service League of Natchitoches
452	L. H. Johnson Realty
457	Mr. & Mrs. Clive Glover
459	Mr. & Mrs. Clive Glover

**FRONT STREET**

500	Pierson Realty Corporation
502	Pierson Realty Corporation
512	Pierson Realty Corporation

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HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS

FRONT STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

524	Pierson Realty Corporation
530	H. L. Hughes et. al.
550	Jefferson DeBlieux, Sr.
558	Mrs. Elouise DeBlieux
560	Mrs. Elouise DeBlieux
570	S. & M. Theatre Corporation
582	Henry C. Taylor
586	Henry C. Taylor
590	People's Bank & Trust Co.
600	People's Bank & Trust Co.
604	People's Bank & Trust Co.
608	People's Bank & Trust Co.
612	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
616	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
624	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
628	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
636	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
700	Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
720	H. L. Hughes
732	Pete Cloutier



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FRONT STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
736	Pete Cloutier
744	Pete Cloutier
750	Pete Cloutier
758	Titus Fredericks
760	Natchitoches Motor Company
780	Natchitoches Motor Company
781	City of Natchitoches

WASHINGTON STREET

800	C. R. Whitehead
805	R. A. McQuillin
812	Natchitoches Lumber Yard
831	Joy Conlay, Trustee
837	Joy Conlay, Trustee
842	Mrs. Sam Levy
843	Oscar Butler
854	C. W. Bolinger
855	R. E. Gahagan
860	C. W. Bolinger
869	Charles D. Vienne
874	Suzette Unter

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HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS

WASHINGTON STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
875	Mrs. J. A. Dunckelman
901	Hilda Heim
Vacant Lot	Henry C. Taylor
907	Estate of Vera Brown
910	Charles D. Vienne
902	Howard Fitzhugh
911	Mrs. F. F. Lawton
916	E. M. Webber
917	Dorothy Poleman
926	Edmond Hughes
927	Frank Magers
932	A. G. Beck
933	Mrs. Mable Henry
940	Mrs. George Himel
943	Edna Colton & Ednee George
946	R. E. Gahagan

SECOND STREET

107	A. N. Maggio
109	A. N. Maggio
111	Henry Maggio

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HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS

SECOND STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

117	Grace & Charlie Maggio
119	Sam R. & Andrew Maggio
120	Kappa Sigma
126	Birdie Landry
129	Holy Cross Church
130	Mrs. Frank Gardey

American Cemetery

136	Carl Henry, Jr.
200	Milford Box
206	Milford Box
212	Manette Swett
218	Alba Book
222	Mrs. A. A. Fredericks
228	Mrs. A. A. Fredericks
236	Mrs. G. R. Sutton
242	Jewell O'Quinn
300	Frances Rae Gilson
304	Mrs. E. L. Scarborough
Vacant Lot	G. F. Thomas, Jr.
Vacant Lot	E. C. Breedlove Company, Inc.

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SECOND STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
312	Kennon Investment Corporation
313	L. H. Johnson
316	Ed Carroll
317	L. H. Johnson
320	Kenneth Carroll
321	Charles Kirsch, Sr.
322	Kappa Alpha
325	Percy Edwards
328	Ed Carroll
329	Mrs. J. F. Pace
332	Mrs. G. H. Johnson
335	Mrs. Adela Knipmeyer
339	L. H. Johnson Realty
340	Ed Carroll
343	Charlie S. Maggio
344	Ed Carroll
347	Charles S. Maggio
348	Ed Carroll
351	Carl Henry, Jr.
352	Mrs. H. L. Thompson

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SECOND STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
365	Mason Salter
368	B. Thaxton
373	Mason Salter
401	Rosalie Maggio
405	Rosalie Maggio
400	Dennie Huddleston
411	First Methodist Church
422	Sharon H. Ledet
428	Mrs. A. C. Massengill
734	Mildred Bailey
735	Mrs. J. E. Robeau, Jr.
Vacant Lot	Natchitoches Service League
450	First Federal Savings & Loan
455	Tom Barker
508	First Baptist Church
533	Trinity Episcopal Church
501	John G. Williams
507	Mrs. J. E. Robeau, Jr.
550	Mrs. W. Peyton Cunningham, Sr.
560	G. F. Thomas, Estate

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SECOND STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

600	Natchitoches Parish Police Jury
605	Immaculate Conception Church
611	R. E. Gahagan
613	R. E. Gahagan
Vacant Lot	R. B. Williams & Mr. & Mrs. Brittain
620	Phoenix Lodge 38, Masonic
Vacant Lot	R. B. Williams
622	Phoenix Lodge 38, Masonic
Vacant Lot (future Progressive L & Loan)	Mrs. Shirley Pullen
716	Arthur Watson
720	Arthur Watson
724	Arthur Watson
732	Charlie Makar
Vacant Lot (Parking)	City Bank & Trust
740	Robert Breedlove
800	Frontier Development Corporation
Vacant Lot	Natchitoches Motor Co.
801	Robert Smith
808	Frontier Development Corporation
809	Mrs. D. C. Garr

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SECOND STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owners

817	Nolan Francis Conde
Vacant Lot	Frontier Development Corporation
824	Leary Taylor
825	Gertrude Monroe
830	William Hunt
831	Ms. Annie Young
Vacant Lot	Mrs. Sam Levy
840	Mrs. Ruth Hankins
846	Mrs. May Fixary
852	W. P. Hagewood
855	C. W. Bolinger
Vacant Lot	C. W. Bolinger
865	Mrs. Gainne Hyams, Jr.

THIRD STREET

Vacant Lot	Natchitoches Police Jury
700	Whitehead & McCoy
702	Whitehead & McCoy
714	Martha Foshee
718	Martha Foshee
722	Martha Foshee

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THIRD STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owners

725	Arthur Watson
729	Russell Gahagan
726	Cele Cook
740	Horace Hughes Estate
741	Tommy G. Stewart
743	Tommy G. Stewart
753	Tommy G. Stewart
755	Selma Lieber
Vacant Lot	Mrs. Josie Breazeale
800	Don Dark
801	Andrew Vallien
804	Selma Lieber
805	L. H. Johnson Realty
808	L. H. Johnson Realty
812	J. W. Leggett
815	Carl Henry, Jr.
822	Wesley Stephens
825	L. H. Johnson Realty
831	L. H. Johnson Realty
833	L. H. Johnson Realty



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THIRD STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
836	Wesley Stephens
837	Wesley Stephens
840	Wesley Stephens
845	Gertrude Monroe
848	John M. Aaron
861	B. S. Turner

WILLIAMS AVENUE

202	Bob Daray
208	Bob Daray
212	Jared Pratt
214	Horce Ivy
215	George T. Shaw
216	Mrs. Jared Jordon
219	Lamar Dearing
220	Tom Buckley
225	Mrs. B. Corley
226	A. J. Buckley
300	Bill Boyette
301	Henri Lee Schuman
306	N. C. Buckley

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WILLIAMS AVENUE

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

307	Mrs. W. G. Stroud
315	William Knipmeyer
320	Rev. Jolly Harper
330	T. V. Falk
401	Dwayne Kruse
402	T. L. Miller
405	Mrs. Lester Lieber
406	James Steen
409	J. H. Blanchard
412	Kerlin Sutton
416	Mrs. Alvin DeBlieux
420	Armanda Vega
421	Leroy Miller
425	Leslie Prudhomme
428	Pierre Lemoine
433	Carl Henry, Jr.
434	T. V. Falk
441	J. H. Russell
440	W. A. Philp
444	Roy Buckley

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WILLIAMS AVENUE

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

501

Mrs. J. E. Robeau, Jr.

Vacant Lot

S. B. Evans

601

Mrs. W. P. Cunningham, Sr.

607

Mrs. Tom Wells

608

Helen Williams

612

Irma S. Willard

614

Frances Carroll

615

Michael P. Mielenz

621

W. C. Messer, Jr.

627

Edna Dowden

630

Shirley Gail Pierson Cromwell

605

G. R. Murphy Estate

711

Mack James

805

Robert Black

806

Mrs. Thelma Kyser

813

Janet Kyser

825

Josie Breazeale

900

Jim B. Key

905

J. H. Williams

910

J. G. Blevins

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WILLIAMS AVENUE

Municipal Number	Property Owner
913	Richard Rees
914	Mrs. Jewell Jackson
921	Walter Robinson
922	Clyde Bostick
926	Alvin Brown
927	Sam R. Rivers
931	Milford Green
938	W. J. Bullock
941	Mrs. Arlin Bice
942	Claude Gresham
945	T. J. Key

PAVIE STREET

132	James H. Lacaze
136	Charles Solomon
140	Ray Schexnider
Vacant Lot	Johnnie Michael
230	Cubie Michael

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TRUDEAU STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

120	Henry C. Taylor
130	Catholic Daughters
131	Joe Cunningham and Charles Vienne
137	G. F. Thomas, Jr.

TOULINE STREET

108	A. R. McCleary
128	A. R. McCleary
131	Percy Edwards
141	Tom Baker
148	Cora Jones
221	Mrs. O. C. Cook
223	H. J. Froeba
301	Miss Carmen Breazeale
307	Mrs. E. B. Walker
315	Mrs. Giles Millspaugh
321	Mrs. G. B. Ford

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RAGAN STREET

Municipal Numbers	Property Owner
108	R. W. Bretthauer
220	Paul Rachal
221	Dennie Huddleston
223	Bailey Thaxton
314	Hertzog DeBlieux
320	Mrs. Tom Baker

FOURTH STREET

434	Mrs. Carroll Fernbaugh
428	Robert Rector
420	City of Natchitoches

AMULET STREET

108	Ross Maggio
112	Doris Wilyerd
120	First Methodist Church
115	Lotis DeBlieux
128	First Methodist Church
129	Carl Henry, Jr.
131	Ross Maggio et. al.
133	Ross Maggio et. al.

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AMULET STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

220

Bailey Thaxton

224

Steve M. Brown II

314

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POETE STREET

104

Larry Taylor

114

Henry C. Taylor

124

L. H. Johnson, Realty

202

R. L. Christenson

215

Mrs. Albert Winbarg, Sr.

225

Mrs. Ruby Dunckelman

226

Mrs. Gene Urbach, Sr.

305

Joe Johnson

314

Jerry Dyes

Vacant Lot

Joe Johnson

321

Mrs. A. B. Shafner

327

L. H. Johnson, Realty

NELKEN STREET

314

Mary Timon

318

James Hearron

324

J. S. Dollar

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HORN STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

112	Edmond Hughes
120	Edmond Hughes
124	Emily Hughes Estate
126	Emily Hughes Estate
130	Emily Hughes Estate

PINE STREET

116	Joe Bob Cranford
200	Charles Cook
125	Sigma Tau Gamma
201	J. W. Sutton
207	L. H. Johnson Realty
211	Kerlin Sutton
306	Ben Mayeaux, Jr.

SIDNEY STREET

119	C. J. Fabian, Jr.
125	Sidford Walters
203	E. B. Sutton
207	L. H. Johnson
211	L. H. Johnson Realty
215	L. H. Johnson



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COLLEGE AVENUE

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

404	Jeannette Gunter
400	Kelly Weber
310	H. J. Froeba
304	Mrs. A. D. Stroud
216	William A. Scott, Estate
210	Clarence Lester
206	Mrs. Letitia Bingham
110	Dr. Sills & Dr. Cook

CYPRESS STREET

112	Mrs. A. D. Stroud
114	Elizabeth C. Vienne
115	E. E. Hawkins
Vacant Lot	L. W. Tyler
118	Robert Wilson
124	Rita Kendricks
127	Mrs. T. P. Deason
130	Bertha McClelland
133	Sidney O'Bryan
136	Bill Pierce
139	B. F. Snowden

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CYPRESS STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

145	Russell Duty
146	Harry Mobley
149	Tommy Stewart
150	Paul Torgrimson
153	Irma Taylor
158	Harold Murowske
161	W. C. Conerly
164	C. E. Boozman, Jr.
165	Charles Parks
169	Thomas A. Goss
170	Jim Adkins
200	Olive Cooper
201	Ted Hernandez
208	T. J. McCain
212	T. J. McCain
Vacant Lot	City of Natchitoches

PERCY STREET

236	Kerline Sutton
230	James M. Collie
236	Ray Barbo

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PERCY STREET

Municipal Numbers

Property Owner

300	Phyllis Brown
301	E. W. Otwell
304	L. H. Johnson Realty
307	Ruth Huddleston Sandlin
310	L. H. Johnson Realty
316	L. H. Johnson Realty

DEMEZIERE STREET

115	Mrs. R. J. Norman
202	Leonard Nichols
225	Rev. Ernest Lilley
315	Jimmie Barbo
310	Leonard Nichols
314	Mrs. Sam Grappe
320	Wayne Shuler
321	Wayne Shuler
328	Henry C. Taylor

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extends back to the pine bluffs, on which there are already some handsome houses. It is at the head of steam-boat navigation. This place has experienced the successive regimes of the savages, the Spanish, French, and Americans, and has had its war dances, fandangoes, French balls, and American frolics. The traces of the ancient grave-yard are almost erased. Indians, Spanish, French, Americans, Catholics, and Protestants, lie here in mingled confusion.

Chartered in 1819, the City of Natchitoches was on its way to becoming one of the most important cities in the state when the Red River shifted away from the community and, about the same time, the River was opened to navigation as far as Shreveport.

A great deal of the charm of Natchitoches can be directly attributed to the change in the river channel; there has been little out-of-character modernization and many individual restoration projects have also keep the "old town" flavor.

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Although LaSalle had visited the Natchitoches country in 1687, followed by Bienville and St. Denis in 1700, the post founded by St. Denis, known in early records as the Fort of St. Jean Baptiste de Natchitoches, was the first attempt at colonization. The choice of the site was a fortunate one. Situated at the head of navigation on the Red River, it had unbroken water transportation to New Orleans and it was close enough to the Spanish border to permit trade with the Spaniards and Indians in Texas and it was in the country of friendly Indians, who, from the time of LaSalle's visit, had formed a decided predilection for the French. St. Denis made Natchitoches the most lucrative trading center in Louisiana and won the French almost undisputed control over the Caddo Indian tribes and their allies.

The cession of Louisiana to Spain occurred in 1763. During the years of Spanish ownership, trade and colonization developed the post of Natchitoches. Through Natchitoches ran important highways connecting the east and the west, of which the best known was the King's Highway, now a part of the San Antonio trail. Over these highways passed, in a steady stream of pack trains, all the overland traffic between Mobile, Natchez, Texas and the Northwest territories. On the Red River, boats provided access to New Orleans and Europe. People from many nations passed through the district and some settled there.

The town of Natchitoches has been a seat of the government since the colonization of the district. It was given a charter in 1819. In 1872 it was incorporated as a city, and since 1912, the town has been functioning under a commission form of government.

In 1822 a census of the parish showed approximately 10,000 people and the inauguration of steamboat navigation in 1824 gave further impetus to both population and trade. It was predicted that Natchitoches would be the most important city in the state after New Orleans. However, two unforeseen events retarded future development. The Red River shifted its channel between the years 1825-50, leaving the town five miles from the river. About 1830, the log jam, which by blocking the upper stream had made Natchitoches the head of navigation, was removed by the United States government, and the river trade was transferred to Shreveport.

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The shift in the river was the single most important factor that contributed to the preservation of the "Old Town Section" of the historic city. After the river shift, change was very slow in Natchitoches. The years preceding the War Between the States were peaceful and prosperous. Activity centered largely in the rural sections, where cotton plantations enriched the owners and brought them something close to an idyllic existence. The homes built in Natchitoches during the French and Spanish regime, and also those built by the early Americans remained in their tranquil settings. The old street plans laid out in 1800 are the same today. Commercialization did not spread in the old town section. And, fortunately, when it did begin to spread after World War II, the emphasis was in a new setting that did not interfere with the charm and grace of old Natchitoches. Restoration in the old town section has been going on for the last 25 years. New buildings in the area are in keeping with their historic setting.

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