

Foundation for Historical Louisiana
A. Hays Town
Historic Marker Program



A. Hays Town, Baton Rouge’s renowned architect, is acclaimed for his distinctive architectural style which adapts to modern use the traditional elements of classic Louisiana architecture. In particular, Mr. Town is responsible for reviving elegant French Creole design form indigenous to our state’s culture. To preserve this legacy, the Foundation for Historical Louisiana has established a permanent “Register of Residences Designed by A. Hays Town.” As a part of this educational project, the Foundation is proud to offer owners of these homes the opportunity to purchase a commemorative plaque. The Foundation encourages private and public participation in the program as a means of arousing public interest and enthusiasm in the history of Baton Rouge and her famous architect. These educational markers are a visible compliment to the Foundation’s mission of fostering an appreciation of our cultural and architectural heritage.

Available Information Sources for Researching Historic Properties

- *Sanborn Insurance Maps:* Dates from approximately 1880 to the present. These maps include the size of the house as well as features such as bays, porches, and outbuildings. Some maps also include a listing of the material from which the house was built. The maps are not limited to residential structures and may include factories and commercial buildings.
- *Andrew D. Lytle Collection:* Located in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection located in Hill Memorial Library at LSU, this collection of photographs was taken throughout Baton Rouge in the late 19th century.
- *Conveyance Records:* Located in the courthouse, these records enable one to trace property ownership through deeds and title abstracts.

Additional Information Sources

- *State Office of Historic Preservation*
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/ocd/hp/ocdhp.htm>
- *National Trust for Historic Preservation*
Southern Regional Office
456 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
<http://www.nationaltrust.org>
- *East Baton Rouge Parish Library—River Center Branch*
120 St. Louis
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

***Foundation for Historical Louisiana
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Applicant Information

Name of Current Homeowner _____

Name of Original Homeowner (if different) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Structure to be marked

Date of Construction Completion _____

Source of Proof of Date _____

**See attached information for available information sources*

Noteworthy Design Features _____

Any Additions or Alterations to the Original Design _____

Further Comments _____

***Please provide at least four current photographs of the structure:
façade, streetscape, sides of structure, rear view, and any other features of interest***

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Date Application Received _____ Payment Received: Yes/No

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Check all application information received:

___ Name and address of applicant

___ Address and description of structure and current use

___ Evidence as to approximate date of construction and source of information

___ At least four (4) current photographs of the structure including front, two sides, and back

Structure meets all qualifications and should be marked: Yes/No

Date Marker Ordered: _____ **Date marker placed on structure:** _____

Applicant notified of status of application: Yes/No **Date** _____

When processing application, make a copy of check received for the application file.

The attractive plaque measures 5" x 3" and is cast in bronze for either interior or exterior mounting, hardware included. Plaque cost is \$200, of which \$100 is tax deductible, as the Foundation is a 501 (c)(3), not for profit organization.

A. Hays Town Plaque Order Form Name: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Number of Plaques ordered _____

Plaques are \$200 each.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*The Foundation accepts checks as well as Visa and Master Card.
Please make checks payable to the "Foundation for Historical Louisiana."*

Name on Card _____

Type of Card VISA MASTER CARD

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

*Return this order form and payment to:
The Foundation for Historical Louisiana
PO Box 908
Baton Rouge, LA 70821*