

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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County Galveston USGS Quad 2994/231 Survey site no. 13
 City Galveston UTM's 326060/3242800
 Name Jean Lafitte Hotel Date: factual 1927 Est. _____
 Address 2105 Ave. F. Architect/Builder Andrew Fraser, Galveston
 Contractor Bellows Maclay (cont.) *
 Owner Henry L. Schulle Style/Type commercial (cont'd) **
2425 West Loop South Original use hotel
 Address Suite 420 Present use hotel
Houston, Texas 77027 Present condition good, lower level altered;
 Block/Lot 381/6-7; less than 1 acre windows on 4 floors replaced.

Description Ten-story brick hotel structure; rectangular with flat roof; street level faced with dressed stone. Most openings on street level enclosed; single main entrance on north side protected by arched brick canopy; rectangular window openings on upper floors are single or paired; windows on second level have carved swags in face of arch; carved stone band separates lower 8 floors from upper 2.

Significance Built as the major downtown hotel at time when Galveston was resort, port, and gambling center. Provided (and provides) downtown hotel "for business and commercial visitors and for tourists." Had 204 rooms each with private bath. W.L. Moody, Jr. is credited with originating idea of building hotel. Property was purchased from Elks. Galveston citizens subscribed the funds under a "buy a room" plan to sell stock; 127 rooms "sold" for \$1,000 and "drummer suites" with combined bedrooms and sample suites. Opened October 1927. Andrew Fraser, architect, was originally from Scotland; came to U.S. in 1909, and to Galveston in 1926. He designed several major Galveston buildings.

The Jean Lafitte Hotel was the most up-to-date hotel in downtown Galveston. Construction was initiated by a major Galveston businessman. Commercially and economically, it was an important addition to the city; a visual landmark, it is one of the largest structures in the downtown and serves as an anchor to this area.

There is a complete set of plans for the original building which the owner will utilize in the renovation of the hotel.

Relationship to site: Moved _____ date _____ or Original site X Describe On corner in downtown; across from St. Mary's Cathedral and half block from county courthouse.

Bibliography Galveston Daily News, Informant _____
10/29/1927 and 10/1/1927 Recorder Ellen Beasley
Date Nov. 1982

Continuations: * Contractor - Construction Co. of Dallas.

** Style/Type - described as "carrying out the architectural motifs of the Renaissance period with American colonial style."

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Jean Lafitte Hotel (Central Business
District MRA)
Galveston County
TEXAS

Working No. MAR 29 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/26/84 - 5/13/84
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 5/2/84
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
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Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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 | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
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- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____ *Please provide acreage*
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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Signed *Helmut Byer* Date *5/2/84* Phone: _____

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Central Business District Multiple Resource Area
State Galveston County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Building at 1921--1921-1/2
Avenue D

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 8/14/84

Attest

2. Building at 1925--1927 Market
Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 8/14/84

Attest

Substantive Review

3. City Hall

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor - 8/14/84

Attest

4. City National Bank

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National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

5. Eiband's

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6. First Evangelical Lutheran
Church

Entered in the
National Register

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Melora Byers 8/14/84

Attest

7. House at 2528 Postoffice St.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 8/14/84

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8. Houses at 2017--2023 Avenue I

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National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 8/14/84

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9. I.O.O.F. Lodge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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10. Jean Lafitte Hotel

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Galveston Central Business District
Multiple Resource Nomination
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

Photo by Ellen Beasley, May 1982; neg. on file at
Texas Historical Commission, Austin

Site No. 13, Jean Lafitte Hotel, 2105 Church (F),
looking southwest.

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000842