

Gentilly Terrace Historic District

Name of Property County and State

Orleans Parish, LA

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The boundaries of the Gentilly Terrace Historic District encompass 665 buildings, virtually all of which are residences. The focus of the nomination is a streetcar/automobile suburb of the City of New Orleans platted in 1909 with the name Gentilly Terrace. A self-proclaimed "California style suburb," Gentilly Terrace's most important homes are those in the Craftsman or "California bungalow" style (39% of the total). Other styles include Colonial Revival, English Cottage, Spanish/Mediterranean, and a category being labeled "eclectic!" because of numerous stylistic influences. Most houses are sheathed in wood (either clapboards or shingles), although there are a significant number of stuccoed residences. The scale is mixed one and two story. The non-contributing rate is a reasonable 18%.

METHODOLOGY

The Division of Historic Preservation began its work in Gentilly at the request of local residents and the neighborhood association. The division's Register coordinator first surveyed an initial target area, coding buildings on a map by style and contributing/non-contributing. This enabled the boundaries to be refined. Additional fieldwork included photography, further examination of buildings, and research in various primary sources available in New Orleans.

SETTING/GENERAL BACKGROUND

All of the nominated district except for the south side of Gentilly Boulevard (see map) was part of the Gentilly Terrace suburb mentioned above. The south side of Gentilly is being included in this submission because it differs little in