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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Victorian House, built in 1887, is an excellent example of Italianate Victorian architecture. Intricate embellishments respond romantically to the Italianate Style; however, the overall appearance is forthright and bold.

Of brick construction, this three story home rests on a cut-stone foundation encompassing some 4800 square feet of living area. Exterior walls are four courses or 16 inches thick. Every interior wall is brick, two course, eight inches thick. The house is a veritable fortress a monument to this area's early-day craftsmen.

Over three hundred feet of cast iron fence flank the street boundries of the one acre grounds which are presently undergoing landscaping.

The most captivating elements of the home start at the roof. The third story "king's walk or widow's walk" as it is known locally is capped by a campainiform bonnett balanced by a triple window dormer. Deep overhanging eaves are supported by fancy carved brackets alternated with smaller less visible ones.

Seven outside porches add character, the most obvious on the facade, each cushioned by dual bay windows on each flank allowing cool summer breezes in the bedrooms. Another single story bay protrudes from the home's east wall. Each porch roof is supported by four, hexagon bracketed pillars. Each portico is encased by an intricately carved balustrade.

A charming and unusual feature is the carriage porch on the home's east side. Victorian aristocrats could indulge in a pleasant Sunday afternoon carriage ride without so much as touching the ground, an appreciated feature after a summer shower.

The quarter basement sports a cool wine cellar indicitive of 19th century elegance. A pyramid-roofed diamond lattice gazebo was the perfect place for relaxing.

The interior of the home features eight fireplaces with seven of the mantles still intact. Two mantles stand over eight feet high with elaborate hand carved and tooled spindles. The stairway balustrade is solid walnut featuring an inlaid burl newel post. Walnut louvered shutters cover practically every interior window; Alternating maple and walnut flooring adds charm to the entry hall.

Unfortunately much of the interior trim has been painted, however the library, which contains the most elaborate woodwork was recently stripped and refinished to its original splendor.

The home is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wheeler.

#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This gracious home, built in 1887 was originally known as the Elliott Home after its original owner who commissioned its construction, Harry Elliott, an early day miner, attorney and pioneer of Benton County.

The building is of architectural significance due to its beauty, quality of original design and workmanship. It serves as a fine example of Italianate Victorian style, the most significant of the few remaining in Benton County. Fortunately its new owners have a deep appreciation for Victorian architecture and are presently attempting to restore it to its original splendor.

Harry W. Elliott was the son of Benton County Judge Samuel Elliott. At an early age he left for the silver fields of Silver City, New Mexico sometime in the early 1870s. While there he practiced law and acquired a significant share of a silver mine which later produced a rich vein. While on a visit to Bentonville in early 1887 Elliott decided to sell his share of the mine and remain here with his aging parents. His share brought him a reported half million dollars.

Harry Elliott purchased a small parcel of land and commissioned the building of the house for his parents and younger sister Adeline Elliott Woods. Construction started in the fall of 1887 and completed sometime in 1888.

Elliott never actually lived in the home but in a smaller house which is still standing at the back of the property. All of his meals were taken in the large house but he preferred to spend his lesuire time in quiet solitude.

Facts concerning Harry Elliott's discovery of silver and his later life have been difficult to obtain because he was a private man and resented inquiries into his personal life. Perhaps the opportunists of the mining towns had something to do with his unusual attitudes.

At his death in 1923 he had vast holdings of real estate and personal property. His cash value in stocks, bonds, etc. was in excess of \$300,000.

Elliott's younger sister, Adeline Elliott Woods remained in the home until her death in 1950. Mrs. Woods was an avid stamp collector and was reported to have owned one of the finest collections in the nation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt traded stamps with her frequently through correspondence.

Mrs. Woods, besides being the last of Victorian aristocracy in Bentonville, was

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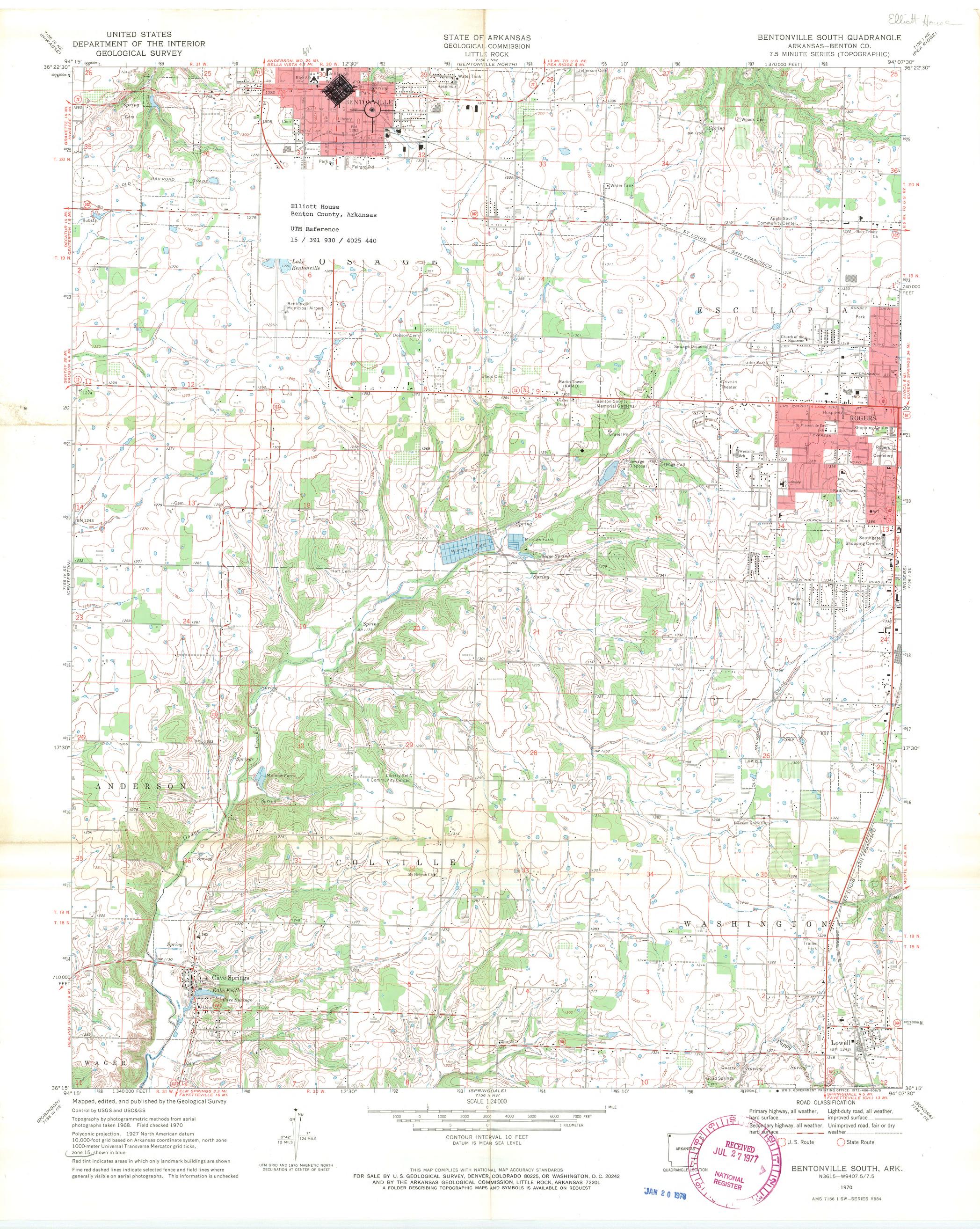
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- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES





# ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



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May 26, 1977

Larry and Becky Wheeler 303 S.E. Third Street Bentonville, Arkansas RECEIVED

JUL 2 7 1977

NATIONAL REGISTER

Elliott Home Bentonville, Benton County

Dear Mr. and Ms. Wheelek

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will present the National Register nomination of the Elliott Home to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Dianna Kirk of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days, your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard Deputy Director

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.

XXXXXXXXX Yes No

Comments:

Date Signature



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July 19, 1977



Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register National Park Service-National Register Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed you will find the nominations for the properties listed below which have been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee.

Elliott Home Yauch-Ragar House Ferguson House Josiah Foster Building Isaac W. Stark Log House Bryan House
Henry Clay Mills House
Chicago, Rock Island and
Pacific Railroad Depot
Loch Bee Post Office

I hereby certify that the persons listed in Section 4 of the nominations are the legal owners of the properties.

Sincerely,

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

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