

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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YMCA--Democrat Building (Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection TR)
Pulaski County, ARKANSAS

OWNER OBJECTION WITHDRAWN

87001544

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY YMCA--Democrat Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 5/11/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/11/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/25/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 87001544

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/11/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*owner objection
withdrawn*

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

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

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Arkansas Democrat Gazette

April 30, 1992

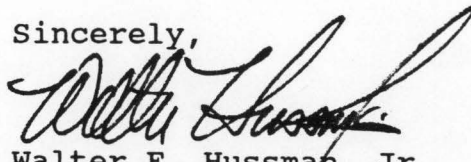
Mr. Patrick Zollner
Arkansas Historic Preservation
Program
225 E. Markham; Suite 200
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Zollner:

At this time, we would request that the YMCA-Democrat Building located at Capitol & Scott Street be considered for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

Thank you.

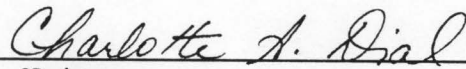
Sincerely,


Walter E. Hussman, Jr.
Publisher

WEHJr/vag

cc: Paul Smith

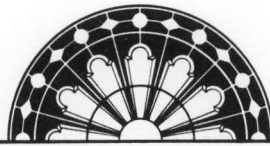
Sworn before me on this 15th day of May, 1992.



Notary

My Commission Expires:

5-18-95



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May 6, 1992

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: YMCA-Democrat Building (Formerly known as the YMCA Building)
Capitol and Scott
Little Rock, AR

Dear Carol:

As per the request of the owner we are asking that the above referenced property (which was approved by the Arkansas State Review Board and subsequently received a formal DOE from your office on March 27, 1987) be stricken from the owner objected-list, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:kg

Enclosure



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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: 19

Congressional District: 2

Name: YMCA Building

Current Owner: Arkansas Democrat

Address: East Capitol and Scott Streets

County: Pulaski

Address: East Capitol & Scott Street

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: 1904

Stylistic Influence: Renaissance Revival

Original Use: YMCA

Present Use: Newspaper Publishing

Geographical Information

UTM Reference:

Acreage: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description:

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☐ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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Code:Physical Description

The YMCA Building, constructed in 1904, is a commercial structure with three stories and a basement. The original design was in the Renaissance Revival style, which is still evident, although the building has been greatly altered, both on the interior and exterior. A 1974 renovation has rendered the facade monochromatic; however, early photographs reveal that the keystones, arches, window moldings and sills were all of a lighter, contrasting color than the brick wall surface. This made the Renaissance Revival detailing more distinguishable than it now is. The original cornice was removed in 1949 and the present stationary window panes were a product of the 1974 renovation. The principal facade, on Capitol Street, is divided into three bays with the center entry bay being recessed. On the upper levels, the projecting bays have "quoins" at each corner, produced by the brick formation. The "rustication" of the ground floor is also a product of the brickwork, done to resemble the rusticated base of an Italian Renaissance palace. (Originally both the "quoins" and the "rusticated" base were of a different brick color than the remaining wall surfaces.) All of the facade openings have prominent keystones. The entrance is emphasized by a triumphal arch motif, created by the large round arch doorway and smaller, flanking round headed windows. There is a string course which separates the third and attic floors and the attic level is decorated by modified medallions placed at the same intervals as the windows below.

Statement of Significance

Designed in 1904 by Sanders and Gibb, the YMCA Building is an example of Renaissance Revival architecture. Although the structure has been greatly altered, it is historically significant on both a state and local level. Its site was the original location of the territorial capitol and the building itself was the first YMCA facility constructed in Arkansas. Its current occupant, the Arkansas Democrat, is one of two Arkansas newspapers with statewide circulation. The Democrat moved into the building, which is the only extant structure associated with the newspaper's development, in 1930. The Democrat was founded as the Arkansas Evening Star circa 1871, and since that time has made a significant contribution to Arkansas history in the areas of journalism and communications. The Democrat is the second oldest newspaper in the state and its owner and editor from 1878-1902, Professor James Mitchell, was recognized as the state's most influential journalist. From 1926-1968 the newspaper was controlled by another prominent Arkansan, K. A. Engle.

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("R" June 1984)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETYMCA Building (Charles L. Thompson)
Design Collection TR)
Pulaska County
ARKANSAS

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Working No. NOV 4 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/19/86Action: ACCEPTRETURN 12-19-86REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Nomination returned for technical
reasons discussed below.*Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer NobleDiscipline HistorianDate 12/19/86

____ see continuation sheet

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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

X UTM References *Please provide UTM references*

X Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide VBD

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

X 13. Other

- ☒ Maps *Please provide USGS maps*
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Beth Grosvenor Date 12/19/86 Phone: _____

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UTM Reference: 15/566820/3844660

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Verbal Boundary Description: The north 37' of Lot 9, the south 10' of the west 50' of Lot 10, and the east 90' of Lots 10,11,12, in Block 6 of the Original City.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Charles I. Thompson Design Collection TR
State Pulaski County, Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

149. Exchange Bank Building

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National Register

Keeper

Attest

150. Federal Reserve Bank
BuildingEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

151. Moore Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

152. Hall Building

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

153. Democrat Printing &
Lithograph Co. Bldg.

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

154. Beal-Burrow Dry Goods Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

155. YMCA Building

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Attest

156. Waters--Pierce Oil Company Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

157. Rose, U.M., School

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

158. Nichol House

Keeper

Attest

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YMCA Building (Charles L. Thompson
Design Collection TR)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Working No. 11-4-86

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 3/24/87Action: ACCEPT 3-27-87Determined Eligible RETURNREJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

All requested technical corrections have been completed. While the building has apparent historic significance, its architectural qualities have been greatly compromised by alterations.

Recom./Criteria Eligible Accept A
 Reviewer Noble
 Discipline Historian
 Date 3/27/87
 _____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
 _____ substantive reasons discussed below

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- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

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

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



YMCA Building- LR 0045
Little Rock, Pulaski County
Photographed by Sarah Brown, 1985
Negatives on file at AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000032

Arkansas Democrat

February 14, 1985

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AMPP

Mr. Wilson Stiles
Arkansas Historic Preservation
Program
Heritage Center, Suite 200
225 East Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Wilson,

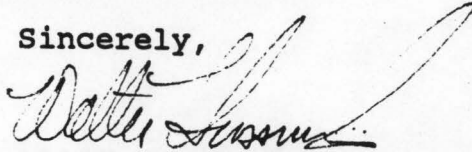
This letter is in response to your letter of February 7th regard placing the Arkansas Democrat (formerly the YMCA Building) at 123 E. Capitol on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although we are cognizant of all the benefits associated with such a nomination, unfortunately most of the renovation to the Arkansas Democrat has been completed, and as a result, we see very few tax benefits associated with such a nomination. Also, we are contemplating additions which we would need to make to our building, and we would be concerned about what impact such a nomination would have on these additions.

As a result, we have elected not to acquiesce with the nomination of the Arkansas Democrat building.

Thanks again for your help and interest.

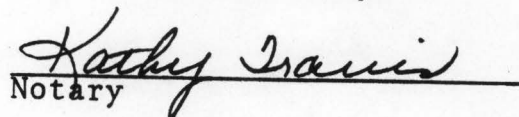
Sincerely,


Walter E. Hussman, Jr.
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WEHJr/kt

cc: Paul Smith

Sworn before me this 14th day of February, 1985.


Notary

My Commission Expires:

July 26, 1989

DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE Arkansas

DATE DETERMINED 3/27/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
YMCA Building (Charles L. Thompson Design Collection TR)	Pulaska County

Also Notified

Mr. Wilson Stiles, Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
The Heritage Center, Suite 300
225 E. Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
The Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Ave. #809
Washington DC 20004

Southeast Regional Office
National Park Service
75 Spring Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-9536.