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The Arthur Thompson House is a very early Victorian style in the State of Arkansas. Built in 1859, it must have been a style setter in the City of Helena, because other houses in the area at that time were Greek Revival style or otherwise symmetrically-styled buildings. There is good indication that the original front porch was executed in wood and that the present wrought iron front porch was a later alteration to the house. The original front entrance matched exactly the rear entrance with a perfectly semicircular arch headed doorway in place of the present fan shaped front door with side lights.

The house is basically a red brick, two-storey, five bay structure with the two left side bays projecting to the front. There are two rooms on either side of the center hall both upstairs and down with a separate one-storey kitchen located off the right hand rear corner of the house. The projecting ell has a gable roof connecting to a hip roof on the rest of the house with four internal chimneys, two on either end of the house. The house presently has a bracketed cornice, however, the brackets may have been added to a simpler cornice that was originally installed.

The interior of the house is especially impressive with an unusually handsome staircase in the center hall and ceilings in excess of fourteen feet in height on both the first and second floors. The cast plaster cornices on the interior are elaborate and in good condition. Several very early, if not the original, chandeliers survive in the house. The windows are long and relatively wide, having operating louvered shutters on each of them. The right hand front room has the windows extending to the floor opening onto the front porch.

The spacious grounds are surrounded by a handsome wrought iron fence. The area between the main house and the original kitchen has been closed in with a one-storey brick connection topped by a second-storey frame-constructed sleeping porch. It appears that some portion of this was original, probably in the form of a porch extending across the back of the main house, but now completely enclosed and added to in later construction.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By the summer of 1863 Helena, Arkansas had become a strongly garrisoned and fortified Mississippi River town under the command of Union General Samuel R. Curtis. On July 4, 1863 Helena was attacked by approximately 7500 Confederate troops under General T. H. Holmes. The stronger Union forces successfully repulsed repeated Confederate assults which resulted in heavy Confederate casualties particularly in Fagan's and McRae's brigades. Graveyard Hill, where the son of Governor Henry M. Rector was killed, Hindman's Hill and Fort Curtis developed as the storm centers of the Battle of Helena.

The Thompson-Moore-Hornor House is situated on one of the main battle sites of the Battle of Helena and much of the fighting occurred directly behind the house. It is amazing that the house escaped destruction for it was in the direct line of fire from Fort Curtis and Battery D. There are two bullet holes in the sliding doors between the double parlor, said to have come from the Confederates on the hill firing on the Gun Boat Tyler on the Mississippi River.

The Thompson-Moore-Hornor House is architecturally significant because it is an early asymmetrical Greek Revival style. It was a style-setter in Helena that was patterned after the newer Victorian style of the east coast of the United States. It represents one of the earliest examples of this type of architecture in Arkansas.



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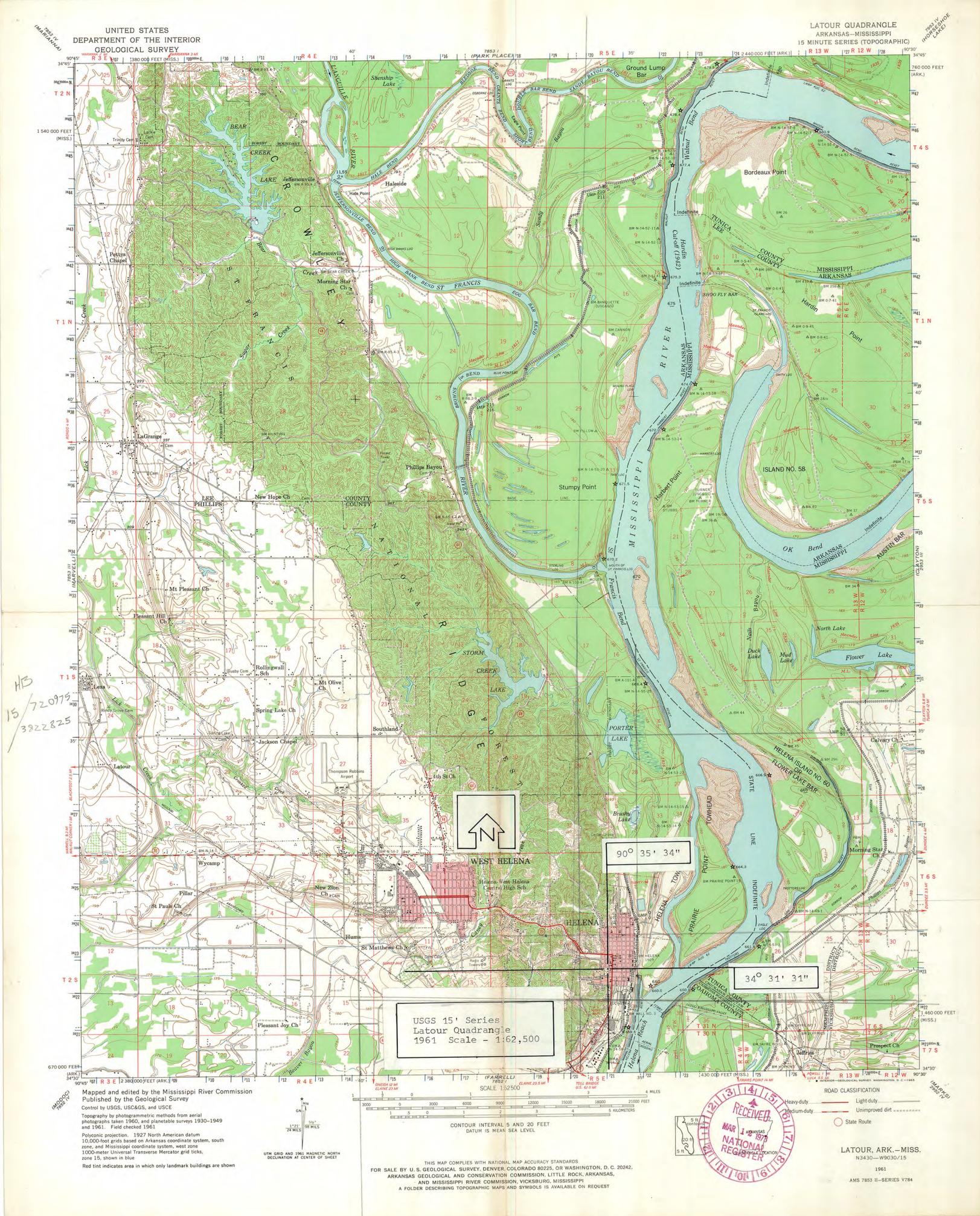
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May 8, 1973

Mr. Jerry L. Rogers Chief of Registration National Register of Historic Places National Park Service Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am returning the Moore-Hornor Home Nomination and the Tappan-Pillow Home Nomination with the additional information you requested in your memorandum of May 2, 1973.

Sincerely,

Gene Richardson Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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May 29, 1974

Mr. Charles A. Herrington, Supervisor Review Committee National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

It has recently come to our attention that an incorrect bibliography may have been submitted for a National Register property in Arkansas. Please check your copies of the "Tappan-Pillow Home" and the "Moore-Horner Home" to verify whether or not the same bibliographical references were listed for these two properties (both in Phillips County).

If, in fact, the same bibliography has been submitted for both properties, please change the entries to conform to the following:

Tappan-Pillow Home (General James C. Tappan Home)

Phillips County <u>Deed Record Book Q</u>, pp. 166 and 321.

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Phillips County <u>Deed Record Book B3</u>, p. 161.
Reynolds, John Hugh, ed. "The Tappan Home."

<u>Publications of the Arkansas Historical</u>

<u>Association</u>, Vol. 1, 1906.

Mr. Charles A. Herrington, Supervisor Page -2-May 29, 1974

Moore Horner Home

Phillips County Deed Record Book Q, pp. 559-560. Phillips County Deed Record Book B4, p. 546. Phillips County Probate Record Book D, p. 34. Phillips County Tax Records, 1856, 1859, and 1860.

Please advise us as soon as possible as to the bibliographical references to these two nominations.

Sincerely, Dianna Kirk

Dianna Kirk Historian

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Ms. Diana Kirk, Historian Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Suite 1030, Plaza West Mc Kinley Street and Lee Avenue Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Hs. Kirk: A. Warnington, Supervisor

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the bibliographic references of two National Register of Historic Places entries, the "Tappan-Pillow Home" and the "Moore-Horner Home."

A review of our files disclosed that the two nominations did have the same bibliographic references. Our files have now been corrected as per

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Again we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

acting Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh Keeper of the National Register

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January 25, 1977

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

> Re: Moore-Hornor House Helena, Phillips County

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

This letter is to notify you of the change in ownership of the Moore-Hornor House in Helena. The new owners are:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hornor 323 Beech Helena, Arkansas

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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