

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	Arkansas	
COUNTY:	Sebastian	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE	
MAR 24 1972		

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. NAME

COMMON:

Joseph Knobles' Brewery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

No. 3rd and E St.

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Smith

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Sebastian

CODE

131

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC								
	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building			<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments					
<input type="checkbox"/> Object			<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific							
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific										
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment												

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Ed Dell Wortz

STREET AND NUMBER:

5504 Yantis

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Smith

STATE:

Arkansas 72901

CODE

05

STATE:

COUNTY:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Sebastian County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Smith

STATE

Arkansas 72901

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

HAER

DATE OF SURVEY:

 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Knoble Brewery building looks today very much as it did in 1851. Mr. C. H. Wortz, Jr., has restored the building to its original appearance and re-equipped it for its original purpose.

The building is rectangular in shape, of three stories, and is constructed of native cut stone, coursed, and with a natural finish. The first floor window and door surrounds consist of native stone sills and arches with radiating voussoirs. The second and third floor window surrounds are of stone with flat lintels and sills. There is one door, on the west side, located midway between the first and second stories, which was used to load and unload wagons. Its treatment, as regards arch and sill, conforms to that of the first floor.

Windows are, generally, double hung sashes with 12 lights. The exceptions to this are on the third floor, east and west sides, where the windows are single hung sash with 6 lights.

The roof framing is of wood, with (at present) a composition roof. Cornice fascia, soffit and frieze are of very simple design. There are eaves returns on the north side of the building, but not on the south side. The roof itself is a medium gable type.

A street entrance on the north side of the building leads to a family beer garden which was constructed at the second floor level of the building. The outside beer garden was built over a beer vault which is on the same level as the first floor of the building, but not part of the building. The beer vault is to the east of the main structure and is connected to the main building by a stone tunnel. After construction the beer vault was covered with earth and the surface was later developed into the outdoor beer garden.

The beer vault was constructed to store the beer kegs. At one end of the vault there is an inclined opening which leads to the surface. Ice, cut from the Arkansas River, was placed in this vault by means of this opening and inclined ramp.

The third floor of the building was the brewing floor of the brewery. The malting floor and mash tank, wort tank, cool slip tank, and fermentation tank is located here. The floor below was the kegging room. A pipe leads from the fermentation tank on the third floor to the kegging room on the second. The beer was kegged here and then stored in the beer vault.

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7. Description

The first floor was used as a tavern or beer garden during the winter months.

This building has been restored and equipped to almost the same state that it was in between 1851 and 1885.



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian | 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Iosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- itarian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this building is three-fold. The building itself is of value from the standpoint that it the only surviving example, in Arkansas, of a mid-nineteenth century brewery. While it displays no unique architectural features, it does survive as an example of the type structure needed to house a brewery. It also serves to illustrate the mechanics of an early Arkansas industry, or craft. Joseph Knoble, as builder and owner of this building, is also an important figure in the socio-economic history of the City of Fort Smith, Sebastian County and the State of Arkansas.

A native of Wittenberg, Germany, Joseph Knoble settled in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1851. In all probability the large German population which had emigrated to the area was one of the factors which influenced the brew-master to establish his home and brewery in Fort Smith.

Shortly after his arrival in Fort Smith he purchased the land upon which the brewery is now situated. He immediately commenced construction of a substantial house to shelter his family. Once Joseph Knoble's family had moved into the house, Knoble immediately began building the brewery adjacent to the house. He constructed both of these buildings of native stone.

Joseph Knoble was one of the leading German merchants in the Fort Smith area. He actively pursued his profession until his death in 1881. He is interred in the Catholic Cemetery on Lexington Avenue in Fort Smith.



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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		OR	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	
NW	0	,	"	0	,	"
NE	0	,	"	0	,	"
SE	0	,	"	0	,	"
SW	0	,	"	0	,	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Staff

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historical Preservation Program

DATE

10/15/70

STREET AND NUMBER:

1023 West Third Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name George M. Reynolds

George M. Reynolds

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 8/24/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 24 1972

Date

ATTEST:

William H. Murray
Keeper of The National Register

MAR 14 1972

Date

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

HB

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Sebastian County

Joseph Knoble's Brewery

72000209

RECEIPT	PROPERTY	STATE			
DATE OF RECEIPT	8/31/71	YES	NO	NUMBER	REGISTER NUMBER
DATA PAGE		✓			MAR 24 1972
PHOTO (S)		✓		1	
PHOTO DESCRIPT (S)		✓		1	
MAP (S)		✓		1	
MAP DESCRIPTION (S)		✓		1	
LOGGED		✓			
ACKNOWLEDGE	8/31/71				
RESUBMIT					



REVIEW	OK means 3/9/72	Unaltered, but restored to original appearance? note scars in masonry in photo. Means perhaps CALL for clarification
HISTORIAN	OK	Long 9/8/71
ARCHEOLOGIST	Marvin 6/3/71	as May suggests, better call for clarification of restoration. Review of by OK Marvin 3/10/72
ARCHITECT	Chamber 3-9-72	
ASST. KEEPER		
KEEPER	WJM 3/14/72	SIGNED FORM
ENTRY		
CHIEF, OAHP	Ellie 3-24	
EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR	OK CD 9/8/71	

Date	
Federal Register Entry	5-2-72
Annual Edition Entry	
Logged	MAR 24 1972
Card	MAR 24 1972
WORKING NUMBER	8.31.71.2

COMMENTS: called Mr. Porter 1/27/72 - sending restoration info. MCM.
2/3/72 - restoration info attached MCM

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTER
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		STATE Arkansas	
COMMON: Joseph Knoble's Brewery		COUNTY Sebastian	
AND/OR HISTORIC:		FOR NPS USE ONLY	
2. LOCATION		ENTRY NUMBER MAR 24 1972	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: North 3rd and E Streets		RECEIVED AUG 31 1971 NATIONAL REGISTER	
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Smith		CODE 05	
STATE: Arkansas		COUNTY: Sebastian	CODE 131
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Arkansas History Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of the building as seen when looking from Northwest to Southeast.			

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

Form 10-301
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. $7\frac{1}{2}'$ Quadrangle

Fort Smith, Arkansas

SCALE:

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DATE:

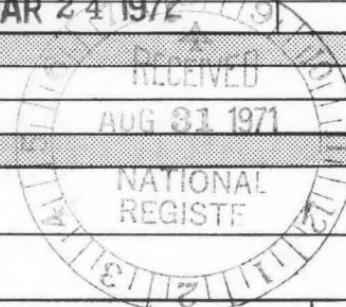
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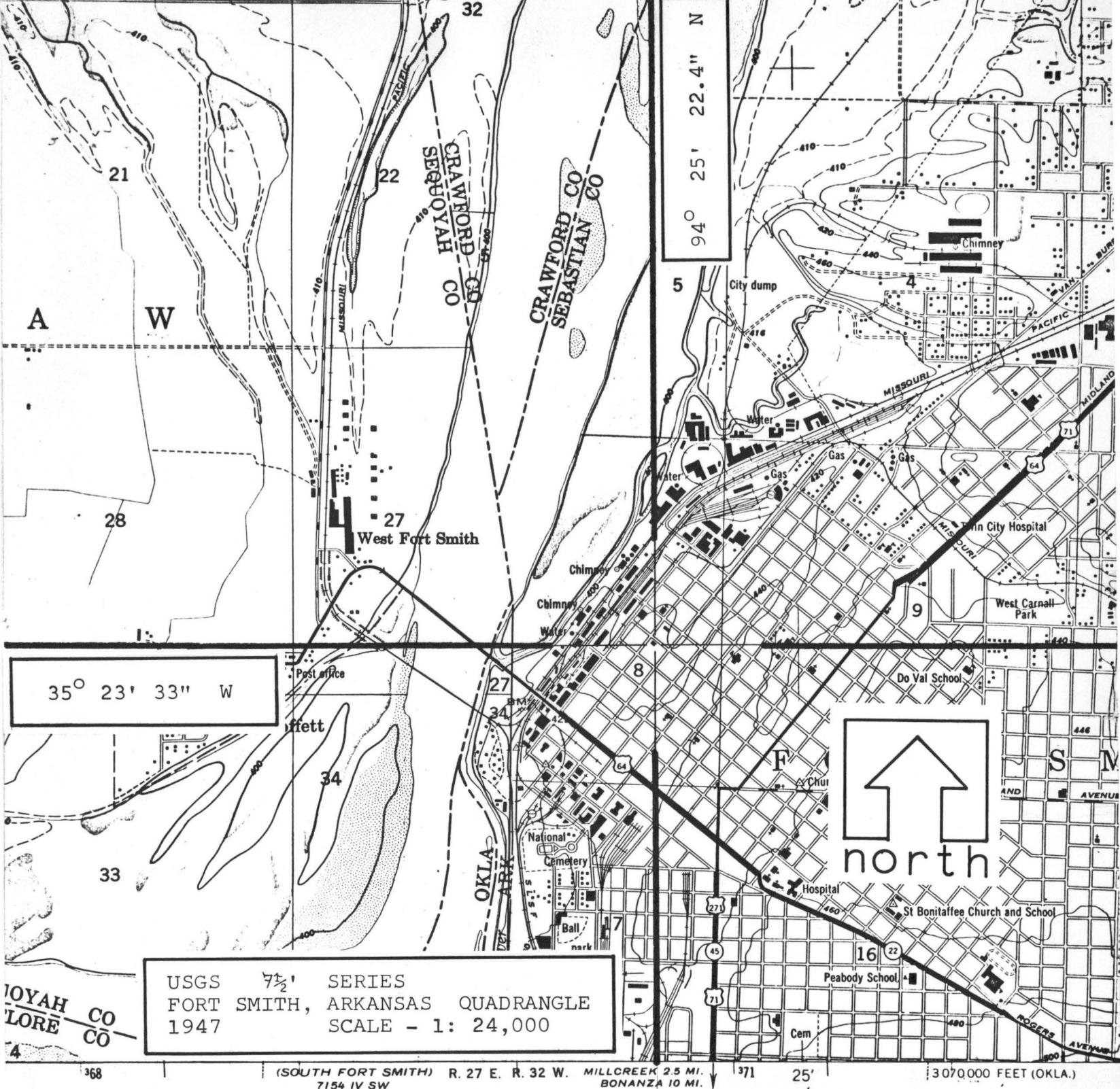
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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SCALE 1:24000

1 2 0 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

1 MILE

1 5 0 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DASHED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



August 25, 1971



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
801 - 19th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

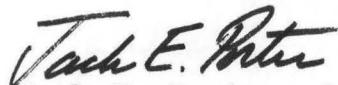
Attached are nomination forms for two Arkansas properties: Joseph Knoble's Brewery and Bonneville House.

Would it be possible to have the processing of these forms expedited? I regret having to make this request since the delay in submitting the nomination forms rests with this office. However, the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation, of the City of Fort Smith, will be the recipient of the State of Arkansas' first acquisition reimbursement under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Dr. Bradford's office approved this project (W. H. H. Clayton Home) during the fiscal year just past and the State is currently anticipating receipt of this first reimbursement for an acquisition project.

We intend to hold a ceremony of some sort at Fort Smith when we present the reimbursement warrant, and feel that we could provide added impetus to the Fort Smith historic preservation movement if we could announce the inclusion of two more Fort Smith properties on the National Register at that time.

Thank you for any assistance you may provide.

Very truly yours,



Jack E. Porter, Administrator
Historic Preservation Program

JEP:mfw

Attachments

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



February 1, 1972

Miss Mary Means
Office of the Keeper of
the National Register
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
801 - 19th Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Miss Means:

The Joseph Knoble Brewery is, in the opinion of the professional staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, one of the most significant historic commercial properties in the state. To date, it is the only surviving mid-nineteenth century brewery that our survey has located and identified.

The restoration was begun by a private individual in 1960. This was, as you are aware, six years before the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and nine years before the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program came into being.

While the restoration is not 100% technically correct, as regards some external features, the deficiencies are minimal and can be easily corrected. The building was structurally sound and the initial preservation efforts consisted primarily in removing rubble and debris, and replacing rotted or damaged wood. Mr. Carl Wertz, Jr.'s initial concern was with restoring a mid-nineteenth century brewery as an historical entity, and not with the architecture. However, Mr. Wertz is a man of considerable means and would be amenable to undertaking additional restoration to correct technical difficulties.

I trust that this letter will assist you in coming to a decision in regard to the property.

Very truly yours,

Jack E. Porter, Administrator
Historic Preservation Program

JEP:mfw

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MAR 24 1972

Name

Location

Joseph Knobie's Brewery

Fort Smith
Sebastian County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan

State Liaison Officer

Hon. J. W. Fulbright

Mr. William E. Henderson

Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt

Director

Director, Southwest Region

Arkansas Department of Parks and
Tourism

HR

NRoland:mm

3/22/72

State Capitol - Room 149

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201