Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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The Graham-Gaughan-Betts House is a two-story frame building of nearly square floor plan when considered without additions. Two large interior chimneys extend above the truncated hip roof on both sides. The facade gives the appearance of being divided into three bays by the symmetrical placement of three window casements on the upper story and two window casements and entry on the lower story.

A one-story hipped roof porch was added soon after the house was constructed; however, the exact date cannot be determined from available evidence. A bracketed frieze extends across the entire width of the porch entablature. The entrance of the porch is an arcade consisting of four posts with three arches, one large elliptical arch between two smaller round arches. The open spaces between the arches are of a proportion of 1-3-1. This entrance projects slightly from the main porch and has a gable roof with a bracketed frieze slightly more intricate in detail than that on the rest of the porch. There are a total of six sectional posts supporting the extended portion of the porch. The main porch roof is supported by a number of vertical timbers with horizontal members to form decorative horizontal and vertical openings. There are two large inverted, lyre-shaped features, one on either side of the They extend from the porch floor to architrave. meeting at a pendant. Iron railings span the open spaces between the porch posts.

The entire structure rests on a brick foundation which projects approximately three feet above grade. It is discontinuous under the area immediately below and in line with window casements, and is filled with lattice work or brick venting.

The main entrance has a double door entry with side lights and transom. The doors have one solid vertical panel each and two vertical side panels. All windows have mullions and are double-hung with four light sashes, except those fronting the porch which have six lights in each sash. There are no shutters on the windows.

The house, which was constructed in 1858, has been altered twice. The most notable alteration was the rear addition which has changed the basic floor plan to an extended ell shape. Because of extensive fire damage, the entire roof was replaced and completely altered from its original appearance shortly after the turn of the century.

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7. Description (Graham-Gaughan-Betts House - Page 2)

The floor plan of the two-storey house consists of a central hallway with two rooms on either side. The openwell, two-flight stariway rises from the left rear hallway with the landing crossing the width of the hall, and returning to the second floor along the right-hand wall. Each of the eight original rooms open into the central hallway.

The detailed woodwork is original and includes fireplace mantels, four-panel doors, window surrounds, and stair rail. The home has been impressively refurnished by the present owners, and is open on special occasions for public tours.



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8. Significance (Graham-Gaughan-Betts House - Page 2)

Without its one-storey front porch the old Graham home would be quite simple; however the ornate and interesting woodwork of the veranda-style porch make the house unique in south Arkansas. The lyre-shaped openings on either side of the arcade-style entry are the most dominate features. Of special note are the entry way column capitals, the pendants centered in each lyre-shaped opening, and the brackets along the porch roof. The detailed craftsmanship of the Graham-Gaughan-Betts House makes it one of the most architecturally interesting houses in the State.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Graham-Gaughan-Betts House was built for Major Joseph M. Graham in 1858, it was planned to be one of the best and most handsome of the period. Built on a lot acquired from his brother, Dr. Henry Graham, Major Graham planned this large two story frame structure as a residence for his large family.

Both Major Graham and his wife Mary were natives of North Carolina, and the house they built in Camden was modeled after a North Carolina home that Mrs. Graham had admired as a girl. Camden's best craftsman was hired to make the interior of the house as handsome as possible. Mr. Emmanuel Sifford handcrafted the doors, blinds, windows, transoms, mantels, cupboards and stairway.

Mrs. Graham was intensely Southern in her sympathies and did much to alleviate the discomfort and suffering of Confederate soldiers as they retreated from Camden before the Federal troops under General Frederick Steele in April of 1864. Mrs. Graham could also adjust to strained situations. When General Steele made his headquarters at her home during the brief Federal occupation of Camden, she managed to discover that they had mutual friends in New York.

After the war the Grahams were faced with financial difficulties, and were forced to take in boarders. Though Major Graham died in 1871, his wife managed to retain the family home until her death in 1888. In 1899 the house was purchased by Thomas Joseph Gaughan, and remained in the Gaughan family until well into the 20th century. This historic Camden residence has been restored by its present owners.

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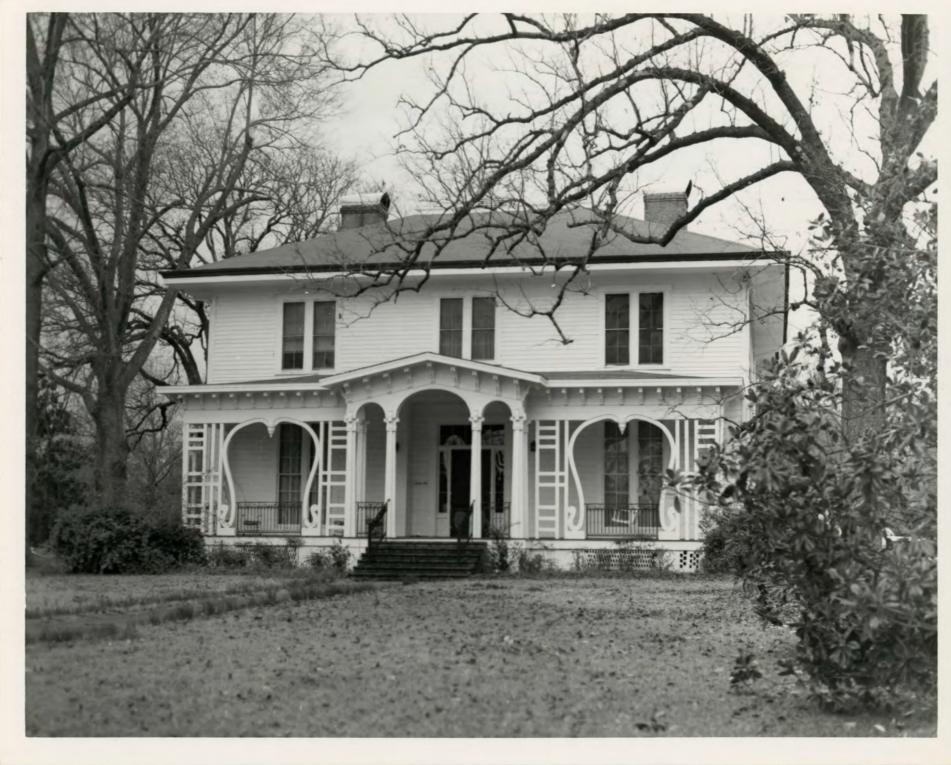
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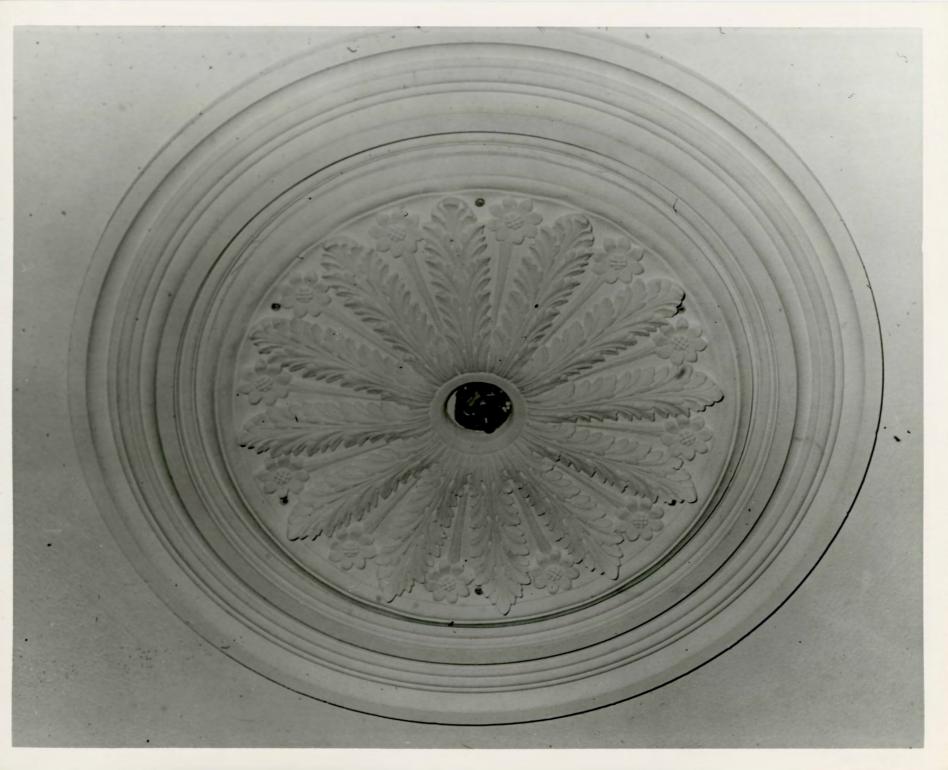
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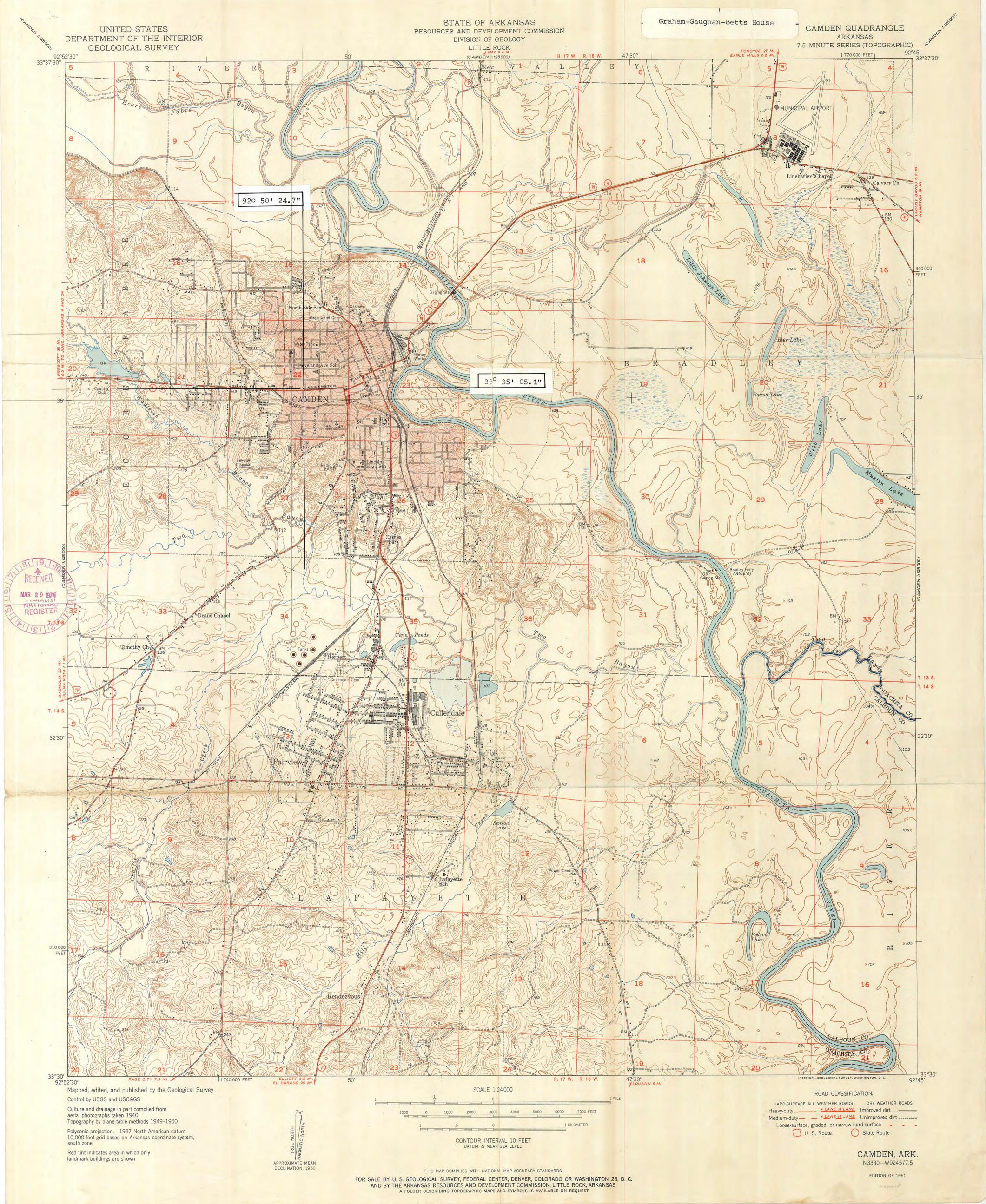
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September 18, 1974



Mr. Charles Herrington
Office of Nomination and Review
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your questions concerning our nomination of the Graham-Gaughan-Betts House to the National Register of Historic Places. Our responses to your questions have been incorporated into the nomination, and are as follows:

- 1. Interior description. This has been added on a Section 7 continuation sheet.
- 2. Architectural significance of house. A paragraph describing the architectural significance has been added on a Section 8 continuation sheet.
- Interior photos.
 Several interior photos have been included.

Please contact me if there are any further questions. We look forward to receiving approval of this nomination in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk

Staff Historian

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Enclosures

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