

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic E. S. Greening House

and/or common N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 707 East Division Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Hope \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Arkansas

code 05

county

Hempstead

code 057

## 3. Classification

### Category

☒ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

### Ownership

☒ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

### Public Acquisition

N/A in process  
☐ being considered

### Status

☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☒ work in progress

### Accessible

☒ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ no

### Present Use

☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military

☐ museum  
☐ park  
☒ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Tim Cornelius

street & number 707 East Division Street

city, town Hope \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Arkansas

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Circuit Clerk's Office

street & number Hempstead County Courthouse

city, town Hope

state Arkansas

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

### SUMMARY

A large frame structure with traces of Queen Anne influence, the Greening House in Hope, Hempstead County has a deceptive outward appearance in that the interior is a highly stylized array of wainscoting, elaborate mantels and other pieces of impressive woodwork. The central-hall structure rests on a brick foundation and is crowned with a hipped roof with large gables on each end. The asymmetrical facade, with its porches and beveled and leaded glass, combined with an impressive display of untouched interior detailing, make the Greening House one of the finest structures of its period in Hope.

### ELABORATION

The Greening House, constructed in 1903, is a two-story frame structure clad in native pine weatherboard. The structure rests on a continuous brick foundation and is topped with a hipped roof which is pierced on each side with gables and dormer windows.

The west (front) elevation is dominated by a full-height bay lined with one-over-one double-hung sash windows on each level and a large front porch. Positioned on the northwest portion of the facade is a projection from which the bay extends, all capped with a gable roof that is supported by brackets. A multi-paned semi-circular window is positioned in the center of the pediment.

The porch, supported by heavy brick columns, initiates at the bay and wraps around the structure to encompass most of the south elevation. The porch is covered with a gently sloping roof, excepting the area above the main entryway which is flat to allow for a sitting area. Dentils trim the cornice of the flat main porch entryway. A centered gabled dormer with two decorative multi-pane one-over-one, double-hung sash windows pierces the roof. Side-by-side diamond-pattern-over-one double-hung sash windows are placed on the second story between the entryway and the gabled dormer.

Additional rooms were added to the east elevation not long after the original construction date. On the first floor two rooms, a simple staircase, and a screened-in porch are covered by a shed roof on the south and a gable roof on the north. A sun porch centered on the second story is finished with a hipped roof.

The main entryway is surrounded by sidelights and a transom made of leaded and beveled glass, all of which are encased in decorative woodwork.

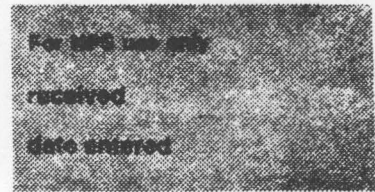
In plan the Greening House is a central-hall structure, excluding the additions to the back elevation. From the wide foyer the house reveals three rooms and a stairway. The parlor, located to the right, is separated from the foyer by a colonnade of four columns with Ionic capitals. Sheathed in wainscoting, the room contains one of three elaborately carved mantels.

A door topped with a glass transom leads to a living room which contains a fireplace with an ornate mantel composed of four columns with Ionic capitals, decorative swags, and a beveled glass mirror.

To the left of the foyer paneled pocket doors open to a living room with a fireplace, the mantle of which is decorated with columns with "Egyptian"-inspired capitals accented with a foliated design.

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The dining room, lined with wainscoting, is positioned behind the living room. A bedroom, two bathrooms, a kitchen and screened porch lie behind these rooms.

The main staircase, placed at the back of the foyer, is embellished with a diamond-pattern wood panel below the bannister and a newel post at the bottom. Paneling lines the staircase wall below and wainscoting covers the stairwell.

From the second landing the second flight of stairs winds to the left, creating interesting lines in the foyer below. The stair leads to the second floor's large central hall divided with an arch as the foyer is below.

From the central hall lie four large bedrooms, two on each side, and a bathroom.



## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1903

**Builder/Architect** Tom Crosnoe, Builder

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

#### SUMMARY

Facing the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Line, the Greening House in Hope, Hempstead County, possesses a transitional exterior that exhibits traces of the Queen Anne style, while the interior is a splendid combination of wainscoting, mirrored and columned mantels, and pine floors. The Greening House was one of seven houses built by businessman E. S. Greening in conjunction with carpenter Tom Crosnoe and is by far the most elaborate of the group. Although the house was completed in 1903, the interior remains intact and in excellent condition, deeming the structure among the finest of its period in Hope.

#### ELABORATION

The Greening House is situated on a spacious lot and shaded by large trees in the town's most prestigious turn-of-the-century neighborhood. Like many communities in Arkansas, the town of Hope sprang up when the railroad transversed the area. Hempstead County was formed in 1818 with the town of Washington as the county seat. The first railroad charter was granted by the county to the Cairo-Fulton Railroad in 1853, although work did not begin until 1870. In 1874 the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad took over the line and built the passenger depot. The business district of Hope rapidly grew around the depot and approximately six blocks east of the business district was Mr. Greening's choice for his two-story house. By 1939 the Hempstead County seat was moved from Washington to Hope due to its central location and its accessibility to the railroad and the major portion of the area's businesses.

Mr. Greening was born and raised in Camden, Ouachita County and moved to Hope in 1892. Although the town's first businesses developed in the mid-1870's when the railroad laid tracks through the area, Mr. Greening came to Hope at a crucial period when the existing businesses were established and growing, facilitating the need for service-oriented institutions.

During Greening's first years in Hope he joined the ranks of other small businessmen when he opened a store. He later became a cotton buyer and a builder, the Greening House being one of seven houses constructed by Greening and carpenter Tom Crosnoe. After meeting with success in his small business ventures, Greening, now a respected community businessman, became a co-founder of the Hope Federal Savings and Loan Association. In 1927 he founded what is today Hope's oldest independent insurance agency. In 1947 Greening sold his interest in the agency to Fred Ellis, and it became the Greening-Ellis Insurance Agency.

Although Greening constructed seven houses, this first effort is by far the most splendid because of its exceptional interior. The modestly detailed exterior presents the image of a large, though undistinguished residence, but once inside the structure is an impressive display of untouched wainscoting which lines the parlor, foyer, dining room and stairwell and elaborate mantels comprise a well-preserved showplace.

E.S. Greening was a respected and successful businessman whose efforts contributed to the prosperity of Hope in the town's past and laid a foundation for the present. The Greening House is one of the town's grandest links with a prosperous past and one of the men who made it possible.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

A Commemorative History of Hope, Arkansas, Hope, Arkansas: Etter Printing Company, Various articles, November 1974.

White, Florida Greening. Personal interviews at her home during 1986.

The McRae Family of Union County, Arkansas, Caroline McRae Lemley. (See Continuation Sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Hope, Arkansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot one, Block three of Beard's Addition to the City of Hope, Arkansas.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tanya Weber

organization AHPP

date January of 1987

street & number 225 East Markham

telephone 371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state AR 72201

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*William Skie*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

6-1-87

### For NPS use only

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

*for Flores Byers*  
Registered in the  
National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date

7-9-87

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Greening History, Mrs. Jane Greening White, personal interviews.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Greening, E. S., House  
Hempstead County  
ARKANSAS

JUN - 8 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 7/9/87 - 7/23/87

Action: ACCEPT 7-9-87

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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Check one

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- ☐ 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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





E. S. Greening House

Hope, Hempstead County

Front elevation

Photographed by Tanya Weber

September 1986

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E. S. Greening House  
Hope, Hempstead County  
Bay, side elevation  
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E. S. Greening House

Hope, Hempstead County

Exterior Detail

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E. S. Greening House  
Hope, Hempstead County  
Side elevation  
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E. S. Greening House  
Hope, Hempstead County  
Rear elevation  
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Hope, Hempstead County  
Interior Detail  
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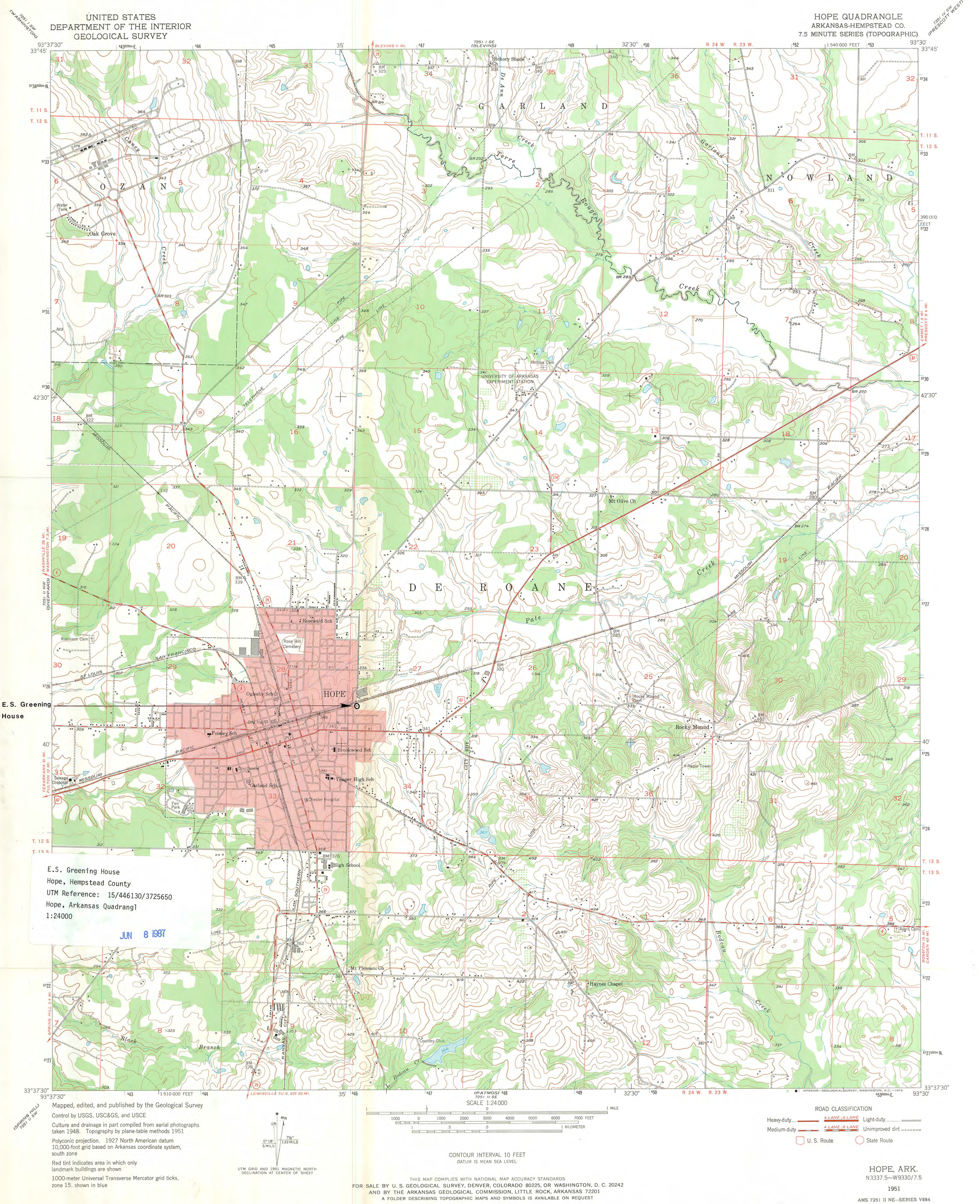
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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HOPE QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS-HEMPSTEAD CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

E.S. Greening House  
Hope, Hempstead County  
UTM Reference: 15/446130/3725650  
Hope, Arkansas Quadrangle  
1:24000

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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1948. Topography by plane-table methods 1951  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system,  
south zone  
Red tint indicates area in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue

UTM GRID AND 1951 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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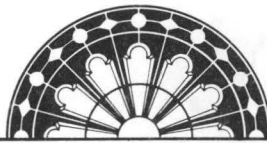
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June 1, 1987

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

RE: E. S. Greening House  
Hope, Hempstead County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the E. S. Greening House. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles  
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/TJ/dr

Enclosures



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