

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ****** *mu*
Hanger Cotton Gin
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Harper Road and Gates Lane
CITY, TOWN Sweet Home VICINITY OF
STATE Arkansas CODE 05 COUNTY Pulaski CODE 119
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. W. A. Ratcliffe
STREET & NUMBER Harper Road and Gates Lane
CITY, TOWN Sweet Home VICINITY OF STATE Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circuit Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER Pulaski County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Little Rock STATE Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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

Located in Sweet Home, the Old Hanger Gin still remains in excellent condition. According to family sources, the steam-powered gin was built ca. 1876. It operated commercially for at least the period 1884-1885, but it had ceased functioning as a commercial gin by 1892. During the periods before 1884 and from 1885 to 1892, the gin probably functioned, but the limited information available does not absolutely confirm this.

The exterior of the large, three-storey frame building consists of board-and-batten siding. The overall impression the building gives is that of mass and heaviness. The sparseness and small size of the windows, the stone foundation, the comparative uniformity of the exterior and the comparative low pitch of the roof are some of the building's characteristics which contribute to this impression.

Heavy timbers comprise the skeleton of the building-- the studs, ceiling and floor joists, etc.

The building rests upon an uncoursed rubble stone foundation, more of which is visible from the east and south elevations than from the west and north because of the unlevel plot. To the rear the stone foundation rises to a height of over twelve feet. The unlevel plot causes the building to appear to be only two-storey from the front view.

A medium gable roof with a cross-gabled, centrally-located elevator shaft has a corrugated tin covering, which is not original.

A hard-packed dirt surface serves as the floor of part of the ground storey. The remaining floors consist of heavy, rough timber. The ground floor contains a row of mule stalls, also made of heavy timbers. The ceilings are open with the beams and tin serving as the only covering.

All four elevations have small, widely-spaced window openings. None of the windows have glass left in them. Some are boarded up; some are covered with wooden shutters. Others have no covering at all. The west elevation has three entrances, while the rear elevation has only one doorway.

The condition of the building is excellent. Most of the actual deterioration has occurred on the interior, rather than the exterior. This deterioration, however, is minor and does not keep the building from serving a useful function. It has been converted into a grain storage facility. None of the ginning equipment remains. Rather, the interior has been largely cleared out to provide maximum storage capability. Chutes and storage bins have been added to facilitate the storage and handling of grain and hay.

To the south and north elevations have been added frame and tin "lean-to" sheds to shelter farm equipment.

Thus, alterations to the building itself have been minor indeed, and this very imposing structure still looks generally as it did at the time of its construction 100 years ago.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	—ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1876, probably by Peter Hanger, the Hanger Gin was operated commercially by Frederick Hanger until at least 1885 and probably until 1889. In 1888 Frederick Hanger built the Eagle Ginnery and Pickery in Little Rock, described at the time as one of the most successful businesses in Little Rock. By 1892 the old gin was no longer listed in the Business Directory of Arkansas. Whether the old gin at Sweet Home ceased functioning with the construction of the Eagle Ginnery is unknown. Indications are that shortly after the construction of the new gin, the old gin at Sweet Home ceased commercial operation, but did not necessarily cease all operations.

The Old Hanger gin is significant because of the association with a family very important in Little Rock history. Peter Hanger first came to Arkansas in 1834 and settled just east of Little Rock, where he established his plantation. He became prominent in local affairs and was instrumental in aiding the early growth of Little Rock. Hanger had contracted mail service through Arkansas with the United States Government and his name became synonymous with transportation in Arkansas because of his association with steamboat and stagecoach lines. His son, Frederick Hanger, continued the prominence of the family in Little Rock history, as did his wife Frances. Frederick built a home on Scott Street in 1889 (added to National Register of Historic Places, March 15, 1974) and moved to Scott Street. Peter Hanger's daughter, Margaret M. Hanger Ratcliffe, and her husband became managers of the land on which the Old Hanger Gin is located. Today Margaret Ratcliffe's grandson's widow, Mrs. W. A. Ratcliffe, Jr. manages the farm.

Although none of the original ginning equipment remains, the building remains in excellent condition. Now functioning as a storage facility, it has not been significantly altered. Stairs leading to the upper storeys have been repaired but not replaced. Original dirt and wooden floors still serve. The exterior, though weathered, reflects the high quality of the construction. Interior conditions don't equal those of the exterior, but the limited deterioration does not restrict the buildings usefulness nor detract seriously from its appearance.

Cotton has long been an important crop in Arkansas, and consequently the ginning industry has also been an important aspect of Arkansas history. At the time of the gin's operation, Arkansas was predominantly agricultural, and cotton contributed economically, socially and culturally to the state. The importance of cotton is indicated by the number of gins located in the state at that time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Business Directory of Arkansas 1886-87, 1888-89, 1892. (Memphis: Historic and Descriptive Publishing Co.).
- Goodspeed's History of Central Arkansas 1890. Chicago. 458-59.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	5, 6, 9, 9, 2, 0	3, 8, 3, 8, 3, 4, 5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna DuVall, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

March 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

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 Anne Bartley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/8/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/29/76

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That only a small percentage of the gins still function is reflective of the advancements in technology, decline in the relative importance of cotton in Arkansas' economy and increasing urbanization, since many of the old gins were rurally situated.

Thus, the Hanger Gin's significance is threefold. First, its significance lies in its association with the Hanger family. Second, the architectural quality of the gin is deserving, as evidenced by its excellent, virtually unaltered condition. Last, the gin is reflective of the dominance of agriculture in central Arkansas during the late nineteenth century and the importance of cotton to agriculture.

Pulaski CO.

Property Hanger Cotton Gin

State ARK Working Number 3.31.76.2910

76000463

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.6.76

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
JWSugood
28 May 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
M.J. Kelly
5-28-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory C.S. Aug 1976
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
W. R. Luce
9/27/76

BRANCH CHIEF

[Signature]
9-28-76

KEEPER

[Signature]
9/29/76
OCT 8 1976

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered _____
Federal Register Entry 12-7-76 Re-submit _____

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___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Pulaski

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Jack Doss

DATE OF PHOTO 11-7-75

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
west elevation (facade)

PHOTO NO.

1



Hanger Cotton Gin

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east (rear) elevation

PHOTO NO.

2



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south and east elevations

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First-floor interior view

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4

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Sweet Home

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Pulaski

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE

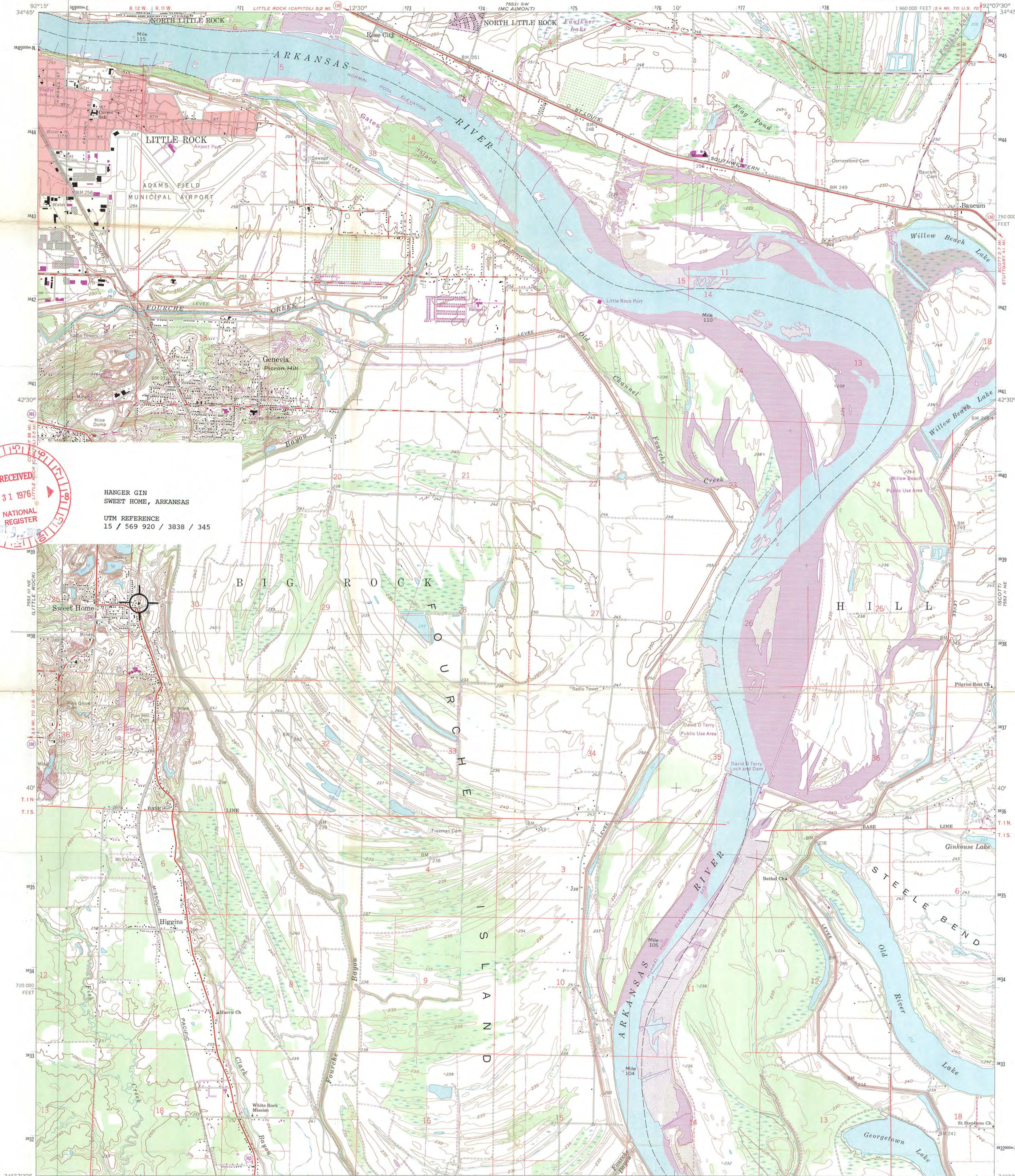
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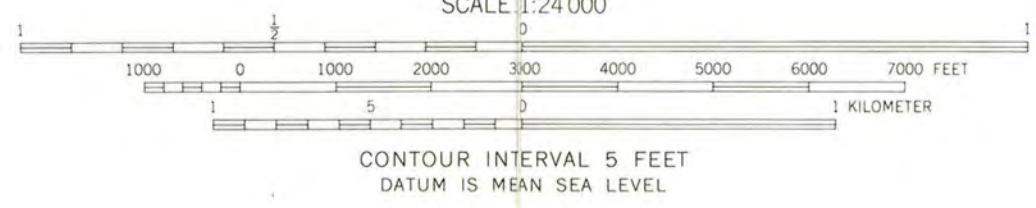
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



HANGER GIN
SWEET HOME, ARKANSAS
UTM REFERENCE
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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SWEET HOME, ARK.
N 3437.5—W 9207.5/7.5
1961
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 7553 II NW—SERIES V884

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered **OCT 8 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hanger Cotton Gin	Sweet Home Pulaski County
Wildwood	Hot Springs Garland County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Department of Natural and
Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

880 MMott/row 10/18/76

NR 37M

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 28 May 76
Reviewer: INITIALS:
NR DOE OCT 8 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Hanger Cotton Gin

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

Rd. and Hanger Road A Gates Lane

CITY, TOWN

Sweet Home

STATE

Ark 05

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

code

Polaski 119

OWNER OF PROPERTY:

(Circle)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

- Substantially intact-1
- unknown - 4
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- Substantially intact-2
- unknown -5
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- Substantially intact-3
- unknown -6
- Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED
- Unexcavated

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- Reconstructed
- Excavated

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- Unknown

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted

No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- COTTON GIN (New term)

now- GRANARY

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment

health

recreation

settlement

socio/cultural

urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan: ²

builder/contractor: Peter Hanger

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Frederick Hanger

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1876

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): ¹⁸⁷⁶⁻ 1892 ceased commercial operation
1884-5 operated commercially as gen.

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~Some foundation rubble~~
~~wood frame~~ ~~vertical siding; 2-3 stories, built into hillside; rectangular~~
~~foundation~~ ~~board & batten~~ ~~uncoursed rubble~~
gabled roof with small cross gable. Important in
2 stories over ~~open~~ ^{some} basement. Built into side
of hill association with prominent area Hanger family; probably
Gable roof with truncated tower on each side
No ginning equipment remaining ^{built by Peter Hanger who developed steamboat and}
stagecoach transportation lines in ^{state;} Arkansas
operated commercially by his

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

son Frederick until the late 1880's.

A cotton gin building constructed circa 1876 and operated until circa 1892, by the locally prominent Hanger family. Now used as a granary.