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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McHenry House (<u>ca</u>. 1822-1835) is located approximately ten miles to the southwest of Little Rock, on the east side of State Highway 5. It fronts on the highway, and the grounds which surround the house are fringed with cedar trees. The walkways which approach the house entrances are paved with brick.

The building is a two story brick which stands between flanking double chimneys. The ends of the house are unique in that they show an interesting bridging of the wall between the pairs of chimneys. This pairing and bridging of chimneys reflects an Early Georgian influence which was evident in the Eastern part of the United States in the preceding century (The Read House, Newcastle, Delaware). The walls of the house are of brick and mortar and are sixteen inches thick. It is believed that the brick were made in a field near the site. Interior timbers which were used in construction are of cypress, pine, and oak.

The wood paneled entrance door, which still bears its original brass lock, opens into a wide hall which extends the length of the house. A steep flight of stairs, with hand carved rails of solid walnut, lead to the second floor. The downstairs hall is flanked by two spacious rooms on either side. The back porch is the width of the house, and a covered, curved extension of this porch connects the house with the picturesque old kitchen.

In addition to the separate, but connected, kitchen the other original outbuildings which are still standing are the well and dairy house, and the smokehouse.

The house is virtually unaltered. Some minor interior and exterior modifications have been made over the years, but they have not been of an extent or nature that would tend to destroy the basic integrity of the building.

The Historic American Buildings Survey lists this as a one story building. It does, however, have two usable floors. Evidence that the use of the second floor was originally contemplated by the architect is indicated by the pair of windows, at the second story level, which were constructed between the double chimneys at each 12 end of the building. It is entirely possible that "dog-house" dormers were also contemplated in the original design. The walnuts stairway is additional evidence that the second story was intended to be used.

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The Archibald McHenry House was built on the Old Southest Trail ten miles south of Little Rock. The Southwest Trail was one of the earliest arteries of traffic from the United States to Texas. The trail entered Arkansas Territory at St. Genevieve, Missouri and exited at Fulton on the Red River. Portions of the Southwest Trail exist today, and Route 5, the old Little Rock to Hot Springs highway on which the McHenry House stands, was once a part of the Southwest Trail.

The dates given for the erection of the McHenry House range from about 1822 to 1835. At this writing it is impossible to pinpoint the date of construction from the evidence available. It is believed that Archibald McHenry and his family arrived in Arkansas in either 1818 or 1819. It is known that a daughter was born to the McHenrys, at Little Rock, in January of 1820. By 1822 McHenry was occupying the site upon which the present McHenry House now stands, but there is no evidence that the brick structure was the first residence. In March of 1835 Archibald McHenry died, and from Pulaski County tax records it is apparent that he had prospered. From the amount of tax paid on real property it is reasonably safe to assume that the house had been built prior to his death.

The design of the building has been attributed to Gideon Shryock, the Kentucky architect who designed the Arkansas Territorial Capitol. The Historic American Buildings Survey also credits Shryock with the design of the McHenry House. The house is an example of an Early Georgian type house that was being built along the eastern coast a century earlier. The similarity is very apparent when photographs of the Read House in Newcastle, Delaware are compared with the McHenry House.

The name 'Ten Mile House' may well have been a name that was in use during the stagecoach era as it would have been a logical designation at that time. It is also possible that the McHenry House might have become a rest stop for the stagecoach travelers in much the same manner that bus travel today is interrupted with regularly scheduled stops for food, etc.

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Archibald McHenry served Pulaski County as a commissioner, coroner and justice of the peace. His home became a stopping place for many of the men who were to achieve prominence as builders of Arkansas and the territories to the west. Matthew Arbuckle who commanded at Fort Gibson, and his fellow officer E.S. Hankins are known to have visited the McHenry House.

When Little Rock was occupied by Federal troops in September of 1863, General Frederick Steele's forces used the McHenry house as an outpost. It was at the McHenry House that David Owen Dodd, the boy martyr of the Confederacy was held prisoner after his capture by the Federal troops.

The McHenry House is certainly of significance architecturally, as evidenced by its inclusion in the Historic American Buildings Survey.



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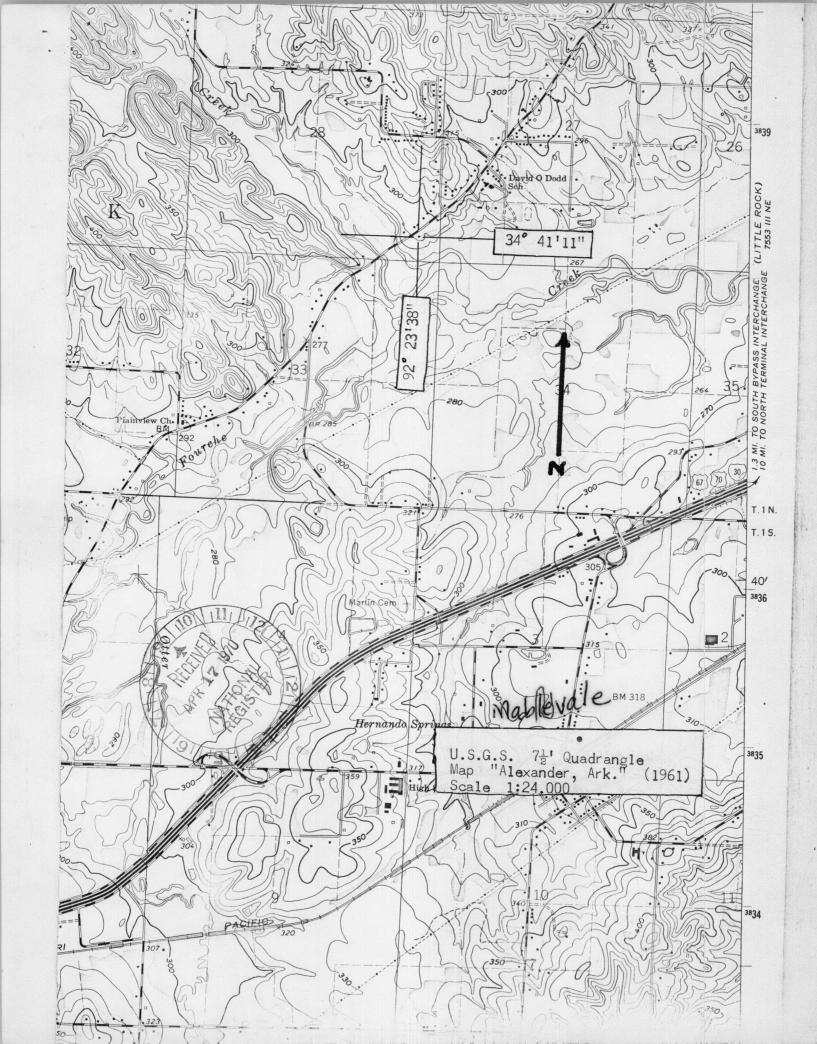
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Dr. John M. Peterson Executive Director Arkansas Planning Commission Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Dr. Peterson:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Hon. Wilbur D. Mills House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mills:

We are pleased to inform you that the Ten Mile House - Stagecoach
House in Pulaski County, Arkansas, has been nominated by the State
Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of
the National Historic Preservation Program in Arkansas and has been
entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators
John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright have also been provided with
this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer,
Er. John M. Peterson, Executive Director, Arkansas Planning Commission,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, has likewise been notified. A leaflet
explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Thomas F. Flynn

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Hon. John L. McClellan United States Senate Washington, D. C. Dear Senator McClellan:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Mistoric Preservation Program in Arkansas and have been entered into the National Register of Mistoric Places. Senator J. W. Fulbright and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Dr. John M. Peterson, Executive Director, Arkansas Planning Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Thomas F. Flynn

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