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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

W.J., White, House

AND/OR COMMON

Bud White House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1412 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville

VICINITY OF
CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Pope

CODE

115

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William W. and Judith A. Galloway

STREET & NUMBER

1412 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pope County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

100 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville,

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The building was constructed by O.S. Nelson, a highly respected Russellville contractor, and is two stories with a full attic and partial basement. The exterior walls are solid brick with interior plaster applied directly to the brick walls. Non-bearing walls are constructed of wood studs with plaster applied over wood lathing on these walls and ceilings. Two of the first floor rooms have molded plaster crown molding, ceiling decoration, and ceiling medallions. The floor plan is essentially rectangular although several rooms on the first and second floors are of a hexagon and octagon shape. A porch wraps around the front and right and left side elevations at the ground level. A small hexagonal lattice-work well-house extends from the rear of the house. Bay window projections, continuous from first to second floor, extend from the right and left side and front elevations.

The roof is highly pitched and roofed with pressed tin that resembles ceramic tile. Each gabled end is shingled. Three of these gables contain a semicircular window and the fourth a rectangular window. Each of these windows is hinged to open into the attic.

The entire structure rests on a rock-faced stone base with intermittent small windows for the basement. The porch rails and balusters are also constructed of the same stone. The floor and stairways leading up on the porch are concrete. The porch is supported by round simply capped wooden columns grouped in 2's and 3's. These columns are connected by Queen Anne style fretwork supported by single brackets. The porch roof is flat and attached by turnbuckles so that the tension on the columns can be adjusted if necessary. A wooden rail and corner posts in the Queen Anne style edges the entire roof forming a balcony the same size as the porch below. The well-house at the rear of the house is also edged by the same railing to form a balcony.

The masonry workmanship is excellent. The brick joints are 1/16 inch thick. The brick corners are rounded with a continuous vertical reveal.

The interior is essentially unaltered with the exception of the kitchen, one bedroom that was converted to a large bath-dressing room combination, and a second bath that was enlarged. Original plumbing fixtures remain. Most of the original light fixtures were missing, but have been replaced with period fixtures. All of the woodwork and doors are heart pine except for the mantle which is oak.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT O.S. Nelson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The W.J. (Bud) White House is one of the most architecturally significant houses in Russellville. Built about 1908, it was one of the first houses on what is now West Main Street and was considered a showplace by the town residents. In addition to its architectural importance, the house is historically noteworthy because of its association with its builder, William Jackson White. Mr. White was successful in many different branches of business in Pope County. He was a ranch owner and bank president, businessman and civic leader. He had large land holdings in Pope County and in Colorado where he had his summer residence. Today the W.J. White house stands out as a distinguished example of the type house built by a wealthy merchant at the turn of the century.

W.J. White was born in Gordon County, Georgia in 1852. He came to Arkansas with his family in 1869 from Georgia where his father cultivated a plantation. After living in Ellsworth, Logan County, for a few years, the family moved to Russellville in 1872. Upon finishing high school at Ozark, Arkansas, Mr. White acquired one-third interest in a small mercantile business. By 1892, after his father's death, he assumed entire control of the business. His store was very up to date for the period with annual sales of up to \$100,000. It also employed Russellville's first woman clerk.

Mr. White owned several blocks in downtown Russellville, where his store was located, as well as a large acreage in Pope County. He also owned several hundred acres in Colorado where he specialized in the raising of Percheron draft horses and coach horses. He also had a large summer home in Colorado.

W.J. White had other interests, too. He was one of the organizers of the Norwood Wholesale Grocery Company, which was formed at Russellville in 1915. He became Vice-President of this company that had stores in Morrilton and Conway in addition to the Russellville establishment. As a financier, he served for thirty-two years as one of the directors and Vice-President of Peoples Exchange Bank at Russellville. This bank was organized by Mr. White in 1890. He also served as Postmaster of Russellville, a

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Vance, David L., Early History of Pope County, Foreman-Payne Publishers, 1970.

Arkansas and Its People-A History 1541-1930, Volume III, The American Historical Society, Inc., N.Y., N.Y., 1930.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 486500 3904180
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 and the West 18.0 ft. of Lots 3 & 10, all in Blk. 17, W. J. White Addition to the City of Russellville, Arkansas

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

Dr. William W. Galloway

ORGANIZATION

DATE

June 20, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1412 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Russellville

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

DATE

TITLE

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12-13-78

ATTEST:

DATE

12-12-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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position to which he was appointed by President Garfield. Mr. White served as a member of the Russellville Town Council and was active in public affairs. Even after his retirement, he continued to exert a supervising influence upon his many and varied interests. The death of W.J. White in August, 1929, ended a half-century of valuable service to the community.

The W.J. White House remains in excellent condition today as an example of a house built by a wealthy merchant and financier. The house was sold in 1929, upon Mr. White's death, and has had only two other owners since that time. The quality and detail of design, materials and workmanship along with the White family history, make this house a local landmark of historical and architectural significance.

Property

White, W. J., House

78000617

State

Ark.

Working Number

8.23.78.3933

TECHNICAL

Photos

7

Maps

1

date OKBB

CONTROL

8.24.78

HISTORIAN

As written, the nomination supports the listing of the structure primarily and correctly for historical associations with important turn-of-the-century businessman--despite the fact that associative categories are not checked. Architectural value minimally described (?) in context of detailing. agree.

Sheffy

12-5-78

accept: making references

House is architecturally significant as a good example of a vernacular building of the turn of the 20th century. Structure reflects use of both Victorian design elements and an eclectic approach with regard to materials.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept. Saxe 12/12/78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

Note assessment above.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Sheffy 12-12-78

accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

Send-back

Re-submit

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1. W.J. White House
2. Russellville, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. south elevation; viewed from the south
7. photo # 1

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1. W. J. White House
2. Russellville, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. west elevation; viewed from the west
7. photo # 2

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1. W. J. White House
2. Russellville, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. well house; viewed from the north
7. photo # 3

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3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. east elevation; viewed from the east
7. photo # 4

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1. W. J. White House
2. Russellville, Arkansas
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4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. interior woodwork
7. photo # 5

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5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. mantel
7. photo # 6

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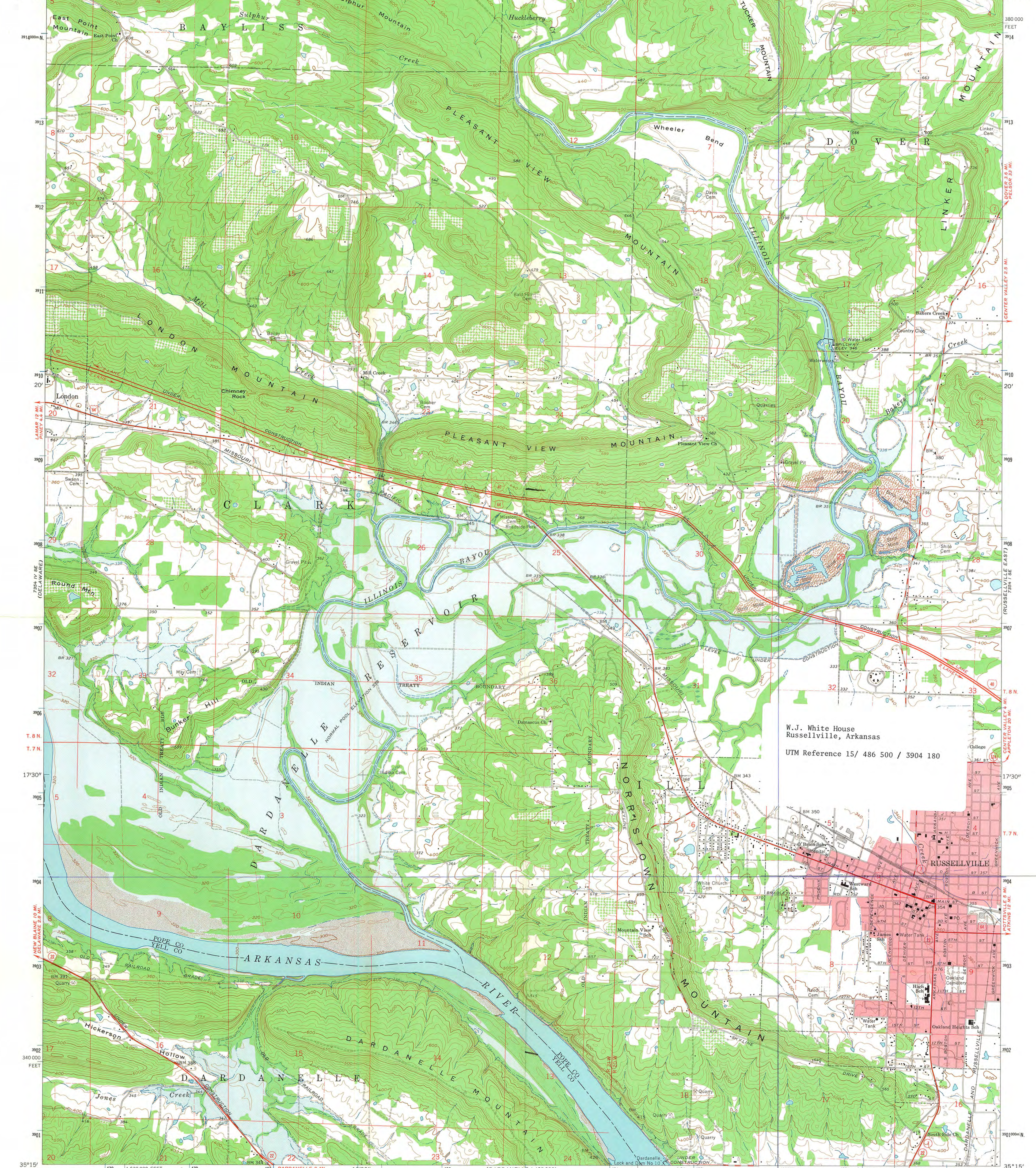
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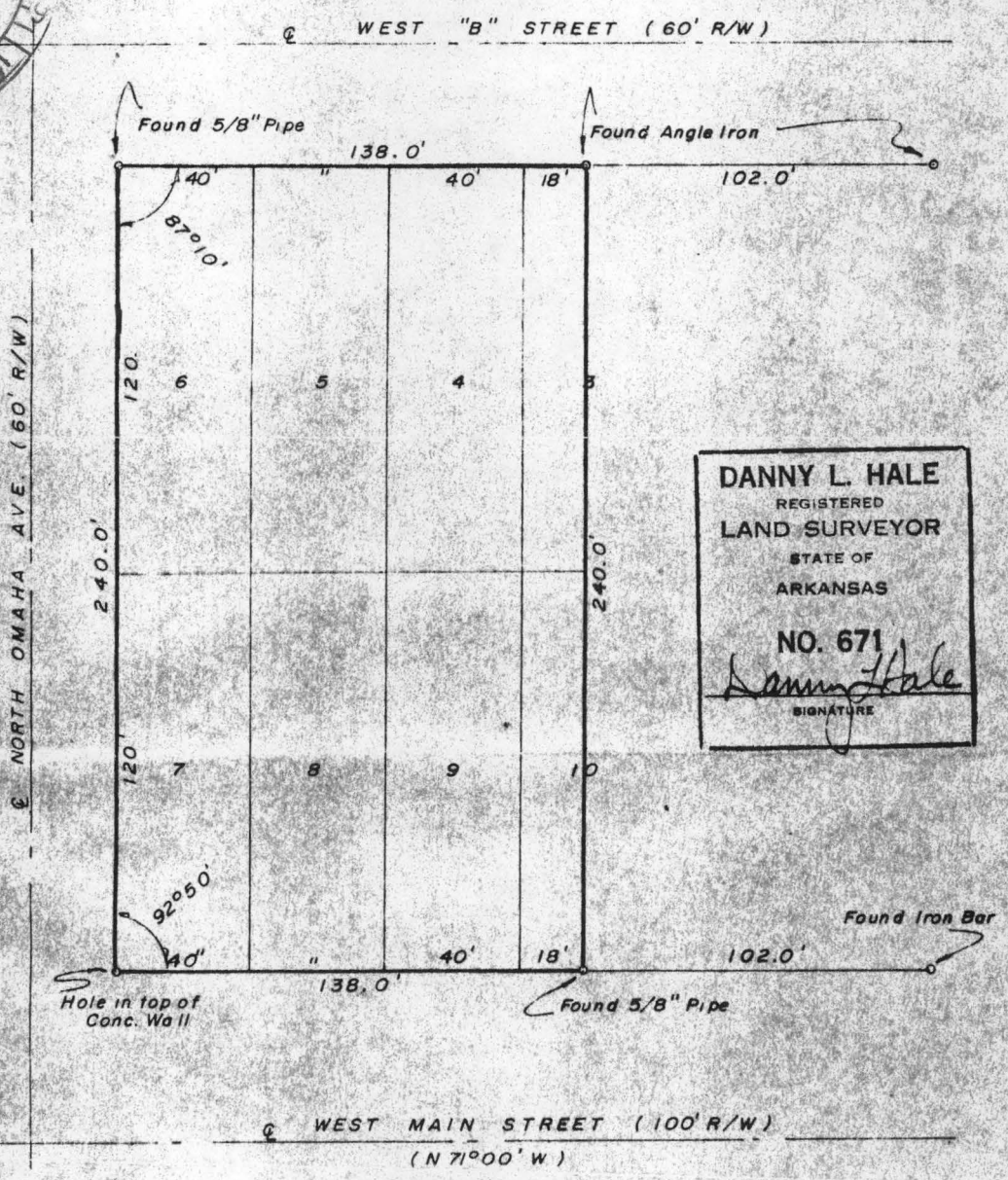


1. W. J. White House
2. Russellville, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. May, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. detail of interior stairway
7. photo # 7

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DANNY L. HALE
REGISTERED
LAND SURVEYOR
STATE OF
ARKANSAS
NO. 671
Danny Hale
SIGNATURE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 and the West 18.0 ft. of Lots 3 & 10, all in Block 17, W. J. White Addition to the City of Russellville, Arkansas.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Danny L. Hale, a Registered Land Surveyor, have surveyed the above described property, and the above map is a true representation thereof and shows the location of the property, its exterior boundaries, roadways, easements, and visible encroachments, if any.

This survey is made for the exclusive use of the name hereon shown, and also those who purchase mortgage, or guarantee the title thereto, within one year from the date hereon shown, and as to them I warrant the accuracy of said survey and map.

Dr. William Galloway
PROPERTY SURVEY
BOYLAN ASSOCIATES, INC. 2504 W. Main 988-5005 Russellville, Arkansas
05-695-01 4/13/77



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Phone: (501) 371-2763

May 18, 1978

Dr. William W. & Judith A. Galloway
1412 West Main Street
Russellville, AR 72801

Re: W. J. White House, Pope County

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Galloway:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor Smith of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

5-24-78

Date

Judith A. Galloway
Signature



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

August 21, 1978

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation
& Recreation Service
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed you will find the nominations for the properties listed below which have been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee.

W. J. White House
Missouri Pacific Railroad Depot
Hudson-Jones-Harris House
Clark County Courthouse
Mississippi County Courthouse
Boone's Mounds
Keller Site

Washington County Jail
Alexander House
Ouachita Children's Center
Dr. Williams Mansion
Resources of Russellville
(Partial Inventory)

Old City Hall ✓
Masonic Temple ✓
F. T. Vaughan House ✓

James H. Berry House ✓
Portia School ✓
Old Town Properties ✓
Karl Bracht House ✓
Angus McLeod House ✓
William J. Murphy House ✓
Ferguson-Calderara House ✓
C. R. Breckenridge House ✓
Horace Franklin Rogers House ✓

I hereby certify that the persons listed in Section 4 of the nominations are the legal owners of the properties.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley
State Historic Preservation Officer

AB/lg

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered DEC 13 1978

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Portia School	Portia Lawrence County
Mississippi County Courthouse	Osceola Mississippi County
White, W. J., House	Russellville Pope County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable David Pryor
Honorable Bill Alexander
Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR Byers/bjr 1/10/79

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: White, W. J., House
 ② OTHER NAMES: Bud White House
 ③ date of entry: DEC 13 1978
 ④ county code: 5 115

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 1412 W. Main St.
 city / town: Russellville
 vicinity of:
 state: AR
 county: Pope
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name):
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 5
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☐ STATE ☐ FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE
☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☐ original site
☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved
☐ good ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown
☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0
☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6
☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9
 EXTERIOR
 ENVIRONMENT

⑱ ACCESS ☐ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO
 ⑳ SAVED? ☐ YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28
☐ ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29
☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31
☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30
☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain
 'first' ☐
 'oldest' ☐
 'only' ☐

㉓ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉔ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s):
 ㉗ architect:
 ㉘ master builder:
 ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉛ interior decorator:
 ㉜ artist:
 ㉝ artisan:
 ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

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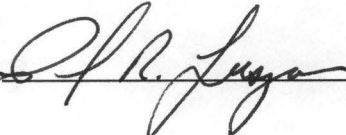
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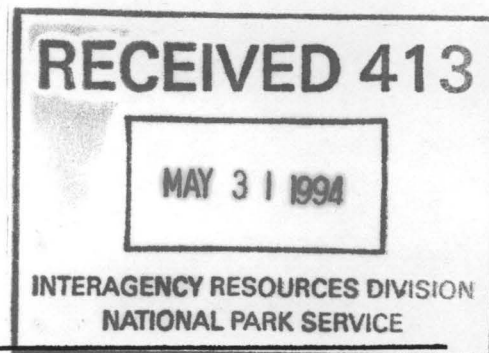
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

 6/29/94

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official/Title

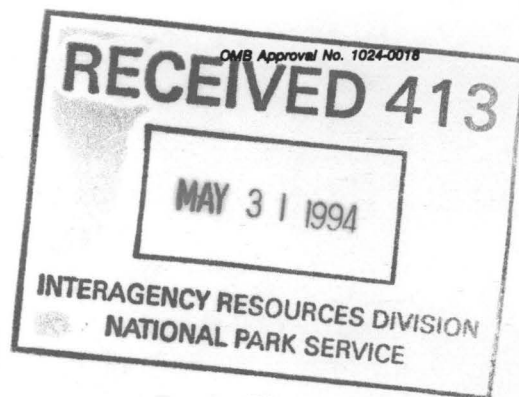
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Amendment Justification

The information included in this amendment is submitted as a result of additional documentation provided by the owner that corrects several errors in the original nomination. These continuation sheets supersede the information contained in the corresponding sections of the original nomination and should be substituted for them in their entirety. All other information included in the existing nomination form is current and correct.

Description

The W.J. White House was built around 1912 in the Queen Anne style with incipient Craftsman-style influences. Its shape substyle can be classed as "hipped roof with lower cross gables" and it contains elements of both the "spindlework" and "free classic" decorative substyles as outlined in Virginia and Lee McAlester's "A Field Guide to American Houses".

The building was constructed by O.S. Nelson, a highly respected Russellville contractor and is two stories with a full attic and partial basement. The exterior walls are solid brick with interior plaster applied directly to the brick walls. Non-bearing walls and ceilings are constructed of wood studs with plaster applied over wood lathing. Two of the first floor rooms have molded plaster crown molding, ceiling decoration and ceiling medallions. The floor plan is essentially rectangular although several rooms on the first and second floors are of a hexagon and octagon shape. A porch wraps around the front and right and left side elevations at the ground level. A small hexagonal lattice-work well-house extends from the rear of the house. The original tile lined well is still visible under the floor. Bay window projections, continuous from first to second floor, extend from the right and left side and front elevations in an asymmetrical pattern.

The roof is steeply pitched and of irregular shape with dominant front facing gable and with three lower cross gables facing the sides and rear of the house. The gables are asymmetrically placed on their respective facades and correspond to the bay window projections. The ridge of the hipped roof runs front-to-back, parallel to the side of the house. The house is roofed with pressed galvanized steel resembling ceramic tile. This same roofing is still being manufactured today in Nevada, MO by the Norman Metal Roofing Company. Each gabled end is shingled with coursed plain shingles. Three of these gables contain a four pane semi-circular window and the fourth a rectangular window of several small panes surrounding a larger center pane. Each of these windows is hinged to open into the attic for summer ventilation.

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The entire structure rests on a molded concrete block base that simulates rock-faced stone. The porch rails and balusters are constructed of the same molded blocks in two distinct styles. The curved porch rail is capped with molded concrete and all mortar joints are beaded. The floor and three stairways with balusters leading up unto the porch are of the same material. The porch is supported by round, simply capped, classical Tuscan columns grouped in units of two and three and raised on pedestals to a level above that of the molded block porch railing. These columns are connected by Queen Anne style fretwork supported by single brackets. The porch roof is flat and attached by turnbuckles so that the tension on the columns can be adjusted if necessary. A wooden rail in the Queen Anne style, with turned spindles and square corner posts capped with turned wooden balls, edges the entire roof, forming a balcony the same size as the porch below. The well-house at the rear of the house is also edged by the same railing to form a balcony. The ceilings of both porches are of tongue and groove beaded planks.

The property is bounded on the south and west sides by a retaining wall of the same molded concrete blocks as the porch on the house and was constructed at the same time that the house was built. The mortar joints on the retaining wall are also beaded.

The workmanship on the brick masonry is excellent. The mortar joints are flush and 1/16 inch thick. The brick corners are rounded with a continuous vertical reveal. The brick masonry over the windows is formed in an arch even though the window sashes themselves are not arched. This brick arch over each window is formed by two rows of rowlock bricks and a third row of headers that are positioned slightly forward in relationship to the first two rows in the arch and the rest of the bricks in the wall.

The interior is essentially unaltered with the exception of the kitchen, one bedroom that was converted to a large bath-dressing room combination and a second bath that was enlarged. Original plumbing fixtures remain in the two original baths. The bath-dressing room has had period fixtures installed. Most of the original light fixtures were missing, but have been replaced with period fixtures. All of the woodwork and doors are of heart pine milled by a local lumber company in business at the time the house was built; the underside of the staircase as well as the porch columns are stamped with the name of this company. The downstairs floors are of oak and the upstairs floors are of pine. All original door and window sash hardware is still intact. The mantle over the coal grate is of oak and the fireplace surround and hearth is of original ceramic tile. The decorative vents for the coal fired, forced air heating system remain in place and are used for the present heating system.

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The W. J. (Bud) White House is one of the most architecturally significant houses in Russellville. Built in 1912, it was one of the first houses on what is now West Main Street and was considered a showplace by the town residents. In addition to its architectural importance, the house is historically noteworthy because of its association with its builder, William Jackson White. Mr. White was successful in many different branches of business in Pope County. He was a ranch owner and bank president, businessman and civic leader. He had large land holdings in Pope County and in Colorado where he had his summer residence. Today the W. J. White house stands out as a distinguished example of the type house built by a wealthy merchant at the turn of the century.

W. J. White was born in Gordon County, Georgia in 1852. He came to Arkansas with his family in 1869 from Georgia where his father cultivated a plantation. After living in Ellsworth, Logan County, for a few years, the family moved to Russellville in 1872. Upon finishing high school at Ozark, Arkansas, Mr. White acquired one-third interest in a small mercantile business. By 1892, after his father's death, he assumed entire control of the business. His store was very up-to-date for the period with annual sales of up to \$100,000. It also employed Russellville's first woman clerk.

Mr. White owned several blocks in downtown Russellville, where his store was located, as well as other large acreage in Pope County. He also owned several hundred acres in Colorado where he specialized in the raising of Percheron draft horses and coach horses. He also had a large summer home in Colorado.

W. J. White also had other interests. He was one of the organizers of the Norwood Wholesale Grocery Company, which was formed at Russellville in 1915. He became Vice-President of this company that had stores in Morrilton and Conway in addition to the Russellville establishment. As a financier, he served for thirty-two years as one of the directors and Vice-President to the Peoples Exchange Bank at Russellville. This bank was organized by Mr. White in 1890. He also served as Postmaster of Russellville, a position to which he was appointed by President Garfield. Mr. White served as a member of the Russellville Town Council and was active in public affairs. Even after his retirement, he continued to exert a supervising influence upon his many and varied interests. The death of W. J. White in August, 1929, ended a half-century of valuable service to the community.

The W.J. White House remains in excellent condition today as an example of a house built by a wealthy merchant and financier. The house was sold in 1929, upon Mr. White's death, and has had only two other owners since that time. The quality and detail of design, materials and

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workmanship, along with the White family history, make this house a local landmark of historical and architectural significance.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY White, W. J., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pope

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/15/94

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78000617

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/29/94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The additional documentation submitted for the W.J. White House represents research that provides a more accurate date of construction--1912--for the house and updates the description of the property to reflect current conditions. The revisions to the narrative do not substantively change the documentation or the eligibility of the resource.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Additional Documentation
REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAH
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 6/29/94

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y ☒ N see attached SLR Y ☒ N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

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
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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___ UTM's ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

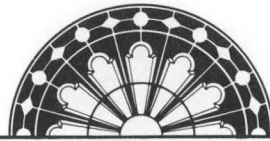
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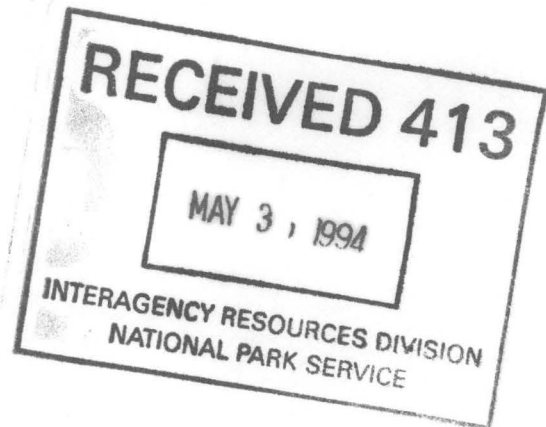
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RE: Amendment to W. J. White House Nomination
Russellville, Pope County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review an amendment to the nomination of the above-referenced property already on file in your office. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Please replace the corresponding sections of the existing nomination with the revised sections enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

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