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METHODOLOGY

The 100 through 500 blocks of Garrison Avenue were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The West Garrison Avenue Historic District recognized the earliest portions of Fort Smith's main commercial thoroughfare, Garrison Avenue. In September 1996, a devastating tornado ripped through Fort Smith's downtown, causing the destruction of several buildings, while damaging many others. In assessment of the storm damage, the city of Fort Smith realized the composition of downtown had changed and began an overall downtown development plan to rescue the city's historically important buildings. The city determined that a reevaluation of the entire downtown historic commercial district was needed and that it was time to look at many of the downtown buildings that had not been included in the 1979 West Garrison Avenue Historic District boundaries.

In conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, a complete architectural resources survey of over two-hundred buildings in the core of Fort Smith's downtown commercial district was conducted in 1997-98. As a result of this survey and its associated research, a review of the area by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program determined that there was justification to expand the boundaries of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District to include those buildings in Fort Smith's downtown which best represent the historical growth and development of the city. As a Certified Local Government, the city of Fort Smith was awarded a grant to prepare a nomination for the amendment of the existing West Garrison Avenue Historic District and a boundary increase to the same district. The resulting boundary increase of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District, encompasses portions of twelve blocks of Garrison Avenue and historically significant buildings in adjacent blocks north and south of Garrison.

SUMMARY

The area included in the **boundary increase** to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District includes 137 buildings situated along the twelve block long commercial corridor and in blocks north and south of Garrison Avenue, and of these 137 buildings, one – the New Theatre located at 9 North 10th Street – was listed in the National Register 11/18/99. This area is comprised of the oldest commercial buildings in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and represents some 125 years of development as the governmental and commercial center of the western regions of Central Arkansas. Of the 137 properties, 132 are commercial buildings, two are governmental, and three are religious related buildings. There are 64 properties (47 %) that contribute to the significance of the district, while 73 properties (53%) are non-contributing.

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The area included within the boundary increase to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District in conjunction with the area located inside the original district boundaries (NR listed 04/26/79) will yield a total resource count of 175 properties, of which 91resources (52 %) are contributing and 84 resources (48%) are non-contributing.

ELABORATION

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District is located in the earliest settled part of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Fort Smith is situated on the western edge of the state at the point where the Poteau and Arkansas Rivers meet. Originally begun in 1817 as a military fort, the city became a gateway for westward travelers during the pre-Civil War period. Toward the end of the nineteenth century was the location of a Federal Court which had jurisdiction over Indian Territory to the west of Fort Smith where many of the most desperate criminals in the United States sought and found sanctuary.

Garrison Avenue is Fort Smith's main commercial corridor and traffic artery as it is also U.S. Highway 64. The spectacularly broad avenue, 120 feet wide, was laid out by city father John Rogers. Garrison Avenue is twelve blocks long beginning at the Arkansas River bank on the west and running eastward to its end, where on the crest of a hill is the majestic Gothic Revival Church of the Immaculate Conception. Parallel to Garrison Avenue on the south is the city's second primary commercial street, Rogers Avenue, which runs northeast to intersect with Garrison Avenue at the 1200 block and continues on to the easternmost edges of Fort Smith. Paralleling Garrison Avenue on the north are "A" and "B" Streets, portions of which are included in the historic district boundaries. The entire historic commercial district, centered around Garrison Avenue, is laid out at a 45 degree angle, creating an unusual pattern of intersections at some locations which spread out in five directions; at others there are odd trapezoids and triangles of blocks.

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District is surrounded by significant historic sites and districts. Immediately south of the western boundary of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District is Belle Point Site, location of the foundation of the original 1817 fort and other buildings constructed as the fort became a major military supply center for western forts. In 1961 the area was designated a National Historic Site and has also been designated as a National Historic Landmark. South of the fort site is the fifteen-acre National Cemetery which was laid out during the founding of the first fort in 1817.

The Belle Grove Historic District is located to the north of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District and is comprised of twenty-two square blocks of late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century residences. The Belle Grove Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and extensive restoration has occurred in the area.

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Of the 137 properties included in the amendment to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District, 59 are located on the twelve blocks of Garrison Avenue, 16 along the north side of Rogers Avenue, with the remaining 62 buildings along North "A" Street and the numbered north/south streets. Of the 137 buildings in the district, there are 132 commercial buildings, two governmental and three are religious structures.

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District (and its amended boundaries) includes the oldest surviving buildings in Fort Smith's historic downtown commercial area. Construction dates of contributing properties in the historic district span the years from 1870 to 1950. The earliest buildings are of stone construction, though the majority of buildings in the district are of brick construction. Vernacular adaptations of commercial Italianate and Renaissance architectural styles of the 1880s are mixed with Richardsonian Romanesque style and Classical Revival style building designs. Common to many of the buildings in the district, particularly along Garrison Avenue, are elaborate dentillated and bracketed galvanized iron cornices. Many of the building have cast iron columns, window architraves and sill and other ornamental detailing. Cut limestone trim is commonly seen on the buildings in the district, which were constructed in the 1890s and early 1900s.

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District contains a wide variety of architectural styles ranging from the simple stone construction of buildings such as seen at 822 Garrison to the Gothic Revival spires of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 22 N. 13th Street (SB0566). Exterior detailing on the 1911 New Theatre Building at 9 North 10th Street (SB0016 – and NR listed 11/18/99) is characteristic of the Beaux-Arts style. The Friedman-Mincer Building at 1100-1110 Garrison Avenue (SB0188) is a three story triangular shaped building with Classical detailing and glazed brick. Constructed in 1919, this building is situated on the point of a somewhat triangular block at the intersection of five streets.

The Kress Building at 812 Garrison (SB0143) was constructed c. 1930 and features Art Deco detailing in its geometric brick patterning. The City National Bank Building, at 612 Garrison Avenue, is another example of Art Deco design in the district. Fashionable structural carrera glass was added to several buildings in the 1940s in the 900 block of Garrison.

The majority of buildings in the district are two, three, or four stories. The Merchants National Bank at 623 Garrison and the First National Bank at 600 Garrison are reflective of the "modern skyscraper". The buildings along Garrison Avenue distinctly are indicative of the large amount of construction during the latter decades of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century.

Time has not stood still in the West Garrison Avenue Historic District. Of the 137 buildings in boundary expansion area a number have been constructed since 1950; some buildings have been demolished; and some buildings were destroyed by the 1996 tornado. Throughout the history of the city of Fort Smith, Garrison Avenue has maintained itself as the commercial center of the city. Despite occasional vacancies, the majority

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of buildings in the West Garrison Avenue Historic District remain viable and occupied. A strong city plan has created the opportunity to revitalize Fort Smith's downtown as it continues to recover from the devastation of the 1996 tornado. An extensive riverfront park and streetscape project is under construction and a new civic center adjacent to the historic district on the south nears completion.

Surrounded by historic sites, the area to be included in the boundary increase to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District is a an outstanding collection of architecturally significant buildings ranging in construction dates from c. 1869 to 1950 which represent the growth and development of the city of Fort Smith

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national) LOCAL

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Period of Significance 1875-1951

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked) N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked) N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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SUMMARY

The area within the West Garrison Avenue Historic District (boundary increase) is comprised of 137 buildings representative of the history of the development and growth of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Garrison Avenue, a twelve block grand thoroughfare, is the main commercial corridor of the city. Fort Smith was built around the first military fort on the Great Southwestern Frontier. Fort Smith was, from the beginning, a merchant town, full of storehouses and suppliers. As the gateway of the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Smith was the point of embarkation for traders, cattle drivers, settlers and other adventurers heading west to such destinations as Santa Fe in the Mexican territory and to the California Gold Rush. The development of Garrison Avenue largely reflected this activity as it abounded with general mercantile stores, livery stables, and other such retail ventures. Garrison Avenue has evolved from its roots as a stopping off point on the way west to remain the principal commercial thoroughfare through the city and the center of local government.

ELABORATION

Fort Smith, Arkansas is located on the bank of the Arkansas River at the western edge of the state. The first European settlement in the vicinity was the establishment of a federal military post, initially named Fort Belle Point, in 1817. The site, which is located at the junction of the Arkansas and Poteau Rivers, was selected by Major Stephen H. Long, a topographical engineer. The site was chosen over other areas in the vicinity because of the unusual beauty of the oak-shaded bluff, but largely due to an underlying layer of stratified sandstone, providing a solid foundation for the construction of a fort and other buildings. French settlers called the location "Belle Point".

Fort Belle Point or Fort Smith as it was later named for General Thomas A. Smith, the army commander who had given orders for its construction, was established to protect the western border of the United States territories against attacks from the Native American residents of the newly-created Indian Territory, located in what is now known as Oklahoma. However, after the forced migrations of the Creek and Cherokee Indians from their ancestral homelands east of the Mississippi River that occurred in the first few decades of the nineteen century, Fort Belle Point's primary directive shifted to keeping the peace between the newer Indian tribes and such older tribes as the Osage, the Choctaw and the Quapaw who had lived in this area for some time. The hostilities between neighboring tribes was of sufficient magnitude to prompt the U.S. War Department to convert what had been a temporary fort into a permanent facility as of 1825, after the signing of the Choctaw treaty.

The instability of the Native American situation discouraged any organized attempts at the establishment of an associated community adjacent to the fort. It was not until the fort was made a permanent facility in 1825 that the platting of the adjacent city of Fort Smith and the selling of lots for new construction began. One of the

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early white settlers was Captain John Rogers, who arrived in 1822 from New Orleans to become a sutler for the garrison. When a post office was established in 1829 Rogers became postmaster, and in 1834 he bought almost the entire town site for \$450.00. Four years later when the Federal Government decided to establish a new fort, and purchased 296 acres of Rogers' land for \$15,000.00.

A new fort, begun in 1838, was much more substantial than the log stockade that had been the garrison's first protection. Construction of the new fort caused a surge of growth in the settlement. Stonemasons, carpenters, and mechanics brought in to work on the fort mingled with soldiers and adventurers.

General Zachary Taylor, then at the beginning of a career that eventually made him President of the United States took command of the unfinished fort in 1841. Late in 1842 the Arkansas General Assembly incorporated Fort Smith, then a town of nearly 500 persons. However, work on the fort was lagging, and Taylor shared the common feeling that there was no need for a strong fortification against the Native Americans. At Taylor's suggestion, orders to abandon work on the nearly completed structure came from Washington in 1843.

The pre-Civil war history of the city of Fort Smith was largely that of its role as a major embarkation point for traders, settlers and other adventurers heading to points west. This pre-Civil War era was highlighted by excitement as parties prepared to proceed westward to the California Gold Rush on 1849. Long lines of wagons, drawn by mules or oxen, rolled through the dusty streets of Fort Smith, the last settlement they would reach before their journey west began.

The development of Fort Smith began as a merchant town with storehouses and suppliers which furnished guns, saddles and supplies to the wagon trains of westerning Americans. By 1850 Fort Smith's population had increased to 964, or about twice the 1840 population. The town continued to grow rapidly as in 1851 the military fort was ordered reoccupied. And in 1858 the arrival of the first Butterfield stagecoach in Fort Smith inaugurated rapid transportation to California and to St. Louis.

After the Civil War such institutions as public schools, churches and dependable postal service arrived in the city of Fort Smith. The fact that the federal government officially closed the fort as an active military garrison in 1871 attests to the city's firm state of security by this time. Though Fort Smith had always been served by the Arkansas River, and later by several stage lines that connected it with other cities in the Midwest and Southwest, the city grew dramatically with the arrival of the Little Rock-Fort Smith Railroad in 1876 and then with the arrival of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad in 1883.

To the west of Fort Smith stretched Indian Territory, 74,000 square miles of scantily populated plains over which the Federal Government exercised only a shadowy jurisdiction. The Native Americans made their own law, but their tribal courts had no authority over white offenders. Remote, with no communications except by horsemen, the Indian Territory was a haven for train robbers, murderers, and bank bandits. The Federal District

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Court at Fort Smith was charged with enforcing the law in Indian Territory, in addition to handling Federal cases from western Arkansas. Judge Isaac C. Parker (1838-1896), a Republican from Missouri, was appointed to the Fort Smith bench in 1875 and served until his death in 1896. In twenty-one years as judge, some 9,500 convictions were made and eighty-eight criminals were hanged. Parker's deputy marshals brought in outlaws from wide reaches of the Indian Territory. The methods of the "Hanging Judge", as Parker was known, were hard and direct, but at the end of Parker's career, life and property were much safer in the Indian Territory and the great days of the border bandits were over.

The growth of the city was intensified by the discovery in 1901 of natural gas fields to the east of Fort Smith, thereby providing a source of dependable and cheap fuel that made the establishment of industrial enterprise feasible. Smelters, glass factories, furniture factories, and steel and iron works located in Fort Smith as a result. The city also became a major agricultural trade center, serving as the transportation hub for the wide variety of produce grown throughout the length of the surrounding Arkansas River valley.

Sebastian County was created by an act of the Arkansas General Assembly and signed by Governor John S. Roane on January 10, 1851. The permanent site of the county seat remained in contention both before and after the Civil War. The first courthouse was located near the geographical center of the county at Greenwood. In 1858 the county seat was moved to Fort Smith and two years later returned to Greenwood by majority vote of the county residents. In 1861 a compromise was reached by which the county would be divided into two judicial districts, with dual county seats located at both Greenwood and Fort Smith. This situation was reversed several times in subsequent years and was finally put to rest by the Constitutional Convention of 1874 which inserted into the new constitution a provision stipulating the division of the county into two judicial districts, with separate county courts, separate revenue, and separate fiscal responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the individual courts within each district.

Many business owners on Garrison Avenue lived on the second floor of their buildings, others lived in boarding hotels often located on second and third floors of Garrison Avenue buildings. For many years, Garrison Avenue was the major part of Fort Smith, more than just a "main street". The west end of Garrison Avenue was predominately commercial while the east end of Garrison Avenue was lined with private residences until the early 1900s. At the turn of the century as the city continued growth, the business section previously confined to the first six blocks of Garrison, expanded to encompass the full twelve blocks of the avenue.

It is recorded that city founder John Rogers laid out Garrison Avenue with New Orleans' Canal Street in mind. Garrison Avenue is a grand thoroughfare, 120 feet wide. A description of Garrison Avenue in the *Garrison Avenue Herald* in 1900 described "the Avenue itself is as handsome a street as could be seen anywhere even in Paris, France. The Avenue is fully paved with hand-burned brick right down to the river side, where there is a landing for river boats not much used now [1900], since the several railroads in town provide much more dependable freight and passenger service...." The article went on to say that the buildings had been perfectly

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executed by the city's master masons and stoneworkers and referred to buildings in the "very latest style", patterned after the famous design which grace the cities of Chicago and St. Louis. This 1900 article stated "No more can our fair city be maligned by Eastern newspapers as a "frontier hick town" and "Hell on the Border" as it was in the past. The mercantile blocks [along Garrison Avenue] stand as a monument to the forward-thinking and progressive citizenry of Fort Smith".

The population of Fort Smith doubled between 1900 and 1910. Although Fort Smith is the trading center of a large agricultural area, its principal income began to come from industry manufacturing furniture, glass products, clothing, and brick, to name a few. Other industries included coal, natural gas and zinc production. Fort Smith's economy was strong and weathered the Great Depression well. All three of the Fort Smith banks continued to operate on a sound basis during the economic crises in the United States during the 1930s. Just as it had been in the 1830s and 1840s a crossroads to the west, Fort Smith, because of its geographical location, became a crossroads for transients in the 1930s moving from one location to another seeking employment. During the troubled years of the Great Depression the Federal government built two barracks, which would accommodate several hundred transients, on a eight acre tract owned by the city of Fort Smith.

The outbreak of World War II brought the establishment of a large army training center near Fort Smith in 1941, called Fort Chaffee. The influx of military personnel brought a surge in the population and demand for businesses and services. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s and 1960s the Garrison Avenue commercial corridor flourished, even though the city continued to expand eastward.

Despite rampant suburban development in the last three decades in the city of Fort Smith, Garrison Avenue continues to serve as the city's major commercial thoroughfare with city, county and federal offices centered in the area as well as banks, a wide variety of retail establishments and a wide selection of eateries and entertainment. The 137 buildings in the area of the boundary expansion to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District represent the core of the development of the city and are an outstanding compendium of commercial architectural styles from the late nineteenth century through the 1940s. The area within the West Garrison Avenue Historic District (boundary increase) is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A with local significance as representative of the growth and development of the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas and under Criterion A with local significance as a significant collection of buildings representing distinctive historical architectural styles in American history.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

 Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register Previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	Primary location of additional data: State Historic Preservation Office Other State Agency Federal Agency Local Government University Other Name of repository:
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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

The proposed boundary increase to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District is defined by the following verbal description:

Beginning at the intersection of Garrison Avenue and North First (1st) Street, the boundary runs northwest along the center line of N. 1st Street to its intersection with North "A" Street at which point the boundary turns to run southeast along the center line of North "A" Street to North Fifth (5th) Street. At the intersection of North "A" and North Fifth Streets, the boundary turns to run northeast along the center line of N. Fifth Street to the intersection of N. Fifth and North "B" Street. At the corner of N. Fifth and N. "B" Streets, the boundary turns to run southeast along N. "B" Street one block, to N. Sixth (6th) Street. At N. "B" and N. 6th Streets, the boundary runs northeast to the alley in the middle of the block where it runs along the alley to N. Seventh (7th) Street. Beginning at the point the alley north of the 600 block of N. "B" and N. 7th Street intersects, the boundary runs southwest along N. 7th to its intersection with N. "B" Street. The boundary then runs down the center line of N. "B" Street to its intersection with North Tenth (10th) Street. At N. "B" and N. 10th Streets, the boundary turns to runs southwest along the center line of N. 10th Street one block to the intersection of N. 10th and N. "A" Streets. At this point the boundary runs southeast along the center line of N. "A" Street to the center of the block bounded by N. "A" on the north, N. 13th Street on the west, Rogers Avenue on the south, and N. 14th Street on the east. At the mid point of this block the boundary turns off N. "A" to run southwest to Rogers Avenue, just east of the property located at 1401 Rogers. The boundary runs northwest along the center line of Rogers Avenue to the intersection of Rogers and South Seventh (7th) Streets where it runs south on S. 7th Street to Parker Avenue. At S. 7th Street and Parker Avenue, the boundary runs northwest along the center line of Parker Avenue to its intersection with S. Fifth (5th) Street. At Parker and S. 5th Street the boundary turns and runs north one block to the intersection of S. 5th Street and Rogers Avenue. The boundary then runs along the center line of Rogers Avenue to its intersection with South First (1st) Street where it turns and runs northeast along one block of South 1st Street to the point of boundary origin at N. First Street and Garrison Avenue. The area included in the boundary extension radiates outwards from -- and encompasses - the original district (NR listed 04/26/79).

West Garrison Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Name of Property

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Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

A comprehensive architectural resources survey was conducted in the commercial district of downtown Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1997-1998. All resources in the survey area were reviewed by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program for determination of eligibility. The additional properties – that justify the boundary increase to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District – are historically and architecturally significant and they contribute to the historic fabric of this historic commercial district.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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Properties Included in the Boundary Expansion to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District

Street #	Street Name	Status
600	Garrison Ave.	С
612	Garrison Ave.	С
616	Garrison Ave.	NC
702	Garrison Ave.	NC
704	Garrison Ave.	NC
706-708	Garrison Ave.	С
812	Garrison Ave.	С
814	Garrison Ave.	NC
816	Garrison Ave.	NC
818	Garrison Ave.	С
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Street #	Street Name	Status
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1130	Garrison Ave.	NC
1206	Garrison Ave.	NC
1300	Garrison Ave.	С
601-605	Garrison Ave.	С
613	Garrison Ave.	С
615	Garrison Ave.	NC
617-623	Garrison Ave.	С
701	Garrison Ave.	NC
707-711	Garrison Ave.	NC
723	Garrison Ave.	NC
801-803	Garrison Ave.	С
805	Garrison Ave.	NC
809	Garrison Ave.	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
813	Garrison Ave.	С
817	Garrison Ave.	NC
819	Garrison Ave.	С
823	Garrison Ave.	С
901	Garrison Ave.	С
905	Garrison Ave.	NC
911	Garrison Ave.	NC
913	Garrison Ave.	С
915	Garrison Ave.	С
917-919	Garrison Ave.	С
921-925	Garrison Ave.	С
1021	Garrison Ave.	NC
1101	Garrison Ave.	С
1111	Garrison Ave.	NC
1117	Garrison Ave.	С

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1121	Garrison Ave.	С
1201	Garrison Ave.	NC
1211	Garrison Ave.	С
216	North A	NC
615-621	North A	NC
711	North A	NC
917	North A	С
601	North B	С
512	North B	С
301	Rogers	С
319	Rogers	NC
413	Rogers	NC
415	Rogers	NC
423	Rogers	NC
505-507	Rogers	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
509	Rogers	NC
615	Rogers	NC
701	Rogers	С
703	Rogers	С
705-709	Rogers	С
711	Rogers	NC
901-913	Rogers	С
1101	Rogers	С
1401	Rogers	С
10	North 1 st	NC
7	North 2 nd	С
9-11	North 2 nd	С
17	North 2 nd	С
21	North 2 nd	NC
12	North 2 nd	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
14	North 3 rd	С
18-22	North 3 rd	NC
19	North 3 rd	NC
16	North 5 th	NC
19	North 5 th	NC
23	North 5 th	NC
30	South 6 th	С
35	South 6 th	С
20-28	North 6 th	С
17	North 6 th	NC
100	North 6 th	С
101	North 6 th	NC
109	North 6 th	NC
111	North 6 th	С
116	North 6 th	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
123	North 6 th	С
122	North 6 th	NC
22	North 7 th	С
615-621	North 7 th	NC
711	North 7 th	NC
118	North 7 th	NC
123	North 7 th	NC
120	North 7 th	NC
101	North 8 th	С
100	North 8 th	С
115	North 8 Th	NC
9	North 9 th	С
10	North 9 th	С
13	North 9 th	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
17	North 9 th	NC
19-21	North 9 th	NC
101	North 9 th	NC
106	North 9 th	С
115	North 9 th	NC
117-119	North 9 th	С
120	North 9 th	С
9	North 10 th	C (NR listed 11/18/99)
11-13	North 10 TH	С
15	North 10 TH	С
17-19	North 10 th	NC
21	North 10 th	NC
22	North 10 th	NC
101-115	North 10 th	С
1021	North 11 th	NC

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Street #	Street Name	Status
12	North 11 th	NC
23	North 11 th	NC
10	North 12 th	С
16	North 12 th	NC
22	North 13 th	С



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Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2019

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National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ____ entered in the National Register
- _____ determined eligible for the National Register
- ____ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ____ removed from the National Register
- ____ other (explain:) ______

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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The revised resource count for the West Garrison Avenue Historic District (including the original district and the boundary increase) is:

	Contributing	Non-contributing		
Buildings Sites Structures	91	83		
Objects				
Totals	91	83		

The district also includes the following individually-listed property:

1) New Theatre – Listed November 18, 1999.

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In the original nomination for the boundary increase for the West Garrison Avenue Historic District, the Arcade Department Store Building at 900 West Garrison Avenue was considered to be non-contributing to the District due to the installation of a slipcover on the building. However, the building should now be considered to be a contributing resource. A recent project removed the slipcover, exposing the original façade that was underneath. As a result, the building is considered to be a contributing resource in the West Garrison Avenue Historic District.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: West Garrison Avenue Historic District – Arcade Department Store Building at 900 West Garrison Avenue

City or Vicinity: Fort Smith

County: Sebastian County State: Arkansas

Photographer: Mason Toms

Date Photographed: February 13, 2019

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of <u>2</u>. View of the northwest and northeast façades of the building, looking south.

2 of 2. View of the northeast façade of the building, looking southwest.

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Figure 1: Arcade Department Store Building at 900 West Garrison Avenue, c.1975.

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Figure 2: Arcade Department Store Building at 900 West Garrison Avenue, July 25, 1984.

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Figure 3: Arcade Department Store Building at 900 West Garrison Avenue, January 11, 1998.





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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY West Garrison Historic District (Boundary Increase) NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

MANE:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 5/04/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/17/01 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/02/01 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/19/01 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01000614

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	Ν	DATA PROBLEM:	Ν	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	Ν	SAMPLE:	Ν	SLR DRAFT:	Ν	NATIONAL:	N
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA		
REVIEWER	DISCIPLINE	
TELEPHONE	DATE	

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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John S. Sorenson Program Manager Historic Preservation U.S. Postal Service Facilities 4301 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 300 Arlington, VA 22203-1861

RE: The West Garrison Avenue Historic District (Boundary Expansion)

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

In September of 1999, the Arkansas State Review Board approved the nomination for a boundary increase to the West Garrison Avenue Historic District, which was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places 04/26/79. The Post Office in Fort Smith, which is a noncontributing building, lies within the proposed boundary expansion area.

If you have any questions or comments about the inclusion of this building within the historic district, please fax them to Sarah Pope at the National Register Office by 14 May 2001. Her fax number is (202) 343-1244. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Cathie Matthews State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:kmo

Cc: Carol Shull, Chief of Registration Sarah Pope, National Register Reader

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RE: West Garrison Avenue Historic District Additional Documentation – Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Beasley:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the West Garrison Avenue Historic District Additional Documentation to the National Register of Historic Places. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerety

Stacy Hurst State Historic Preservation Officer

SH:rsw

Enclosure

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Requested Action:	Additional Documentation							
Property Name:	West Garrison Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)							
Multiple Name:								
State & County:	ARKANSAS, Sebastian							
Date Rece 4/16/20		Date of Pending List: 5/2/2019	Date of 16th Day: 5/17/2019	Date of 45th Day: 5/31/2019	Date of Weekly List:			
Reference number:	AD01000)614 ·						
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Reason For Review	<i>I</i> :				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
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Abstract/Summary Comments:	Changes	the status of one build	ding in the Boundary I	ncrease area				
Recommendation/ Criteria	Accept Additional Documentation							
Reviewer	abbert		Discipline	Historian				
Telephone (202)3	54-2275		Date					
DOCUMENTATION	l: see a	י attached comments : N	lo see attached S	LR : No				

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.