

Survey Number CL-54

Owner Ed Griffith

Property Name Bateman-Griffith House

Address 316 Jefferson

Address 316 Jefferson St

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1930

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two-story Bateman-Griffith House is a unique architectural resource in Clarendon. It was designed by Estes Mann of Memphis in 1930, who designed at least three other brick houses in Clarendon during the 1920's and 1930's, but none of this elaborate detail. This English Revival-influenced period house on Jefferson Street is a unique resource representing the new architectural tastes entering the old rivertown during the 1930's. The house has a steeply pitched, red-tile roof possessing various cross-gables and dormer windows, and is extremely asymmetrical with each side containing unique elements.

The south wall has a large clipped brick gable that flares out at the bottom. In this gable section are a pair of arched, multi-paned windows with stone trim on the second floor level, and a large elliptical multi-pane window with stone trim. A cross-gable entry projects from this main gable, containing an arched doorway flanked by two small multi-paned windows. This steep gable-entry is made of stone, and also flares slightly at the bottom. At the left of the gable-entry is another elliptical multi-paned window with stone trim. The roof line above this window curves up.

The second floor section of the east side is wood. As is the large dormer window on the left side, which also contains two long rectangular multipaned windows. Below the dormer window is a stone carport overhang and a single entrance into the house. On the right side is a brick gable extension containing a large brick exterior chimney. The windows on the east side, other than the dormer window, are double-hung, six-over-one windows.

The west side contains a large exterior stone chimney on the right side coming up through a brick gable. To the left of the chimney are a group of three rectangular, double-hung, multi-paned windows. Further to the left is a small triangular dormer window.

On the north wall is another large clipped gable with wood underneath. Below the gable is a small interior brick chimney, and several double-hung six-over-one paned windows along the ground level.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine house was constructed in 1930 for H. B. Bateman, Jr. by Estes Mann of the Memphis architectural firm of Mann and Gatling. Estes Mann was known for his work in Eastern Arkansas and the Memphis, Tennessee area, specializing in private residences. The Bateman-Griffith house is unique architecturally for Clarendon, and is a reflection of the long success of the Bateman family in Clarendon and Monroe County. B. H. Bateman, Sr. came to Clarendon in the 1850's, and soon became a successful lawyer and land-owner. He also established the Bateman Drugstore on Main Street in 1879. Bateman had two sons, T. T. Bateman and H. B. Bateman. T. T. Bateman established the Clarendon Lumber Company in the early 1900's, while H. B. Bateman was cashier and later Vice President of the Merchants and Planters Bank. H. B. Bateman's son, H. B. Bateman, Jr., also worked in the Merchant's and Planter's Bank around the time this house was built. The house is now owned by H. B. Bateman, Jr.'s daughter and son-in-law. This English-Revival influenced period house is a unique architectural resource, representing the new architectural ideas entering the old rivertown during the 1930's.

Verbal Boundary Description: Ewans Addition  
Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654200

Northing: 3840760



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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data entered 11/1/84

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area  
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Anderson Boarding House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 10/1/84

Attest

2. Bank of Clarendon

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National Register

for Keeper

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3. Bateman-Griffith House

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National Register

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4. Bondi Brothers Store

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5. Bounds Building

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6. Clarendon Methodist-  
Episcopal Church South

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7. Ewan Building

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8. Goldman and Son Store

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9. Highway 79 Bridge

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10. Jefferies Building

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bateman-Griffith House (Clarendon MRA)  
Monroe County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entered in the  
**National Register**

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_

Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

### 11. Form Prepared By

### 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the South





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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024