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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PH-077

Congressional District: First

✓ Name: White House (Thompson TR)

Current Owner: John C. and Elizabeth Hardman

✓ Address: 1015 Perry Street

Address: 1015 Perry Street

Helena, Arkansas

Helena, Arkansas 72342

✓ County: Phillips

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: ca. 1910

Stylistic Influence: Colonial Revival

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 720375 /3823625

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Eli J. Lewis Addition

Lot 25, 81' East and West x 179' NE SW side North end

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered
☐ Altered

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(1015 Perry Street, Helena, AR)

Physical Description

This large two-story house, faced with dark red brick, is capped by a shallow pyramid roof with an exaggerated overhang. Broad cross gables project on each elevation at the attic level. The full-length front porch unifies the facade from which one bay projects. The graceful, small-scale decorative elements of this porch are somewhat incongruous with the broad, simple massing which characterizes the house as a whole. Unusually fine detailed Tuscan columns with attic bases rest on brick plinths with cast stone coping and support the flat roof of the porch and the plain frieze beneath. These columns appear in groups of three at the porch corners. Simple pilasters frame the doorway which has beveled plate glass windows and sidelights.

Statement of Significance

The White House in the historic Mississippi River town of Helena, Arkansas was designed by Charles L. Thompson ca. 1910. This house is a good example of the transition from Victorian styling to the interest in Colonial Revival. Thompson usually designed transitional residences to be constructed of wood however, the White House is of brick construction. The house is a less ornamented version of this design than many of Thompson's frame transitional houses. Thompson's design of the White House in Helena is reflective of the broad geographical distribution of his clientele. One of the oldest cities in Arkansas, Helena has always been more closely associated with nearby Memphis. It is considered significant that Thompson was commissioned to design structures in Helena in light of the distance and extensive travel time involved in going from Little Rock to the eastern Arkansas city. Although Thompson designed several buildings in Helena, the White House is the only one standing. Representative of transitional design in brick and the wide geographic distribution of Charles L. Thompson's work in Arkansas, the White House is an important example of the work of Arkansas' most prolific historic architect.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. McRae, D. L., House

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National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 12/22/82

Attest _____

72. Bemis Florist Shop

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Attest _____

- 73. White House

Substantive Review

Keeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

74. Bethel House

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75. Geyer and Adams Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Substantive ReviewKeeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82Attest eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

- 76. Christ The King Church

Substantive Review

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77. Smith House

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78. Mann House

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- 79. SAU at El Dorado

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80. Carnell, Ella, Hall

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Substantive Review

White House (Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection
TR)
Phillips County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/24/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept - CReviewer Patrick AndrewsDiscipline HistorianDate 12/13/82see 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 Surveyshas 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 _____

Geographic name _____

UBIT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

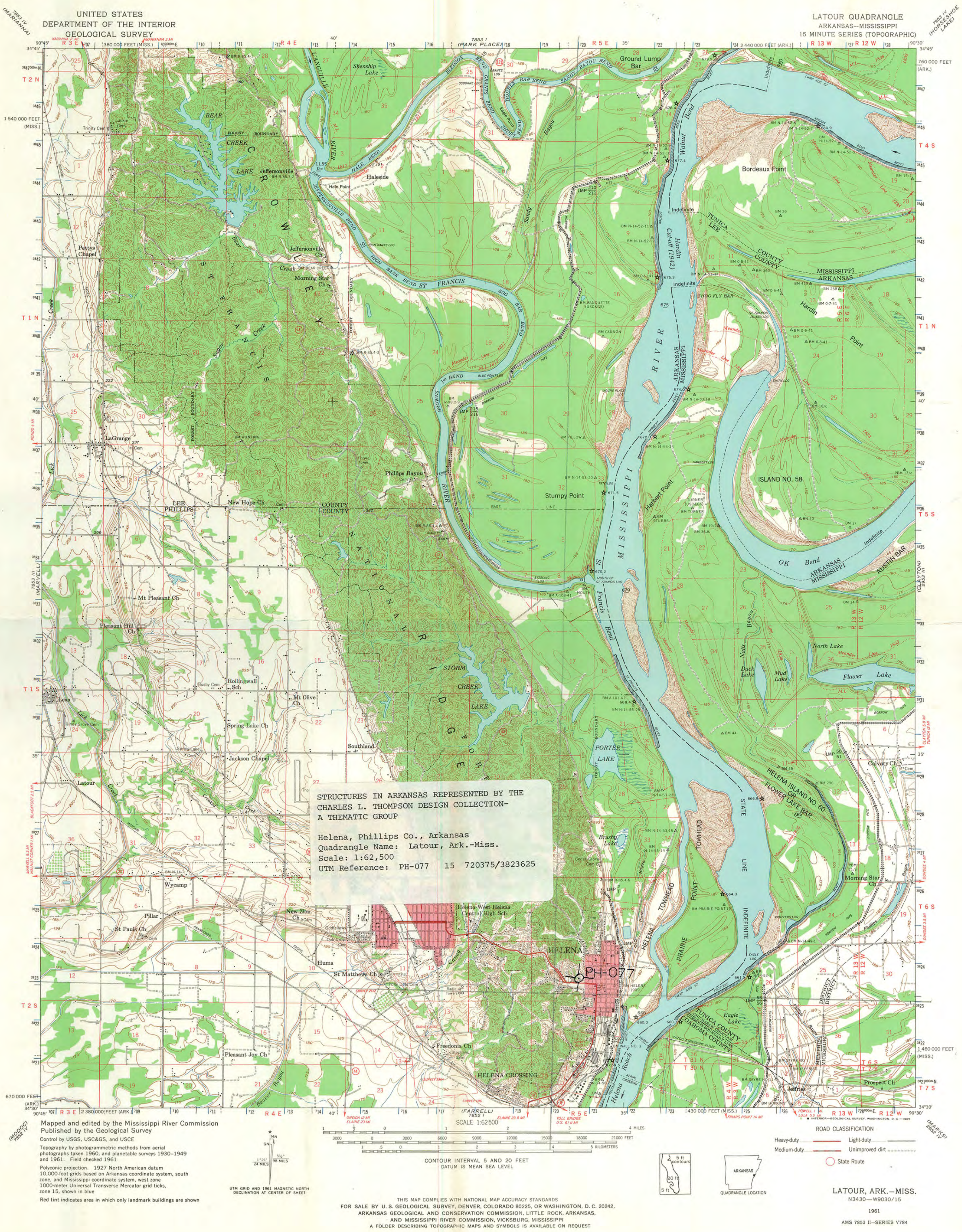


STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

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Photographed by: Sandra Taylor Smith

Negative on file at AHPP
Viewed from the west



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Helena, Phillips Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Latour, Ark.-Miss.
Scale: 1:62,500
UTM Reference: PH-077 15 720375/3823625

Mapped and edited by the Mississippi River Commission
Published by the Geological Survey
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960, and planimetric surveys 1930-1949
and 1961. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Arkansas coordinate system, south
zone, and Mississippi coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1961 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:62,500
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 AND 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route

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AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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