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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Prigmore House
and or common Prigmore-Martin House

2. Location

street & number 1104 West 5th Avenue not for publication
city, town Pine Bluff vicinity of
state Arkansas code 05 county Jefferson code 069

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<i>NA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Offices

4. Owner of Property

name A. W. Nelson, Jr.
street & number 207 Martin St., P. O. Box 5039
city, town Pine Bluff vicinity of state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse
street & number Barraque and Main Streets
city, town Pine Bluff state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date October 10, 1978 federal state county local
depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (See Attached)
city, town Little Rock state Arkansas

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

Located on the southwest corner of West Fifth Avenue and Cherry Streets in Pine Bluff, the 1873 George W. Prigmore House survives as one of the city's few mid-nineteenth century residential structures. The house reflects the Midwest origin of the builder, George Prigmore. The floor plan has one and one-half rooms arranged on either side of a central hall. Sided with weatherboard, the two story house and its one story ell addition are built of frame construction. Covered by gable roofs, the main block and ell rest on a continuous brick foundation. Only one of the paired central brick chimneys remains in the house. Plain and simple trim work embellish the interior and exterior of the Prigmore House.

ELABORATION

A full length, one story porch distinguishes the George W. Prigmore House facade (north). The porch displays an unique use of 2' x 4' studs for columns. The columns, supporting a simple two piece frieze and flat roof, sit on wood blocks and display crown moulding for the capitals. A set of three columns support each corner of the porch while a pair of columns are symmetrically placed to emphasize the centered entrance. The entrance reflects the traditional central hall entry. A three lite transom and three pane sidelights over a raised wood panel surround the solid raised-wood four panel door. Single six-over-six double-hung windows flank either side of the entrance. The second story consists of three symmetrically placed six-over-six double-hung windows. The window openings correlate with the first floor fenestration. A simple two piece frieze and corner board trim complete the structure's facade.

Return gables identify the east and west elevations of the Prigmore House. The simple two piece frieze is reiterated along the gables. Paired six-over-six double-hung windows, symmetrically arranged, create additional light for both floors.

The south or rear elevation is characterized by a one story gable roof ell, a partially enclosed L-shaped porch and the second story of the original block. The ell addition, built c. 1879, provided kitchen space. There are two symmetrically spaced six-over-six double-hung windows on the ell's west elevation and the same window type and panes on its south side. The L-shaped porch was probably built at the same time on the east side of the ell and continued onto the southeast portion of the main house. The enclosure of most of the porch took place during a later occupation. With the exception of the west window, removed to accommodate the ell's roof line, the second story fenestration of the house, reiterates the structure's second story facade, thus completing the rear elevation.

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In plan the Prigmore House interior reflects a central hall with one and one-half rooms on each side of the hall. A walnut stairway occupies the central hall along the east wall. The stairway consists of a handsome turned newel post and turned balusters. The second floor consists of three rooms with the central hall. Two rooms are located on the west side while the third room occupies the east. Plain facings surround the doors and windows throughout the house. An early photograph shows a pair of centered brick interior chimneys. Today only the east chimney remains in the structure. The existing fireplace, projecting from the interior wall on the first floor, features an embellished wood mantel. The west chimney and fire place were removed during a more recent time.

In the past year, the Prigmore House was renovated and converted to office space. The project basically required repair and clean-up work. In addition, the owners, upon examining a period photograph, restored the wood louver window shutters and reconstructed the wood picket fence.

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
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Specific dates C. 1873

Builder/Architect

George W. Prigmore/Unknown
(Probably)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY

The George W. Prigmore House, built in 1873, strongly suggests a Midwest interpretation of the I-house not usually found in Arkansas. Unlike the single pile plan found in the state's I-houses, such as the Walker-Stone House (NR-1970), the Moose House (NR-1974) and the Thomas E. Hess Homestead (NR-1983), Prigmore built his house with a one and one-half room deep floor plan. The use of the gable roof over the plan and paired central brick chimneys reflects the influence of Midwest rural architecture.

Stationed in Arkansas during the last couple of years of the Civil War, Captain George W. Prigmore returned to the state after the war and settled in Pine Bluff. Prigmore entered business as a clerk and studied law. In 1868 after gaining admission to the bar association, he became involved in local politics as a Republican and held several government positions. But unlike many Republicans, he apparently gained the respect and confidence of the community as evidenced in his continued election to local offices despite the defeat of the state Republican Party in 1874.

ELABORATION

After the Civil War, Pine Bluff, like the rest of Arkansas, struggled to regain the prosperity of its pre-War years. Although the 1860's were lean, the decade of the 1870's brought back prosperity to Pine Bluff. In 1873, the completion to the city of the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and New Orleans Railroad gave Pine Bluff more efficient access to Mississippi River commerce. Pine Bluff became an important railroad center and in turn the commercial wholesale center for Southeast Arkansas. During this period George Prigmore established himself as a respected citizen and politician of the community. Although he owed his initial political success to the Republican Party, Prigmore continued to hold public offices after the party's demise in 1874. He represented the twentieth district in the Arkansas Assembly from 1870-1872. He served as county circuit clerk for four terms, 1872-1880. After a brief absence from politics, Prigmore successfully ran for County Judge 1884-1886. His successful involvement in local politics lasted for twenty years until his death in 1887. Well liked and respected, Prigmore overcame the prevailing prejudice toward the Republican Party. An anti-Republican editor, Colonel John G. Ryan described Prigmore's acceptance in this way, "If the men who went from the North and located in the South after our late terrible war, had been made of like material that entered into the composition of Colonel Prigmore, the cry 'carpetbagger' would never have been heard:..."

9. Major Bibliographical References

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Pine Bluff, AR

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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F

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G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification 1104 West 5th Avenue; Lot 2 of Block 9; James Addition; Less and except the South 58 feet of the East 100 feet; Pine Bluff; Jefferson County; Arkansas

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard E. Taylor; edited by Don Brown AHPP Staff

organization A. W. Nelson, Jr., Architect, P.A. date March 5, 1986

street & number 207 Martin/P. O. Box 5039 telephone (501) 534-8922

city or town Pine Bluff state Arkansas

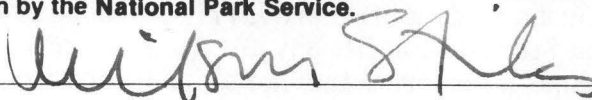
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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



title Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer

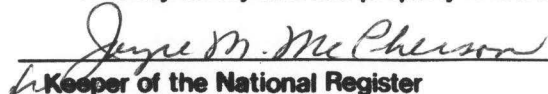
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/10/86


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Prigmore House
Jefferson County
ARKANSAS

Working No. MAR 13 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-3-87
Date Due: 4/10/86 — 4/27/86
Action: ACCEPT 4/10/86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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

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

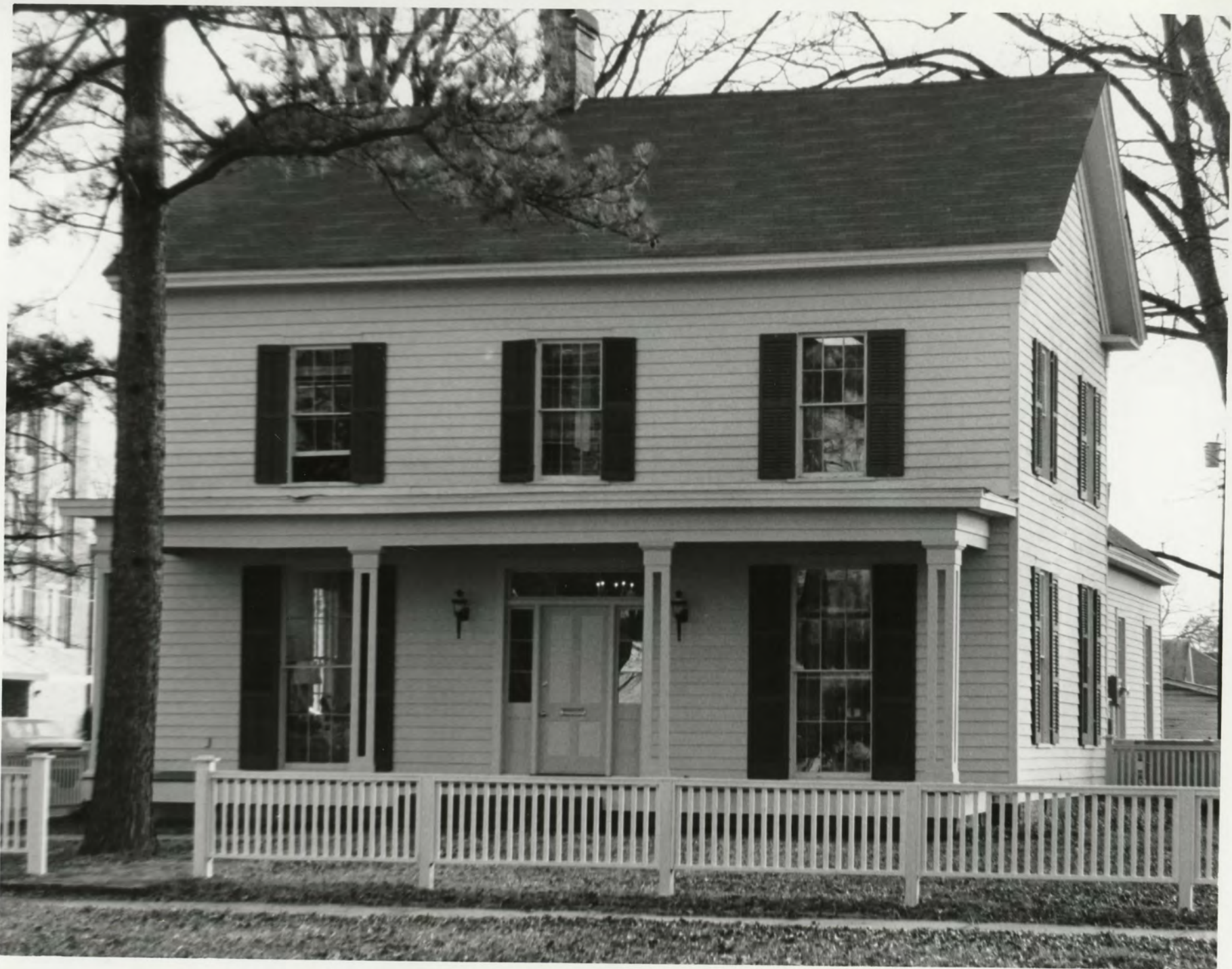
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13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

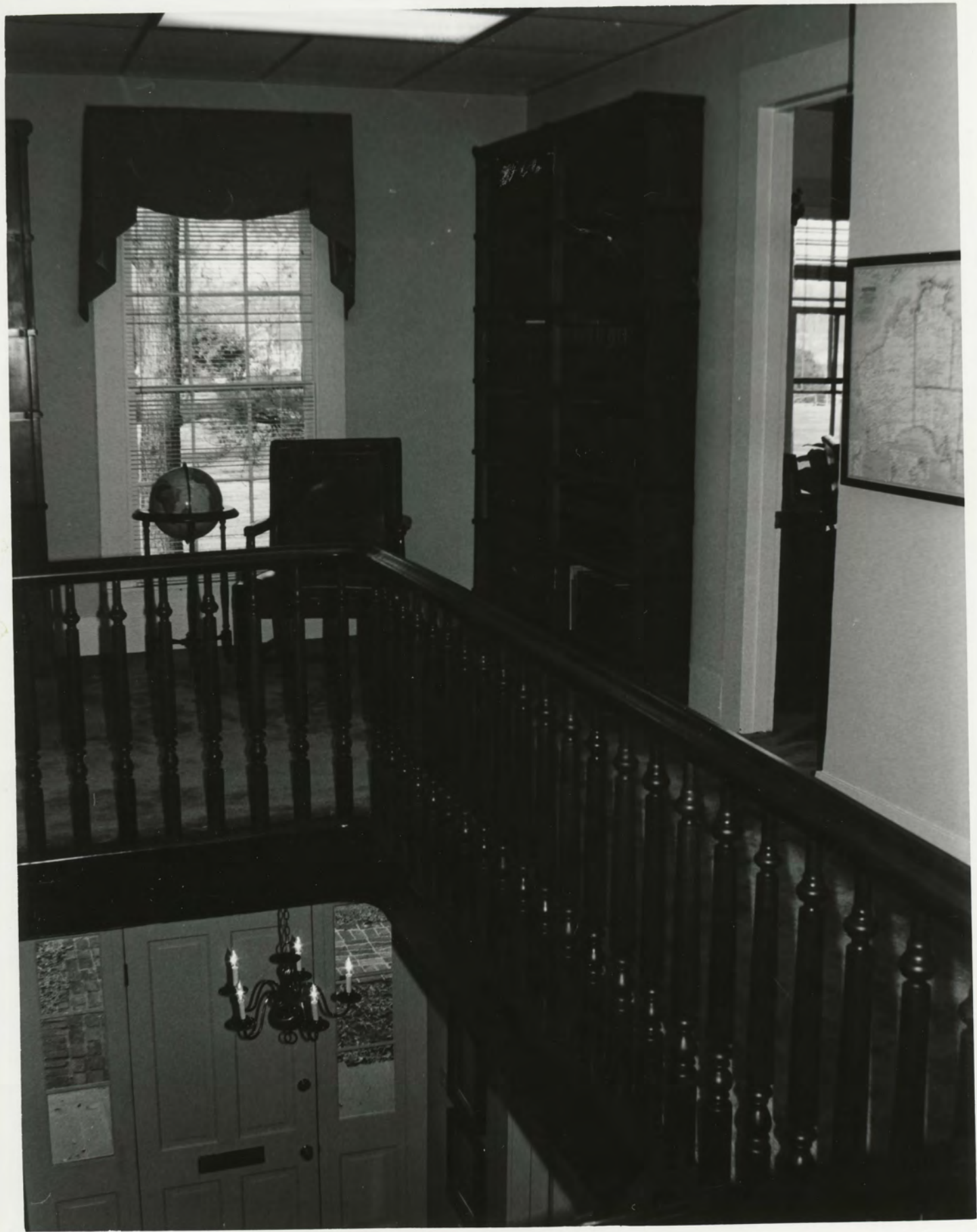
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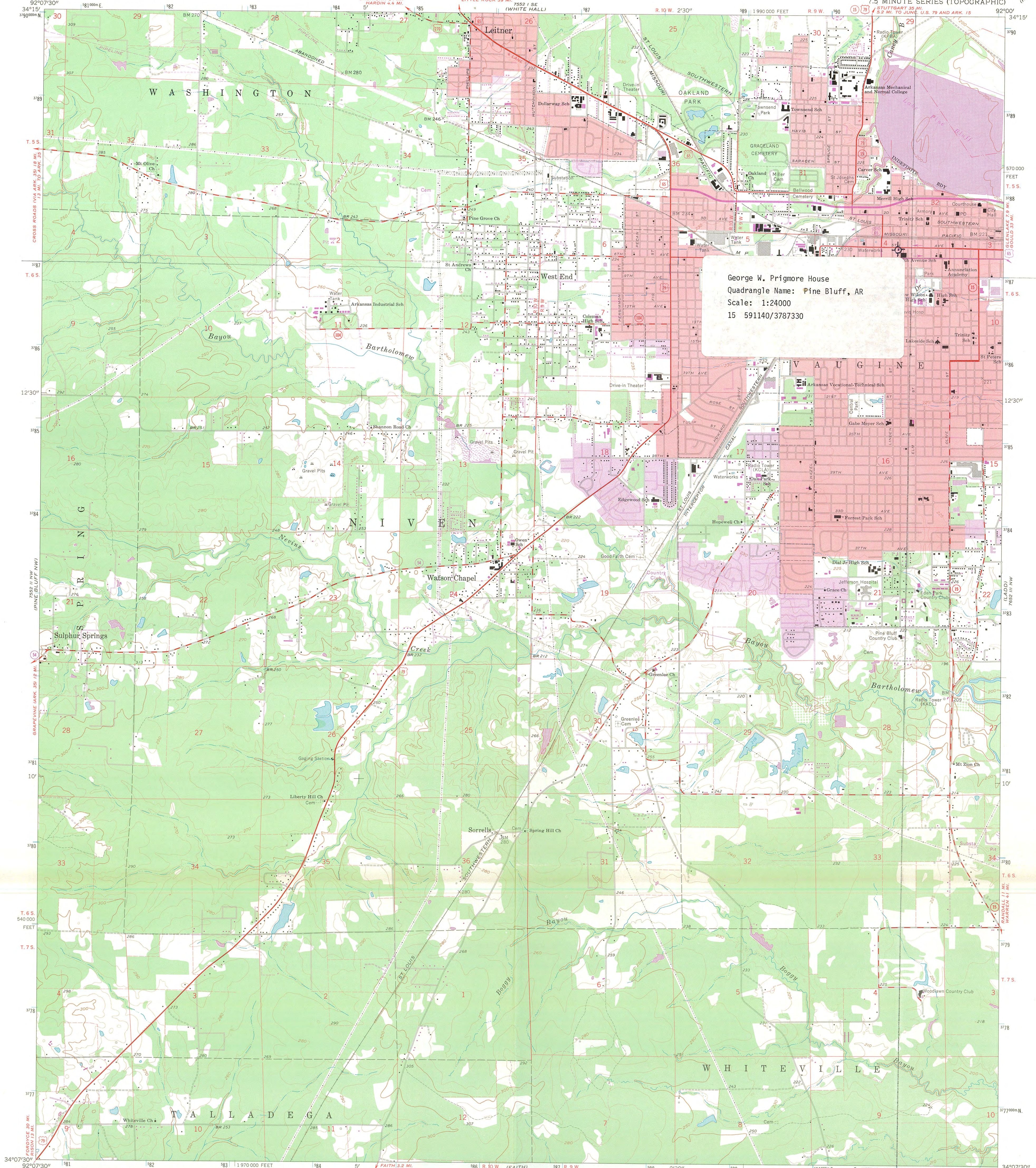
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Negatives on file at AHPP
Viewed from north



Prigmore House
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Negatives on file at AHPP
Viewed from southeast

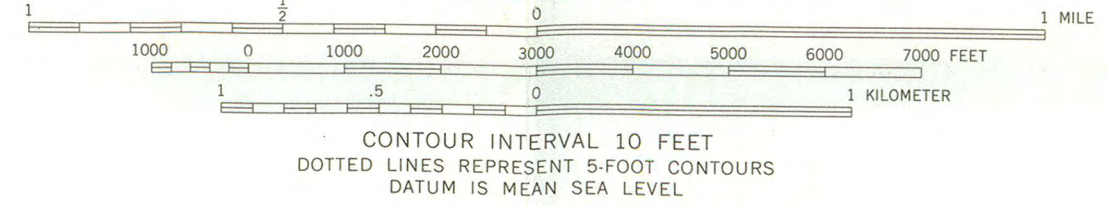
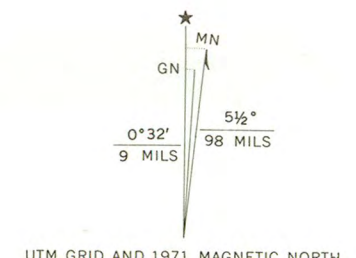


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December, 1984
Negatives on file at AHPP
Upstairs hall & stairwell

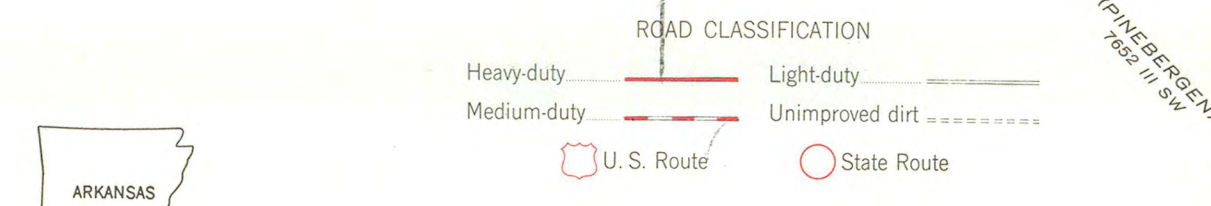


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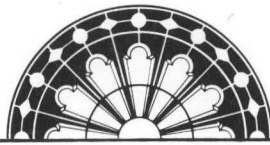
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ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
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PROGRAM

March 5, 1986

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Prigmore House
Pine Bluff
Jefferson County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Prigmore House. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/JW/do

Enclosure/s



Rec'd

MAR 13 1986