

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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

FERGUSON HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

416 NORTH THIRD 5+

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AUGUSTA

VICINITY OF

FIRST

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

ARKANSAS

05

WOODRUFF

147

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

JOHN JAMES FERGUSON

STREET & NUMBER

416 NORTH THIRD

CITY, TOWN

AUGUSTA

VICINITY OF

STATE

ARKANSAS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER

WOODRUFF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CITY, TOWN

AUGUSTA

STATE

ARKANSAS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

The Ferguson House in Augusta, Arkansas presents some characteristics of the Greek Revival style. Clapboard siding, very little ornamentation and symmetrical features combine to make a simple statement of the tastes of the original builder. Built in 1861, the house is constructed of cypress and pine which were shipped down the White River to Augusta and then hauled by wagon to the construction site. The walls and floors all have a thickness comprised of three layers of lumber.

The Ferguson House is of a two-storey, central-hall plan with one room on each side. A gable roof covers the rectilinear-shaped house. The gable ends feature a boxed cornice with returns.

A two-storey portico with second-storey porch graced the front entry. One-storey square columns support the portico structure on both the first and second storeys. A simple railing surrounds the porches.

The interiors of the Ferguson House continue the simple refinement of the exterior. A single flight of stairs leads to the second floor. Mantels feature little ornamentation.

Originally, a two-storey, shed-roof section was found on the rear elevation. In 1963 after a fire destroyed this section, two one-storey, shed-roof additions were built onto the rear of the house. The main body of the house has not been altered except for the placement of steel siding over the narrow clapboard in 1973.

The Ferguson House is in excellent condition and rests on a spacious, tree-shaded corner lot in Augusta. The house has never been occupied by anyone other than the Ferguson family. John J. Ferguson and his sister, grandchildren of the builder, James P. Ferguson, now live in Augusta's historic Ferguson House.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1861

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James P. Ferguson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the oldest residences in the east central town of Augusta, is the Ferguson House. Built in 1861, the Ferguson House stands as a historic landmark in the city of Augusta. The Fergusons were among the earliest families to settle in the city. They were active in politics and involved in local affairs. The house has never been out of the Ferguson family and appears much the same as it did immediately after construction.

James P. and Maria Alcorn Ferguson moved from Kentucky to Augusta, Arkansas, in 1858. Ferguson purchased a tract of land from Dave Johnson, one of the early pioneers in Woodruff County. James P. Ferguson contracted with a man to take a logging crew up the White River to Clover Bend and to handcut the lumber for Ferguson's House. The lumber used in construction of the Ferguson House was virgin pine and cypress. The lumber was shipped down the White River on rafts to the landing at Augusta. From there it was hauled about four blocks to the house site. The Ferguson House was completed in 1861, and James P. Ferguson immediately moved his family in.

During the Civil War, General Steele and his Union soldiers spent a week in Augusta, making their headquarters across the street from the Ferguson House. The incidents involving the Ferguson family at the time are a colorful part of Augusta's history.

The Ferguson's eldest son, W. E. Ferguson, was born in 1851, before the move to Augusta. He attended public schools in Augusta; he attended Emory and Henry College in Virginia. Upon returning to Augusta, he was elected deputy sheriff; he served in the position for two years. In 1873, Ferguson entered the Cumberland Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee, and upon completion was admitted to the bar. In 1880 he was elected assessor of Woodruff County. Two years later in 1882, Ferguson was elected sheriff and collector. W. E. Ferguson's political career continued as he was elected County and Circuit Clerk. In 1898 Ferguson was elected to the State Senate.

The house's builder, James P. Ferguson, deeded the house to his son, W. E. Ferguson. The present owners are two of Ferguson's children.

The Ferguson House represents much of the history of Augusta. It is architecturally significant as well--in its sturdiness of construction and fine detail of workmanship.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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August 14, 1975
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

UTM OK-WN
12-22-75

A	1,5	6,4,8,7,0,0	3,9,0,5,7,8,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

SANDRA TAYLOR, HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

STREET & NUMBER

300 WEST MARKHAM

CITY OR TOWN

LITTLE ROCK

DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

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

GENE RICHARDSON

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/6/95

DATE

11-28-75

Property Ferguson House Woodruff Co.

75000419

State Arkansas Working Number 10.14.75.1808

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
10.20.75

One of the oldest residences in the town. One family member involved in local politics. Acceptable for local history but brief on architectural significance.

HISTORIAN

Accept

E. Smith

11-21-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Steel making a mistake!

ACCEPT Hawjand
11/24/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept

Cole

11-25-75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

accept
Henry
for Muntz
11-28-75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered DEC 6 1975

Federal Register Entry 3-2-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



1. FERGUSON HOUSE
WOODRUFF COUNTY, ARKANSAS
FACADE, VIEWED, from the west

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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN AUGUSTA

____ VICINITY OF

STATE
ARKANSAS

COUNTY
WOODRUFF

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT SANDRA TAYLOR

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT
ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE WEST

PHOTO NO.

1 of 3

GPO 892-454

Loc.

Woodruff County, Ark.
Facade, viewed from the
west.

1 of 3



2. FERGUSON HOUSE
WOODRUFF COUNTY, ARKANSAS
FACADE and SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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FACADE AND SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST

PHOTO NO.

2



3. FERGUSON HOUSE
WOODRUFF COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NORTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH

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NORTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH

PHOTO NO.

3 73

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the north

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

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HISTORIC

FERGUSON HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

AUGUSTA

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

WOODRUFF

STATE

ARKANSAS

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

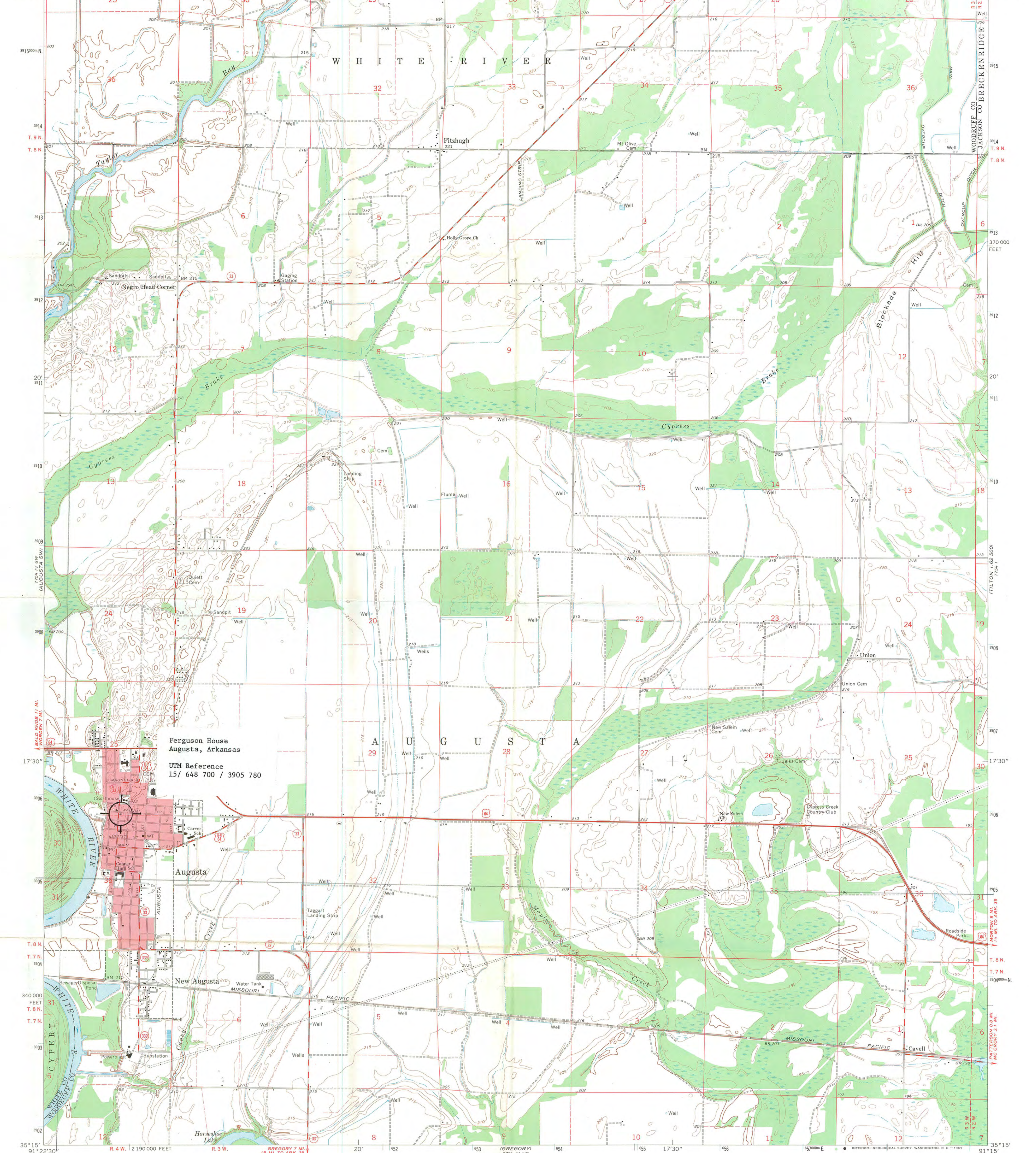
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DATE 1968

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered DEC 6 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Main Hall, Central College	Conway Faulkner County
Marlsgate (William P. Dortch House)	Scott Lonoke County
Watson-Sawyer House	Hamburg Ashley County
Helena Library and Museum	Helena Phillips County
L Ferguson House	Augusta Woodruff County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Hon. Ray Thornton
Hon. Bill Alexander
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Gene Richardson
Acting Director, Department of Natural
and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

PR

MMott/row

12/12/75

INT: 2950-75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Ferguson House 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: 12.6.75 4 county code: 147

5 LOCATION street & number 416 N. 3rd St. city / town Augusta vicinity of state AR county Woodruff 6 NPS REGION: SW

7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR: 9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL 10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 1st 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form? 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME 15 ACREAGE < 1 16 LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION ☐

16 CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☒ altered ☒ original site ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved ☐ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated

17 features: ☒ 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

18 ACCESS ☒ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO 20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO 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 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Residence 24 dates of initial construction: 1861 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION CURRENTLY: ditto major alterations: historic events:

26 architectural style(s): Greek Revival 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:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Cypress frame, clapboarding; 2 stories, L-shaped, gabled & shed roof sections, 1st- and 2nd-story front center entrances in 2-story galleried tetrastyle portico with pediment, window architraves, boxed cornice, partial end returns; simple interiors; rear shed additions, 1963; aluminum siding added, 1973. Greek Revival. One of oldest houses in town; built for the James P. Ferguson family, early area settlers.

reviewers initials geoff date 10.13

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE