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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Arkansas
COUNTY:
Conway
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE
OCT 22 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Moose House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

711 Green Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Morrliton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Second

STATE

AR

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Conway

CODE

029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Mr. and Mrs. James Sayle Moose, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:

711 Green Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Morrliton

STATE:

AR

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Conway County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Morrliton

STATE

AR

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal☐ State☒ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

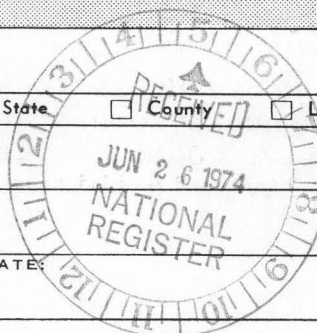
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Moose House was originally a two-storey central hall plan with one room on each side. It is of rectilinear shape with gable roof. Stone inside end chimneys rise above the ridge line. A two-storey portico with second storey porch graces the front entry.

A provincial style best characterizes the Moose House. Weatherboard siding, green louver shutters, very little ornamentation, and symmetrical features combine to make a simple statement of the needs of the original builder.

The interiors of the Moose House continue the simple refinement of the exterior. All trim is plain, as are the fireplace mantels of clear finished oak.

A significant number of alterations in the form of additions to the original structure have been made to the rear of the house. Each addition blends harmoniously with the original structure, hence maintaining the integrity of the structure as a whole.

The original rectilinear plan has been altered to an ell-shape plan with an extruded corner in the elbow of the ell. The two-storey wing, forming the leg of the ell, was added about 1885 to accomodate the growing Moose family. About 1910 the central hallway of the original house was extended on both floors, thus forming the addition in the elbow of the ell. The one-storey room and enclosed porch were added soon afterwards. An original one-storey veranda across the front of the house was replaced by the present two-storey portico when the house was first enlarged.

The interior plan of the original structure is organized as a large central hallway with one room on either side. The open-well, two-flight stairway originates along the left side of the central hall with the landing across the end of the hall. The stair continues to the second floor along the right wall. The white walls were replastered in 1967.

The Moose House is in excellent condition, having been continually owned and occupied by a member of the Moose family. James Sayle Moose, Jr., grandson of the builder, now lives in this well cared for residence.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Local History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Little Rock to Fort Smith Railroad was constructed through Conway County in the early 1870's, the tracks lay about one mile north of Lewisburg, a prosperous port city on the Arkansas River. A station was established north of the old town, and people began moving from Lewisburg to the railroad.

The land west of the Conway County station belonged to Edwin James Morrill, and that to the east belonged to James Miles Moose. The two gentlemen divided their lands into city lots and sold it to individual buyers who were moving to the railroad station area. As a town grew around the station Mr. Morrill and Mr. Moose decided to name the growing community. Purportedly, the unceremonious flip of a coin named the new town Morrilton rather than Mooseville.

Though the town was named for the Morrills, the Moose family has always been prominent in the city's history. The Moose family home, located in east Morrilton, has stood in the same spot for over one hundred years. It was built before the railroad came through and has witnessed the origin and continuing prosperity of the surrounding railroad community.

The Moose house was built in the late 1860's by James Miles Moose. After serving in the Confederate Army in Texas Mr. Moose returned to Conway County, Arkansas, to find that his former home had been burned during the war. He decided to rebuild on the same spot, about one mile north of Lewisburg. Using lumber from the Markham Tavern, an old stage stop in Lewisburg, Mr. Moose built the house around which the city of Morrilton grew.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Gazette, July 3, 1892; September 8, 11, 1915; October 27, 1935; September 11, 1953.
 Conway County Deed Record Book J, p. 222. Archives, Arkansas History Commission.
 Goodspeed Company. Historical Reminiscences and Biographical Memoirs of Conway County, Arkansas. Little Rock: Arkansas Historical Publishing Company, 1890.
 Hempstead, Fay. Historical Review of Arkansas, Vol. II. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1911.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Anthony S. Riddle, Architect and Dianna Kirk, Historian</u>	
ORGANIZATION <u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u>	DATE <u>May 15, 1974</u>
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Suite 1030, Plaza West Building</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Little Rock</u>	STATE <u>AR</u>
	CODE <u>05</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name

William E. Henderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 11, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AK Reed
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

10/22/74

ATTEST:

Orlando
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

10-18-74

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8. Significance (Moose House - Page 2)

In Goodspeed's 1890 History of Conway County the home of James Miles Moose was described as follows: "his pleasant residence in the eastern end is the old farm house re-modeled and rebuilt, which surrounded with flowers and shrubbery, presents a most pleasing picture of peace, contentment, and prosperity to the visitor." The "re-modeled and rebuilt" farm house could have referred to the original house burned during the Civil War, or it could have referred to improvements made on the house between its late 1860's construction and this 1890 reference to the house.

Before settling permanently in the Arkansas River Valley, the builder of the Moose house had made two trips to California. Along with his father, John L. Moose, James M. Moose first made an overland trip to the California coast in 1849. After three years in the West, he returned to Arkansas in the autumn of 1852. The next spring young Moose married Sophia Stockton, daughter of a local farmer. Soon after his marriage he bought a herd of cattle and drove them on a second overland trip to California. Returning to Arkansas in 1854, he settled permanently, except for his Civil War service, in Conway County.

James and Sophia Moose had ten children, one of whom was president of the Arkansas Senate and judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Arkansas. Their youngest son, James Sayle, was born in the Moose house in 1875 and died there seventy-eight years later. His son, James Sayle Moose, Jr., former U. S. Ambassador to several Middle East countries, now owns and lives in the family home.

The Moose House is the most prominent historic landmark of early Morrilton. Its significance lies in the importance to the community of the family it has housed for over a century, and the fact that it is the oldest home, older than the community itself, in the railroad town of Morrilton.

The provincial character of the Moose House has remained, despite the surrounding expansion of the town. The two-storey white frame residence has a two-storey portico centered on the five-bay wide facade. The green shuttered windows overlook a spacious lawn. Additions to the original structure are all on the rear of the building and are in

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keeping with the simple style. Architecturally, the Moose House expresses the rural lifestyle of a moderately wealthy Arkansas farmer in the years following the Civil War.



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Moose, James Sayle, Jr. Interview at Moose House, Morrilton,
Arkansas, April 25, 1974

Thomas, David Y., ed. Arkansas and Its People: A History,
1 1541-1930, Vol. III. New York: American Historical
Society, Inc. 1930.



PROPERTY *Moose House*STATE *Ark.*WORKING NUMBER *6. 26. 74. 1026*

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 1MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

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HISTORIAN

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Return
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8/6/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Minimal #7 - alterations mentioned but
*not detailed. Size in archit. not discussed in #8**Return*
JCT
8/4/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back *8. 26. 74*

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit *9. 19. 74*

Entered _____

OCT 22 1974

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.
NAME OF PROPERTY Moose House, Ark.

DATE: 8-26-74

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- ☒ 7. Description. Please include a complete architectural description, including specific mention of additions & alterations, & their dates, if known. 3 TP's added
- ☒ 8. Statement of Significance. Each area of significance checked must be discussed here. Please include a statement on the architectural significance of this property. - TP added
9. Bibliography. _____
10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. _____
 - b. Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. Please use a map bearing an identified system of coordinates, preferably an original USGS, which allows us to check latitude-longitude.
- Other. As per telephone conversation with Diana Kirk 8/6/74

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Charles Atkins

PROPERTY

Moose House

CONWAY CO.

STATE

Ark.

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TECH REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

Accept
H. J. Jundl

9/23/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

The added paragraphs to #7 and #8 satisfy the return sheet, but a factual error was made in the last paragraph of #8, ~~it~~ ~~states~~ that all additions were on the rear, while the front portion is a 1885 addition.

Accept?

L. Branch
9/20/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept

OK

10/17/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

OK

10/18

National Register Write-up

11/6

Send-back

Federal Register entry

12/3/74

Re-submit

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Arkansas
Conway County
Moose House

South facade viewed from the south

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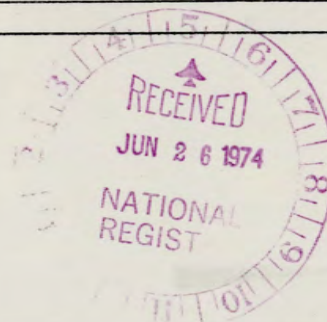
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Moose House	Markham Tavern	OCT 22 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Conway	Morrilton
STREET AND NUMBER		
711 Green Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Robert Dunn	April 19, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

South facade viewed from the south.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Moose House
Conway County
Arkansas

east elevation, viewed from the northeast

FORM 10-301 A
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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Moose House

AND/OR HISTORIC

Markham Tavern

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2. LOCATION

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Arkansas

COUNTY

Conway

TOWN

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East elevation, viewed from the northeast

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

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Moose House

AND/OR HISTORIC

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2. LOCATION

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TOWN

Morrilton

STREET AND NUMBER

711 Green Street

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. Map, Morrilton,
East, AR. 7.5 minutes

DATE

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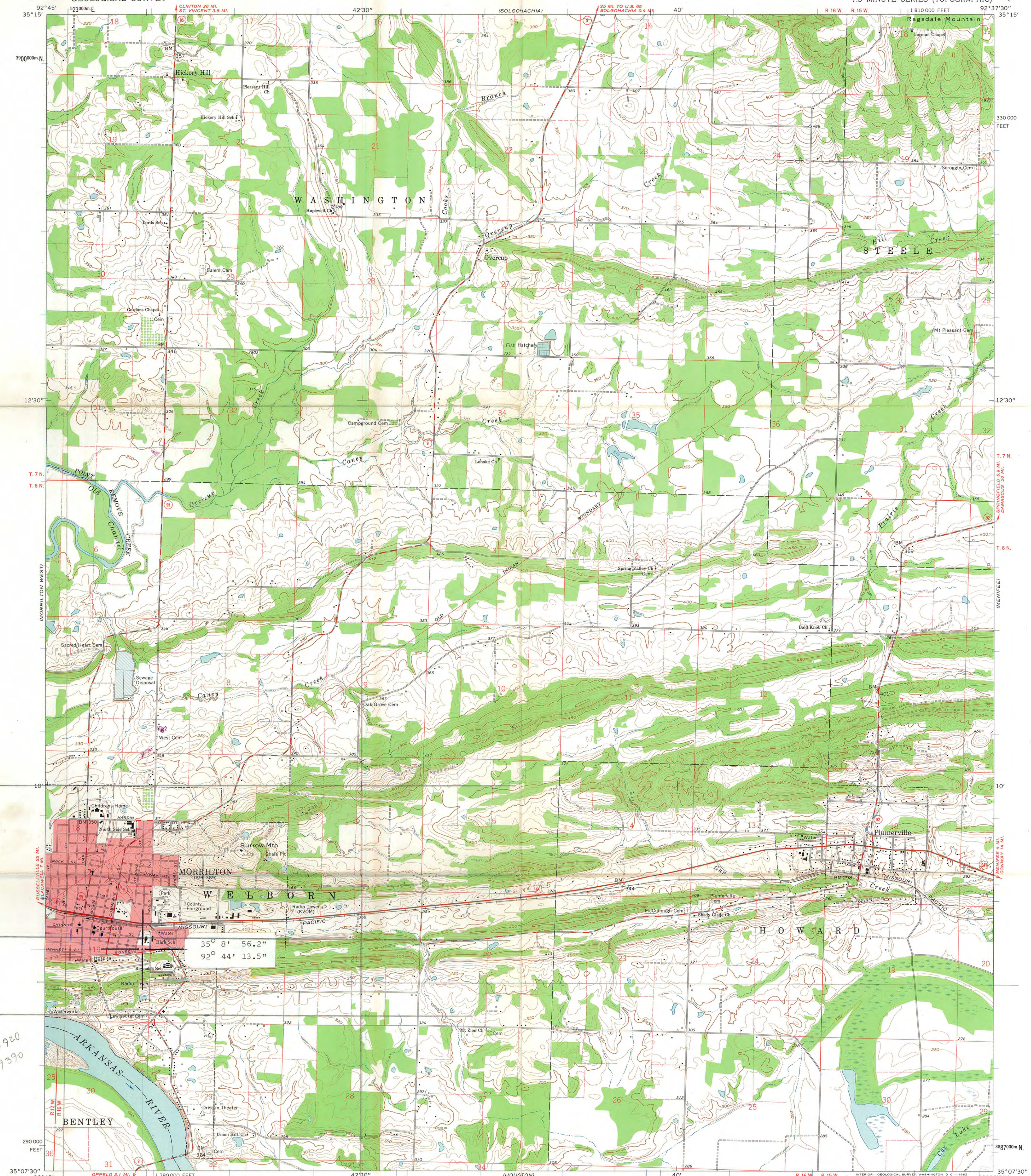
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MORRILTON EAST QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS-CONWAY CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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

MORRILTON EAST, ARK.
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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201 501 374-0375



SUITE 1030, PLAZA WEST, MC KINLEY STREET AND LEE AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 72205 501 371-1639

September 17, 1974

Mr. Charles A. Herrington
Office of Nomination and Review
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your questions concerning our nomination of the Moose House to the National Register of Historic Places. Our responses to your questions have been incorporated into the nomination. Additional information has been inserted in both Sections 7 and 8.

We appreciate your comments and hope to receive approval of this nomination in the near future. Please contact me if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk
Staff Historian

DK:cm

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered OCT 22 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Estevan Hall	Helena Phillips County
Cox House	Morrilton Conway County
Moose House	Morrilton Conway County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. J. W. Fulbright
Hon. Bill Alexander, Jr.
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills

Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson
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Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
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