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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Rapillard House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 123 W. 7th Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72114

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Barbara A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-6-93
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

*Entered in the
National Register*
Guy M. Lapsley 11/19/93

for

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Professional

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

English Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
 walls Brick other Wood porch
 columns and
 brackets

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1927

Significant Dates: 1927

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

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Summary

The Rapillard House is a two-story vernacular interpretation of the English Revival style. The house features characteristic steep gables and textural diversity through the use of brick and stucco wall materials.

Elaboration

Constructed in 1927, the Modeste Rapillard House is a two-story, brick veneer, vernacular English Revival building. The rectangular plan is topped by a composition-shingled gable roof. An exterior end chimney is found on the west elevation and a small exterior brick chimney is located on the east section of the rear elevation.

The southern or front elevation features a prominent two-story cross gable bay with rough stucco facing in the gable end. Pairs of double hung six-over-one windows are found on the first and second story levels of this bay. Two small dormers with diamond shaped window lites are located in the steep slope of the main gable roof over the entrance area.

Although a slightly inset porch has been enclosed to accommodate office space (c. 1967) the facade remains much as original. Slender Doric columns support the recessed porch area. The original heavy paneled entry door is flanked by sidelights.

The eastern and western elevations are dominated by the steep stucco clad side gable ends above the second story level. A small side porch on the eastern elevation is covered with a shed roof supported by wood brackets. The western elevation features the house's main chimney which is centered and decorated with terra cotta chimney pots.

The rear elevation (north) features a small brick chimney on the eastern end and is lighted with four small six-over-one double hung windows and a pair of regular size double hung six-over-six windows on the first floor.

The Rapillard House interiors have been modified to accommodate office space. The nomination also includes an original single story, gable roof brick garage building just to the east of the residence.

Although not an elaborate version of the English Revival style, the Rapillard House, with its steeply pitched gable roof echoed in the two small dormers on the south facade, and brick and

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stucco wall materials remains one of downtown North Little Rock's finer English Revival residences.

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The Modeste Rapillard House, located at 123 W. Seventh Street in North Little Rock, is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as one of the best examples of the English Revival style of architecture in the downtown area of that city. The Rapillard House is a significant representation of the contributions to the development of commerce in the city of North Little Rock by an individual businessman.

Elaboration

Modeste Rapillard followed one of his older brothers to the railroad town of Argenta, Arkansas from a village near Geneva, Switzerland in the 1890s. Pamphlets distributed throughout Europe in the late 19th Century touted the opportunities of lands in the United States and the Rapillard's were attracted by the industrial and railroad-linked jobs offered in the central Arkansas area. Although his brother decided to return to Switzerland, Modeste Rapillard settled in Argenta (North Little Rock) and established a successful grocery and general mercantile business on the town's Main Street.

At the time Modeste Rapillard settled in Arkansas, Argenta (North Little Rock) was emerging as an important industrial city with the base of its growth centered around the railroad industry. Although the town of Argenta had been officially established in 1871 with the opening of a post office, in 1890 the City of Little Rock annexed the community to its boundaries, making it the eighth ward of Little Rock.

Despite the lack of services and city support while being Little Rock's eighth ward, Argenta continued to prosper and grow, and business along Main Street flourished with the increasing numbers of railroad laborers moving to the town.

In 1903 a group of foresighted businessmen managed to separate Little Rock's eighth ward from that city's boundaries and join it with an area north of its boundaries called North Little Rock. Argenta citizens voted to secede from Little Rock and become part of the incorporated town of North Little Rock. In 1906 the city of North Little Rock and its annexed former eighth ward of Little Rock officially changed its name to Argenta.

During the early years of the 20th century Argenta flourished with expanded railroad industry and manufacturing interests. Main Street businesses prospered as did that of Modeste Rapillard's grocery at 707 Main. The Rapillard grocery, which in the early years provided

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delivery of groceries by horse-drawn wagons, remained a strong business in its original location on North Little Rock's Main Street through the 1940s.

Modeste Rapillard met and married Mary Heim whose parents were from Bavaria. In 1927 the successful business owners built a residence facing West 7th Street in the same block as their grocery.

At the time of the construction of the Rapillard House the city of North Little Rock was still experiencing an economic boom. The imposing two-story red brick Rapillard House is located on a prominent corner lot at the intersection of Seventh and Maple Streets. The majority of the homes constructed in downtown North Little Rock during the early part of the 20th century were Colonial Revival or Craftsman. Only a few homes in the area were designed in the English Revival style. And only a few homes in the area were as large and impressive as the Rapillard House.

After the death of Modeste Rapillard in the mid 1950s, Mary Rapillard continued to reside in the home. In the 1960s the Rapillard House was converted to an attorney's office and continues to be used in such capacity.

The Modeste Rapillard House remains one of the finest examples of English Revival period architecture in downtown North Little Rock. The popularity of "period revival" architectural design in the 1920s did not have much effect on downtown North Little Rock. Only a very few buildings exhibit any period revival influence and all of these are influenced by the English Revival design. Located in a neighborhood filled with Colonial Revival and Craftsman style residences, the Rapillard House is unique in its representation of the English Revival style. In spite of the enclosure of a section of the facade (south) porch in 1967, the original details of the English Revival influence remain. Located on a highly visible corner at West 7th and Maple Streets, the Rapillard House remains an architecturally distinctive representation of a family whose business was a local landmark in downtown North Little Rock for over fifty years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:		Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>566950</u>	<u>3846580</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: _____ See continuation sheet.

Lot 12, Block 12, Clendennin Addition to the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with these resource.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/06/93

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Rapillard House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 10/22/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/02/93

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/18/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/06/93

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001249

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N

OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N

REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT

RETURN

REJECT

11/19/93

DATE

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

—count —resource type —resource identifier

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

- architectural classification
- materials
- descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period **Areas of Significance--Check and justify below**

- 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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

— sketch maps — USGS maps — photographs — presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to



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North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
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August, 1993
negative on file AHPP
view from south



Modeste Rupillard House
North Little Rock, Pulaski Cty., Arkansas
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August, 1993
negative on file AHPP
view from southwest



Modeste Rappillard House
North Little Rock, Pulaski Cty., Arkansas
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View from Southeast



Modeste Apillard House
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
photograph by Sandra Taylor Smith
August, 1993
negative on file AHPP
view from west



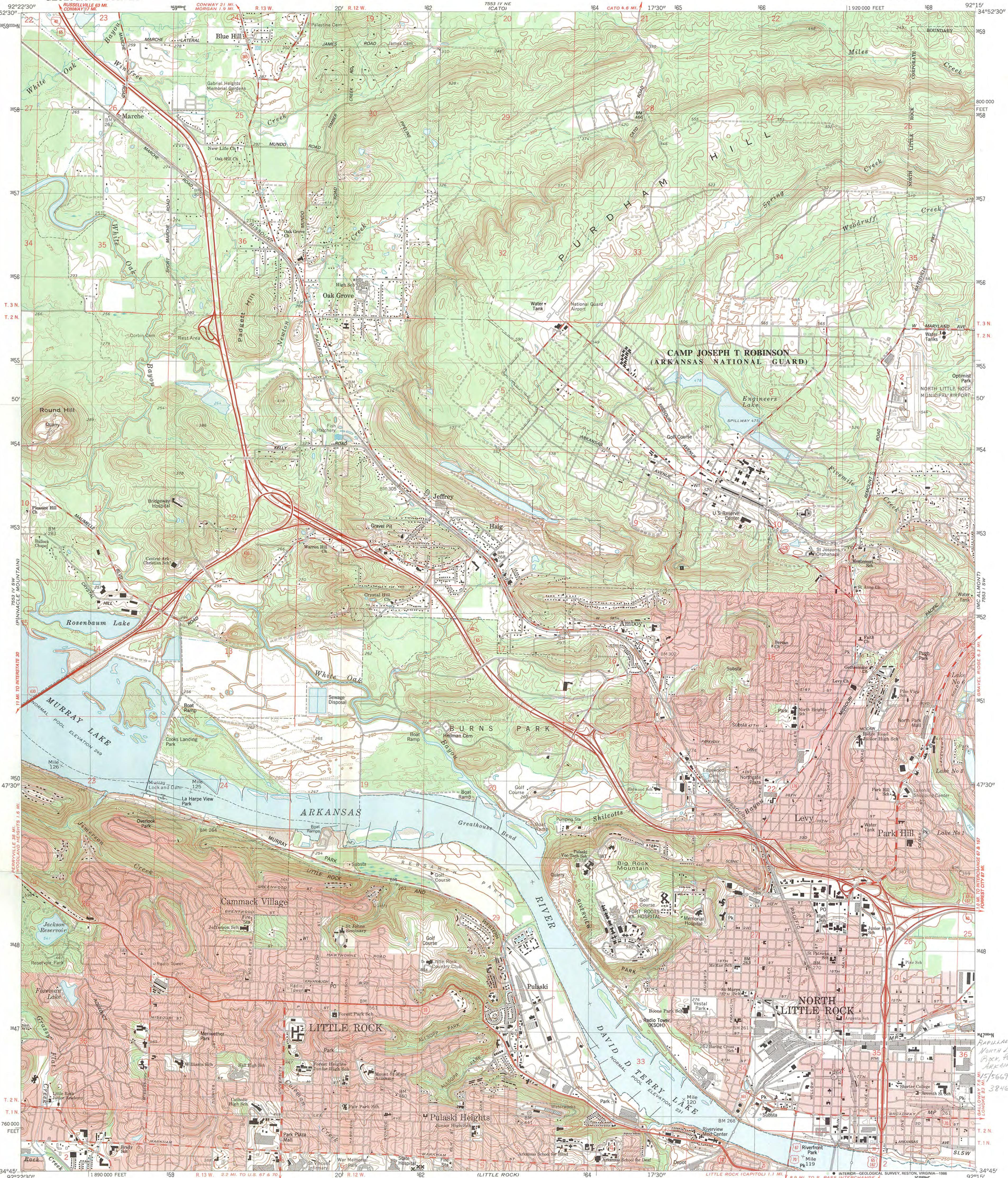
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North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
photograph by Sandra Taylor Smith
August, 1993
negative on file AHPP
view from North



Modeste Rapillard House
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
photograph by Sandra Taylor Smith
August, 1993
negative on file AHOP
View from southwest
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NORTH LITTLE ROCK QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—PULASKI CO.
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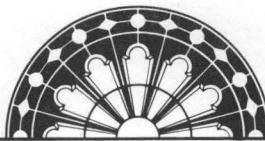
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October 7, 1993

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RE: Rapillard House
North Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy".

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

