

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Pulaski

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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Fort Logan H. Roots Military Post

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Veterans Administration Hospital, North Little Rock Division

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Scenic Hill Drive

CITY OR TOWN:

North Little Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Two

STATE

CODE

COUNTY:

CODE

Arkansas

05

Pulaski

119

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

- ☒ District ☐ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☒ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☒ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious Hospital
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Veterans Administration

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: January, 1974 ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET AND NUMBER:

Plaza West, Suite 1030

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE:

Arkansas

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Logan H. Roots is located on a high promontory facing due south overlooking the Arkansas River. From its original inception it was intended as a regional military training facility which accounts for the physical layout of the post. The focal point of the grounds is an eleven acre quasi-elliptical parade and training field around which the edifices of the post are located. True to military custom there is a systematic location of quarters with the officers' quarters located on the southwest rim of the ellipse, the senior enlisted men located on the southeast rim, and the enlisted barracks situated on and due north of the centrally located parade field. Service facilities such as the stables, firehouse, quartermaster's building, shops, bakery and guardhouse are located northeast of the rim along the principal ascending approach to the post.

The construction of the post was essentially of two phases. The original construction of 1896 included the aforementioned edifices. Subsequent additions in the years 1905-1907 included two groups of enlisted barracks astride the existing enlisted quarters. A bachelor officers' quarters adjacent to the original officers' quarters was added as well as a post exchange and gym aside the enlisted quarters. These phases of construction completed the orderly development of the post prior to its redesignation as a Veterans Bureau health facility in 1921. Subsequent to that time approximately fifty additional buildings have been constructed to support the hospital facility, and their growth has been to the rear of and along a northwest axis from the enlisted quarters on the north rim of the parade grounds.

The architectural character of the original and succeeding buildings is in keeping with the military architecture of the times. The edifices are utilitarian in construction, and with few notable exceptions they are devoid of ornamentation.

Solid red brick masonry walls prevail throughout with trussed slate roofs of gable or cross-gable configuration. Windows are slender, double hung with segmented arches of brick and projecting cast stone sills.

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Of special note is the original enlisted barracks building. It consists of a three story brick building with square plan and a high hipped slate roof with a center gable on the front and rear elevations. Extending off two sides of the central edifice are the elongated two and one-half story barracks proper. Single chimneys are located at each end and are noteworthy in appearance. The chimney pierces the cornice; however, it does not continue to the ground. The chimney side is divided into five alternating panels and projecting reliefs which terminate at the second floor line.

The pediment is distinguished by a fascia which terminates at each edge of the roof into a quasi-pendant of stone resembling a barber's stand. The gable facade is given relief by the use of recessed panels in the brickwork which are flush with the face of the lower stories. A two story porch is continuous along the entire front. The upper porch has been enclosed since the original construction.

The officers' quarters represent a slight departure from the architecture of the post. Each edifice is a two and one-half story duplex of red brick resting on a rubblework foundation which projects approximately four feet above grade. A one story porch extends across one-fourth the facade from each side. It terminates at the projecting parlor rooms fronting the edifice. A later alteration extended the porches across the entire facade.

The double hung windows with brick segmented arches and cast stone sills are consistent with the prevailing motif; however, the windows located in the pediments are noteworthy. Two double hung windows with semicircular overhead lights are separated by a brick mullion. Three course brick, semicircular arches over each window intersect over the brick mullion. Each course projects further outward than the lower course, thereby giving depth to the arch. This architectural feature appears only in the officers' quarters.

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Briefly summarized the architecture of Fort Roots is basically plain and utilitarian in character. A consistent motif lends unity to the original buildings. Overall order to the plan is achieved through the systematic grouping of the buildings about a centrally located parade field. Most exterior alterations have been confined to the officers' quarters in the forms of enclosure and extension of porches and modification of some window casements.

It would indeed be difficult to define a single style of architecture for Fort Roots. Elements of Romanesque Revival are evident in the officers' quarters, while elements of the Greek Revival style predominate in several of the larger structures. One of the best examples of the Greek Revival style on the post is exhibited in the portico of the post exchange and gymnasium.

Periodic maintenance has kept the original buildings in good condition and has contributed to the exceptional preservation of the original physical appearance of Fort Roots.

The boundaries of the area are defined by West Drive on the west, Scenic Drive on the southwest, Main Circle Drive on the south, East Drive on the southeast running to the northeast and turning northwest to Hill Road, then turning southwest along Hill Road to its junction with First Street. The boundary continues north along First Street to a point beyond Building 15 (the old Powder Magazine), then turning southwest until intercepting North Drive which defines the north boundary of the Ft. Roots historic district.

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Established in 1893 as an Army post, historic Fort Roots is situated on Big Rock Mountain on the north bank of the Arkansas River. This six hundred (600') foot high promontory was so named to distinguish it from the Little Rock, located just across the river. Big Rock Mountain is topped by a plateau on which this 19th century military post was built.

In 1887 Big Rock Mountain was acquired by the Mountain Park Cottage Site and Improvement Company. This Little Rock land company built the Mountain Park Hotel, a luxurious resort hotel which operated from 1888 until 1893. Several special features that were somewhat unusual for the time were offered. These included three parks with picnic area, pavilions for dancing and refreshments, and a fruit orchard and vineyards.

The company had plans to sell sites for summer cottages near the hotel, and to make the place an outstanding resort. However, their ambitions for the Mountain Park were never realized, for in 1893 the property was sold to the United States Government as the site for a permanent Army post. Military structures replaced the hotel.

The history of Fort Roots began early in 1890 when General John Schofield, of the War Department in Washington, suggested that the Army close the hundreds of small posts and arsenals in the United States and establish a dozen major military posts situated near the railroads. This would facilitate quick deployment of troops to any point in the country.

In August, 1890, word came from Washington that the Arsenal at Little Rock was to be closed not later than October 1, 1890. Then began a series of meetings by the City leaders to decide what should be done with

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the property. During these meetings it was also decided that Little Rock would ask that one of the twelve Army posts be established in the area.

Arkansas' Senator James K. Jones and Congressman William L. Terry started the movement in Washington. Congress was asked to establish a military installation at Little Rock on land provided by the city. In exchange the city was to receive the old Arsenal grounds. On December 15, 1891, Senator Jones introduced a bill donating the grounds to the city for a park. Congress also passed a bill to establish a military post at Little Rock, provided the city would furnish 1,000 acres of land within ten miles of the city.

The Board of Improvement for City Park District was formed to select a suitable site for the proposed fortress. Colonel Logan H. Roots served as chairman of the commission with Judge Eben W. Kimbell as secretary. Several sites were proposed by the Board of Improvement in the area around Little Rock.

Major General Nelson A. Miles of the Commanding Department of the Missouri was authorized to inspect the proposed sites and select the one best suited for a military post. In February, 1893, General Miles selected Big Rock Mountain as the site of Fort Roots. The Big Rock site had 1,100 acres and included the plateau, providing a commanding view of the city and surrounding countryside.

Deeds were recorded at Little Rock to transfer the Arsenal property to the city, and Big Rock property to the Army. These were filed by Maj. Steven W. Groesbeck, Judge Advocate of the Army, who arrived on March 18, 1893. Rights were reserved for a public highway and a railroad along the foot of the bluff.

In August, 1894, Congress appropriated \$194,760 to construct the military post at Big Rock. The appropriation included \$117,500 for construction; \$6,460 for regular supplies; and \$70,800 for transporting the Army to the post. Congressman W. L. Terry notified Little Rock that

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the Quartermaster General had authorized the money to be spent, and Captain R. R. Stevens was placed in charge of the work. On August 23, he received orders to advertise for bids on the work.

Plans for the mountain fortress included a hospital, quartermaster stable, storehouse, guardhouse, three double sets of officers' quarters, a double barracks, two mess halls and one double outbuilding. Frederick Kepler of Chicago submitted the successful bid for construction on the buildings. He agreed to complete the job in twelve months for the sum of \$107,746.00. On the morning of December 3, 1894, a 44-gun salute was fired from the highest point of Big Rock to signal the beginning of work on the new fort. Thomas Lafferty stuck the first pick in the ground and 25 men began work on the post road. Grading of the area began on December 10, and a full force of men were working by the first of the new year. The Army was thus installed on the prominence of Big Rock.

By 1896 twenty buildings had been completed. These included barracks, kitchens, mess halls, lavatories, a guard house, a bakery, a store house, stables, officers' quarters, a hospital and a powder magazine. Most of these structures were centered around a parade grounds of 11.7 acres.

In April of 1897, an order from the War Department was published as follows:

By direction of the President of the United States, the military post near the city of Little Rock, in Pulaski County, Arkansas, will hereafter be known and designated as Fort Logan H. Roots in honor of the Late Brevet Lieutenant Colonel L. H. Roots, United States Volunteers.

Logan Holt Roots was born on March 26, 1841, on an Illinois farm. At 17 he entered Illinois State Normal University as the youngest male student. After graduating as valedictorian in the class of 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army and was made an officer in the 81st Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

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During his military career Colonel Roots participated in the seige of Vicksburg and accompanied General William T. Sherman on his march through Georgia to the sea. As a staff officer of General Sherman, he was present at the Grand Review of the troops by the President in May, 1865. The following August, Roots was commissioned Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for his meritorius services during the war. Colonel Roots was honorably mustered out of the service on May 31, 1866. During his last year of military service Colonel Roots was stationed in Arkansas. After buying a cotton plantation, he remained in the State to make it his home.

In 1867 Colonel Roots was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Arkansas. As a progressive liberal Republican, he represented Arkansas in the Fortieth Congress as its youngest member. During his two terms in Congress he sponsored several bills of great importance and beneficience to his constituents. In later years the Colonel served as Vice-President of the National League of Republican Clubs.

At the time of his death in 1893 Logan Roots was recognized as the wealthiest man and leading financier in Arkansas. His financial success was tied closely to the First National Bank, of which he served as both president and director. One contemporary source stated that "his ability and reputation made this bank unexcelled and unquestionably the leading bank of this section of the country." Colonel Roots also served as the first president of the Arkansas State Banker's Association.

When Little Rock sought to acquire a permanent military post in the early 1890's the citizens turned to Colonel Roots to represent their wishes in Washington. As Chairman of the Board of Improvement for City Park District, Roots was instrumental in securing the Big Rock Mountain site to house the proposed fort. According to the Arkansas Gazette of May, 1893, "to his influence with the powers then in being at Washington in a great measure was due the fact that Little Rock secured the Arsenal Park and the new military post."

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Though Colonel Roots died on May 30, 1893, long before the Big Rock fortress became a reality, it was his efforts that secured the site and future post. Four years after his death his work in behalf of his adopted city was publicly recognized when the Big Rock post was designated Fort Logan H. Roots.

Construction of the fort proceeded according to schedule until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898. Operations were stopped when the regiment of troops occupying the post were ordered to Puerto Rico. In the following months the President called for 1,600 troops from Arkansas to serve in the war against Spain. Many regiments arrived at Fort Roots, received training in military maneuvers, and were shipped on to other places of service.

The next period of intense activity for the Fort Roots garrison came in February of 1912 when the base commander received notice to have his troops ready to move to the Mexican border. Francisco ("Pancho") Villa, the Mexican revolutionary leader, was causing international tensions to mount. In March, 1914, four companies of the Ninth Infantry departed for duty at Laredo, Texas. Two years later 25 companies of the Arkansas National Guard were mobilized. After spending a month at Fort Roots this group was ordered to Deming, New Mexico.

In early 1917, the European war far overshadowed the troubles on the southern border. In April mobilization of the first Arkansas Infantry was begun, and a few days later orders were issued to establish an officers' training camp at Fort Roots. After spending a 90-day training period at the fort, graduates were commissioned as company officers for the 87th Army Division.

Men of the Second Arkansas Infantry were trained at the fort, and were reorganized into the 142nd Field Artillery in the autumn of 1917. While in training, the men dug up quite a supply of stones from the field. These stones were used to construct a permanent monument in memory of the conversion of the Second Arkansas Infantry into the 142nd Field Artillery. The monument still stands at Fort Roots.

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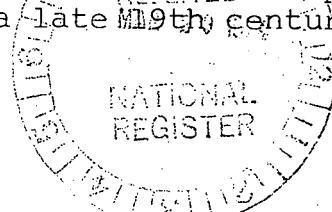
During the time Fort Roots was used as an officers' training school, First Lieutenant George C. Marshall served at the fort. This young officer later achieved the rank of General, served as Chief of Staff, and was Secretary of State.

Near the end of World War I Fort Roots was used as an Army hospital. With the cessation of hostilities the need for a military post was no longer justifiable; therefore, the Army turned the grounds and buildings over to the Public Health Service for use as a hospital.

In October of 1921, the Fort Roots Military Post was released to the Veterans Bureau by the Public Health Service. On December 1, 1921, the Veterans Bureau reopened Fort Roots as a neuropsychiatric treatment center for veterans. At that time the hospital center consisted of a group of permanent type barracks buildings surrounding a large parade ground.

During its 50 year history as a veterans hospital, the Fort Roots facilities for treatment have been vastly enlarged and improved. Fort Roots has grown until now it is one of the largest neuropsychiatric hospitals in the United States. It consists of 1,110 acres of land with 15 large ward buildings and 76 other structures. It might be said that it is a community within itself, for it maintains its own police and fire department, shops, dining halls, recreational buildings, libraries and other educational facilities.

Despite the drastic changes which have occurred in the hospital's physical plant during the last half century, Fort Roots still retains many remnants of its military past. The 11 acre parade grounds in the center of the post along with several brick buildings built around the turn of the century are continual reminders of the hospital's military history. The architectural uniformity of an unadorned military style sets the original post apart from later medical buildings. Fort Roots is representative of the architectural style of a late 19th century American military post.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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The Hill Echoes (Veterans Administration Hospital, North Little Rock), April-July, 1965; May, 1970.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 44 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
Dianna Kirk, Staff Historian		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	February, 1974	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Suite 1030 - Plaza West - McKinley and Lee		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Little Rock	Arkansas	05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 March 8, 1974

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 7.26.74
NAME OF PROPERTY Fort Logan H. Roots Military Post, Ark.

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. _____
- X 7. Description. Number of bldgs in proposed nomination? Alterations to bldgs? What happened to hotel originally on site? ³⁶
(description pg. 3, TP 1, sentence 4; also, final TP of section 7.)
- X 8. Statement of Significance. Architectural sign. is not supported in this section. The medical sign. of Fort roots should be expanded as well. NO - nominated as military post, not hospital.
(see addition to final paragraph of section 8)
- 9. Bibliography. _____
- 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. _____
 - b. Acreage. _____
- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. _____
- X Photographic Coverage. More photos of proposed district needed - barracks bldg. among others. OK
- Map Coverage. Please use a map bearing an identified system of coordinates, preferably an original USGS, which allows us to check latitude-longitude.
- X Other. District boundaries appear to cut through bldgs (USGS Map). Please provide site plan. Why ~~map~~ is only part of the Fort in the proposed district? A verbal description →
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. Thanks,
SIGNED: Charles H. Hunt

→ of the boundaries would be helpful. OK

PROPERTY <u>Fort Logan H. Roots Military Post</u> STATE <u>Arkansas</u>		
WORKING NUMBER <u>3.29.74.488</u>		
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	MAPS <u>1</u>	
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HISTORIAN		cm 4.2. 74
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN <u># of Bldgs in fort? More photos needed. Why is only this part of fort nominated? Boundaries cut through Bldgs. What happened to original hotel on site? Site plan needed. Arch. sign. not supported in Sect. 8 RETURN!</u>		July 7/4/74
ARCHEOLOGIST <u>Well presented nomination. Architectural Historian should check this one.</u>		Accept M. BARNES 21 MAY 74
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF		Return Cole 7/24/74
BRANCH CHIEF		
KEEPER		
National Register Write-up _____		Send-back <u>7.26.74</u>
Federal Register entry _____		Re-submit <u>8.23.74</u> SEP 4 1974
		Entered _____

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0875



SUITE 1030, PLAZA WEST, MC KINLEY STREET AND LEE AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 72205 501 664-8715

August 19, 1974



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

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your memorandum of July 26, 1974, concerning the National Register nomination of Fort Logan H. Roots Military Post. Our response to your questions and comments are listed below:

1. Number of buildings in proposed nomination - 28
2. Alterations to buildings?
Please see section 7, page 3, paragraph 1, sentence 4; and section 7, final paragraph. We feel that these two sentences explain the minimal alterations to the buildings.
3. "What happened to the hotel originally on the site?"
Unfortunately, we do not have nor are we able to obtain this information. It is assumed that the hotel was torn down prior to the beginning of construction of Fort Roots. To help clarify this point, the following sentence has been added to section 8, paragraph 3:
"Military structures replaced the hotel."
4. "Architectural significance is not supported in this section."
We are in agreement on this point and have added a brief statement of the architectural significance of the post to the final paragraph of section 8.
5. "The medical significance should be expanded as well."
We disagree. Fort Roots is being nominated for its significance as a late nineteenth century military post, and not as a twentieth century medical facility. We feel the original statements on Fort Roots' medical services are sufficient (section 8, page 6, paragraphs 2, 3, and 4).

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6. "More photos of proposed district needed - barracks building among others."
We were under the erroneous impression that a maximum of three photographs was allowed with each nomination; however, this misunderstanding is now corrected. We are most happy to provide additional photographs of Fort Roots. In the future we will supply ample photographs with each nomination.
7. "District boundaries appear to cut through buildings."
In our originally submitted boundary map, this was indeed the case. However, we have carefully studied the instructions on drawing boundaries, and have corrected our mistake. The original boundaries did cut through buildings because the boundaries met at right angles. The boundaries are now corrected.
8. "Please provide site plan."
This is now enclosed.
9. "Why is only part of the fort in the proposed district?"
Only the original and early military structures are included in the nomination. Buildings constructed during the fort's era as a medical facility are not included in the nomination. The military post structures are all located on one part of the grounds and are easily recognizable as a separate unit. However, it was necessary to include some intrusions into the boundary because of the difficulty of defining the boundary without so doing.
10. "A verbal description of the boundaries would be helpful."
This has been added at the end of section 7.

We appreciate having your detailed critique of this nomination, and only regret that we did not receive it sooner. Your suggestions will aid us in future preparation of National Register nominations.

Please telephone us if you have any further questions or comments concerning this or other nominations. There is a great deal of local interest in Fort Roots, and we hope to be able to announce its addition to the National Register as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk

Dianna Kirk
Historian

PH 0046 868

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Veterans Administration

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: January, 1974

☐ Federal

☐ State

☐ County

☒ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET AND NUMBER:

Plaza West, Suite 1030

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

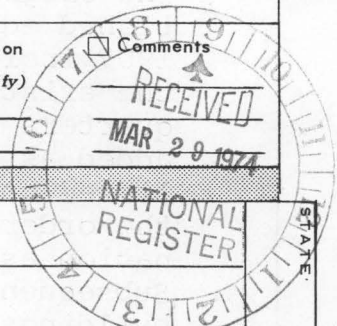
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Logan H. Roots is located on a high promontory facing due south overlooking the Arkansas River. From its original inception it was intended as a regional military training facility which accounts for the physical layout of the post. The focal point of the grounds is an eleven acre quasi-elliptical parade and training field around which the edifices of the post are located. True to military custom there is a systematic location of quarters with the officers' quarters located on the southwest rim of the ellipse, the senior enlisted men located on the southeast rim, and the enlisted barracks situated on and due north of the centrally located parade field. Service facilities such as the stables, firehouse, quartermaster's building, shops, bakery and guardhouse are located northeast of the rim along the principal ascending approach to the post.

The construction of the post was essentially of two phases. The original construction of 1896 included the aforementioned edifices. Subsequent additions in the years 1905-1907 included two groups of enlisted barracks astride the existing enlisted quarters. A bachelor officers' quarters adjacent to the original officers' quarters was added as well as a post exchange and gym aside the enlisted quarters. These phases of construction completed the orderly development of the post prior to its redesignation as a Veterans Bureau health facility in 1921. Subsequent to that time approximately fifty additional buildings have been constructed to support the hospital facility, and their growth has been to the rear of and along a northwest axis from the enlisted quarters on the north rim of the parade grounds.

The architectural character of the original and succeeding buildings is in keeping with the military architecture of the times. The edifices are utilitarian in construction, and with few notable exceptions they are devoid of ornamentation.

Solid red brick masonry walls prevail throughout with trussed slate roofs of gable or cross-gable configuration. Windows are slender, double hung with segmented arches of brick and projecting cast stone sills.

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Of special note is the original enlisted barracks building. It consists of a three story brick building with square plan and a high hipped slate roof with a center gable on the front and rear elevations. Extending off two sides of the central edifice are the elongated two and one-half story barracks proper. Single chimneys are located at each end and are noteworthy in appearance. The chimney pierces the cornice; however, it does not continue to the ground. The chimney side is divided into five alternating panels and projecting reliefs which terminate at the second floor line.

The pediment is distinguished by a fascia which terminates at each edge of the roof into a quasi-pendant of stone resembling a barber's stand. The gable facade is given relief by the use of recessed panels in the brickwork which are flush with the face of the lower stories. A two story porch is continuous along the entire front. The upper porch has been enclosed since the original construction.

The officers' quarters represent a slight departure from the architecture of the post. Each edifice is a two and one-half story duplex of red brick resting on a rubblework foundation which projects approximately four feet above grade. A one story porch extends across one-fourth the facade from each side. It terminates at the projecting parlor rooms fronting the edifice. A later alteration extended the porches across the entire facade.

The double hung windows with brick segmented arches and cast stone sills are consistent with the prevailing motif; however, the windows located in the pediments are noteworthy. Two double hung windows with semicircular overhead lights are separated by a brick mullion. Three course brick, semicircular arches over each window intersect over the brick mullion. Each course projects further outward than the lower course, thereby giving depth to the arch. This architectural feature appears only in the officers' quarters.

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Briefly summarized the architecture of Fort Roots is basically plain and utilitarian in character. A consistent motif lends unity to the original buildings. Overall order to the plan is achieved through the systematic grouping of the buildings about a centrally located parade field. Most exterior alterations have been confined to the officers' quarters in the forms of enclosure and extension of porches and modification of some window casements.

It would indeed be difficult to define a single style of architecture for Fort Roots. Elements of Romanesque Revival are evident in the officers' quarters, while elements of the Greek Revival style predominate in several of the larger structures. One of the best examples of the Greek Revival style on the post is exhibited in the portico of the post exchange and gymnasium.

Periodic maintenance has kept the original buildings in good condition and has contributed to the exceptional preservation of the original physical appearance of Fort Roots.

The boundaries of the area are defined by West Drive on the west, Scenic Drive on the southwest, Main Circle Drive on the south, East Drive on the southeast running to the northeast and turning northwest to Hill Road, then turning southwest along Hill Road to its junction with First Street. The boundary continues north along First Street to a point beyond Building 15 (the old Powder Magazine), then turning southwest until intercepting North Drive which defines the north boundary of the Ft. Roots historic district. Twenty-eight buildings are included in the district.



6. 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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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Established in 1893 as an Army post, historic Fort Roots is situated on Big Rock Mountain on the north bank of the Arkansas River. This six hundred (600') foot high promontory was so named to distinguish it from the Little Rock, located just across the river. Big Rock Mountain is topped by a plateau on which this 19th century military post was built.

In 1887 Big Rock Mountain was acquired by the Mountain Park Cottage Site and Improvement Company. This Little Rock land company built the Mountain Park Hotel, a luxurious resort hotel which operated from 1888 until 1893. Several special features that were somewhat unusual for the time were offered. These included three parks with picnic area, pavilions for dancing and refreshments, and a fruit orchard and vineyards.

The company had plans to sell sites for summer cottages near the hotel, and to make the place an outstanding resort. However, their ambitions for the Mountain Park were never realized, for in 1893 the property was sold to the United States Government as the site for a permanent Army post. Military structures replaced the hotel.

The history of Fort Roots began early in 1890 when General John Schofield, of the War Department in Washington, suggested that the Army close the hundreds of small posts and arsenals in the United States and establish a dozen major military posts situated near the railroads. This would facilitate quick deployment of troops to any point in the country.

In August, 1890, word came from Washington that the Arsenal at Little Rock was to be closed not later than October 1, 1890. Then began a series of meetings by the City leaders to decide what should be done with

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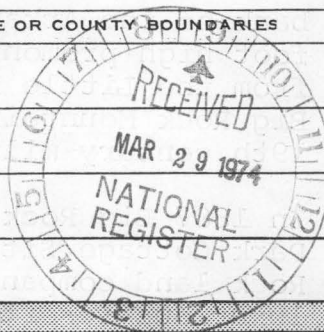
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	34 ° 46 ' 24.9"	92 ° 17 ' 27.6"				
SW	34 ° 46 ' 18.3"	92 ° 17 ' 53.3"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 44 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Dianna Kirk, Staff Historian

ORGANIZATION
 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE
 February, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Suite 1030 - Plaza West - McKinley and Lee

CITY OR TOWN:
 Little Rock

STATE
 Arkansas

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 05

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
 William E. Henderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date March 8, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/4/74

ATTEST:
Charles R. Herring
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 8.30.74

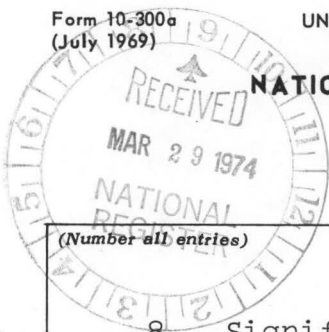
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the property. During these meetings it was also decided that Little Rock would ask that one of the twelve Army posts be established in the area.

Arkansas' Senator James K. Jones and Congressman William L. Terry started the movement in Washington. Congress was asked to establish a military installation at Little Rock on land provided by the city. In exchange the city was to receive the old Arsenal grounds. On December 15, 1891, Senator Jones introduced a bill donating the grounds to the city for a park. Congress also passed a bill to establish a military post at Little Rock, provided the city would furnish 1,000 acres of land within ten miles of the city.

The Board of Improvement for City Park District was formed to select a suitable site for the proposed fortress. Colonel Logan H. Roots served as chairman of the commission with Judge Eben W. Kimbell as secretary. Several sites were proposed by the Board of Improvement in the area around Little Rock.

Major General Nelson A. Miles of the Commanding Department of the Missouri was authorized to inspect the proposed sites and select the one best suited for a military post. In February, 1893, General Miles selected Big Rock Mountain as the site of Fort Roots. The Big Rock site had 1,100 acres and included the plateau, providing a commanding view of the city and surrounding countryside.

Deeds were recorded at Little Rock to transfer the Arsenal property to the city, and Big Rock property to the Army. These were filed by Maj. Steven W. Groesbeck, Judge Advocate of the Army, who arrived on March 18, 1893. Rights were reserved for a public highway and a railroad along the foot of the bluff.

In August, 1894, Congress appropriated \$194,760 to construct the military post at Big Rock. The appropriation included \$117,500 for construction; \$6,460 for regular supplies; and \$70,800 for transporting the Army to the post. Congressman W. L. Terry notified Little Rock that

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the Quartermaster General had authorized the money to be spent, and Captain R. R. Stevens was placed in charge of the work. On August 23, he received orders to advertise for bids on the work.

Plans for the mountain fortress included a hospital, quartermaster stable, storehouse, guardhouse, three double sets of officers' quarters, a double barracks, two mess halls and one double outbuilding. Frederick Kepler of Chicago submitted the successful bid for construction on the buildings. He agreed to complete the job in twelve months for the sum of \$107,746.00. On the morning of December 3, 1894, a 44-gun salute was fired from the highest point of Big Rock to signal the beginning of work on the new fort. Thomas Lafferty stuck the first pick in the ground and 25 men began work on the post road. Grading of the area began on December 10, and a full force of men were working by the first of the new year. The Army was thus installed on the prominence of Big Rock.

By 1896 twenty buildings had been completed. These included barracks, kitchens, mess halls, lavatories, a guard house, a bakery, a store house, stables, officers' quarters, a hospital and a powder magazine. Most of these structures were centered around a parade grounds of 11.7 acres.

In April of 1897, an order from the War Department was published as follows:

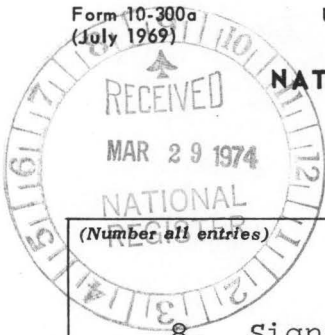
P By direction of the President of the United States, the military post near the city of Little Rock, in Pulaski County, Arkansas, will hereafter be known and designated as Fort Logan H. Roots in honor of the Late Brevet Lieutenant Colonel L. H. Roots, United States Volunteers.

Logan Holt Roots was born on March 26, 1841, on an Illinois farm. At 17 he entered Illinois State Normal University as the youngest male student. After graduating as valedictorian in the class of 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army and was made an officer in the 81st Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

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During his military career Colonel Roots participated in the seige of Vicksburg and accompanied General William T. Sherman on his march through Georgia to the sea. As a staff officer of General Sherman, he was present at the Grand Review of the troops by the President in May, 1865. The following August, Roots was commissioned Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for his meritorius services during the war. Colonel Roots was honorably mustered out of the service on May 31, 1866. During his last year of military service Colonel Roots was stationed in Arkansas. After buying a cotton plantation, he remained in the State to make it his home.

In 1867 Colonel Roots was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Arkansas. As a progressive liberal Republican, he represented Arkansas in the Fortieth Congress as its youngest member. During his two terms in Congress he sponsored several bills of great importance and beneficience to his constituents. In later years the Colonel served as Vice-President of the National League of Republican Clubs.

At the time of his death in 1893 Logan Roots was recognized as the wealthiest man and leading financier in Arkansas. His financial success was tied oclosely to the First National Bank, of which he served as both president and director. One contemporary source stated that "his ability and reputation made this bank unexcelled and unquestionably the leading bank of this section of the country." Colonel Roots also served as the first president of the Arkansas State Banker's Association.

When Little Rock sought to acquire a permanent military post in the early 1890's the citizens turned to Colonel Roots to represent their wishes in Washington. As Chairman of the Board of Improvement for City Park District, Roots was instrumental in securing the Big Rock Mountain site to house the proposed fort. According to the Arkansas Gazette of May, 1893, "to his influence with the powers then in being at Washington in a great measure was due the fact that Little Rock secured the Arsenal Park and the new military post."

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Though Colonel Roots died on May 30, 1893, long before the Big Rock fortress became a reality, it was his efforts that secured the site and future post. Four years after his death his work in behalf of his adopted city was publicly recognized when the Big Rock post was designated Fort Logan H. Roots.

Construction of the fort proceeded according to schedule until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898. Operations were stopped when the regiment of troops occupying the post were ordered to Puerto Rico. In the following months the President called for 1,600 troops from Arkansas to serve in the war against Spain. Many regiments arrived at Fort Roots, received training in military maneuvers, and were shipped on to other places of service.

The next period of intense activity for the Fort Roots garrison came in February of 1912 when the base commander received notice to have his troops ready to move to the Mexican border. Francisco ("Pancho") Villa, the Mexican revolutionary leader, was causing international tensions to mount. In March, 1914, four companies of the Ninth Infantry departed for duty at Laredo, Texas. Two years later 25 companies of the Arkansas National Guard were mobilized. After spending a month at Fort Roots this group was ordered to Deming, New Mexico.

In early 1917, the European war far overshadowed the troubles on the southern border. In April mobilization of the first Arkansas Infantry was begun, and a few days later orders were issued to establish an officers' training camp at Fort Roots. After spending a 90-day training period at the fort, graduates were commissioned as company officers for the 87th Army Division.

Men of the Second Arkansas Infantry were trained at the fort, and were reorganized into the 142nd Field Artillery in the autumn of 1917. While in training, the men dug up quite a supply of stones from the field. These stones were used to construct a permanent monument in memory of the conversion of the Second Arkansas Infantry into the 142nd Field Artillery. The monument still stands at Fort Roots.

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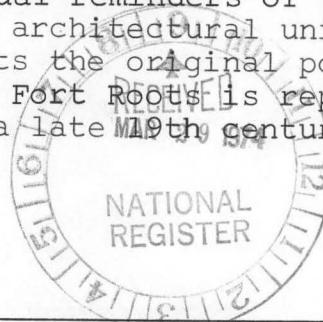
During the time Fort Roots was used as an officers' training school, First Lieutenant George C. Marshall served at the fort. This young officer later achieved the rank of General, served as Chief of Staff, and was Secretary of State.

Near the end of World War I Fort Roots was used as an Army hospital. With the cessation of hostilities the need for a military post was no longer justifiable; therefore, the Army turned the grounds and buildings over to the Public Health Service for use as a hospital.

In October of 1921, the Fort Roots Military Post was released to the Veterans Bureau by the Public Health Service. On December 1, 1921, the Veterans Bureau reopened Fort Roots as a neuropsychiatric treatment center for veterans. At that time the hospital center consisted of a group of permanent barracks type buildings surrounding a large parade ground.

During its 50 year history as a veterans hospital, the Fort Roots facilities for treatment have been vastly enlarged and improved. Fort Roots has grown until now it is one of the largest neuropsychiatric hospitals in the United States. It consists of 1,110 acres of land with 15 large ward buildings and 76 other structures. It might be said that it is a community within itself, for it maintains its own police and fire department, shops, dining halls, recreational buildings, libraries and other educational facilities.

Despite the drastic changes which have occurred in the hospital's physical plant during the last half century, Fort Roots still retains many remnants of its military past. The 11 acre parade grounds in the center of the post along with several brick buildings built around the turn of the century are continual reminders of the hospital's military history. The architectural uniformity of an unadorned military style sets the original post apart from later medical buildings. Fort Roots is representative of the architectural style of a late 19th century American military post.



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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN				<i>Sik plan & photos a definite improvement. Arch. sign. statement is minimal. Called Dianna Kirk to get exact boundaries. ACCEPT. H. J. Jandl 8/28/74</i>
ARCHEOLOGIST				<i>The submission appears to have corrected any previous problems.</i> <i>Accept M. Barnes 27 Aug 74</i>
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF				
BRANCH CHIEF				
KEEPER				<i>Accept</i> <i>Thompson for McIntosh</i> <i>8-30-74</i>

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Fort Logan H. Roots

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Fort Logan H. Roots		SEP 4
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STATE Arkansas	COUNTY Pulaski	TOWN North Little Rock
STREET AND NUMBER Senic Hill Drive		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
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4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Parade grounds, viewed from the south.

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*Duplex officers' Quarters, #10,
Viewed from the southeast.*

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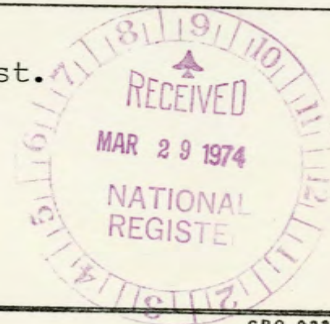
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Duplex officers' quarters, viewed from the southeast.
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#1 BARRACKS Building, #1,
facade viewed from the east

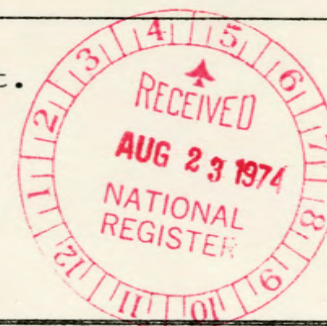
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Barracks building, #1, facade viewed from the east.

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MESS HALL / Kitchen, #4
viewed from the north

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Mess Hall/Kitchen, # 4, viewed from the north.

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Arkansas, Pulaski County
Fort Logan H. Roots

Stable, #8, viewed from the southeast

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Duplex Officers' Quarters, # 11, viewed from the southeast

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SERGEANT 1st CLASS Quarters, #13,
viewed from the south east

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Sergeant First Class Quarters, # 13, viewed from the southeast.

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Powder Magazine, #15,
viewed from the southeast

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Powder Magazine, # 15, viewed from the northeast.

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Duplex Officers' Quarters, #16,
facade viewed from the southeastFORM 10-301 A
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Commanding General's Quarters, #17
viewed from the south

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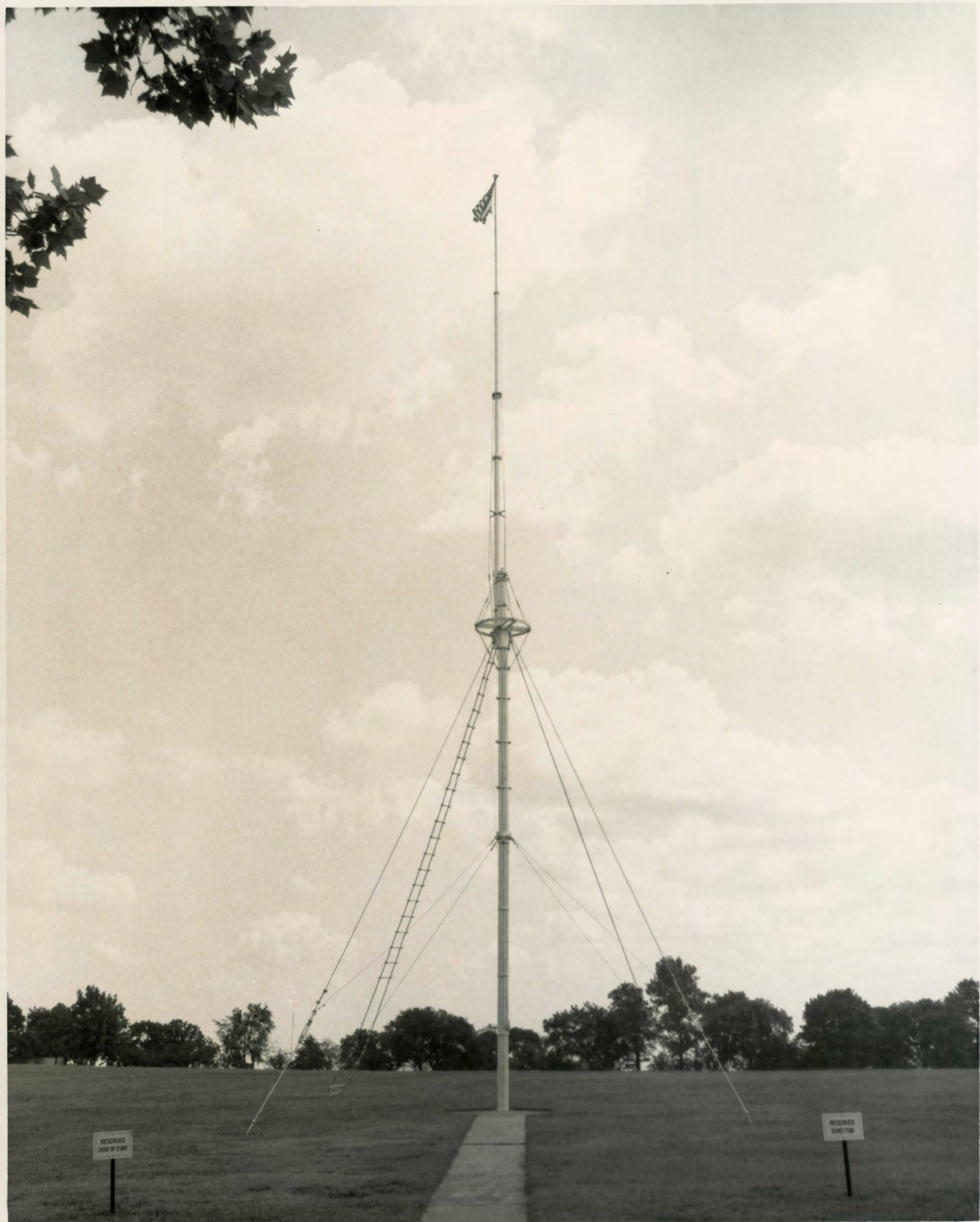
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Commanding General's Quarters, #17, viewed from the south.

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Flagstaff, # 19

viewed from the north

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Flagpole, # 19, viewed from the north.

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15 #21 Administration Building, #21,
viewed from the northeast.

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Administration Building, # 21, viewed from the northeast.

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#22 Post Exchange, #22,
viewed from the south

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Post Exchange, # 22, viewed from the south.

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#23 BARRACKS Building, #23,
facade viewed from the south.

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Barracks building # 23, facade viewed from the south.

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LAVATORY, #24
viewed from the west

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Lavatory, # 24, viewed from the west.

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BARRACKS Building, # 26,
facade viewed from the south.

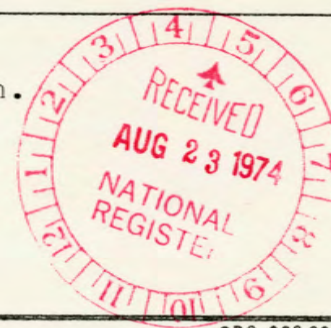
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Barracks building, # 26, facade viewed from the south.

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LAVATORY, #27,
viewed from the north

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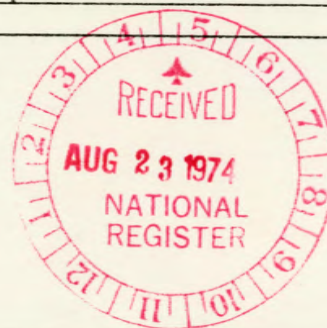
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Mess Hall / Kitchen, #28
viewed from the north

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Mess Hall/Kitchen, #28, viewed from the north.

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Bachelor Officers' Quarters, # 29, viewed from the northeast.

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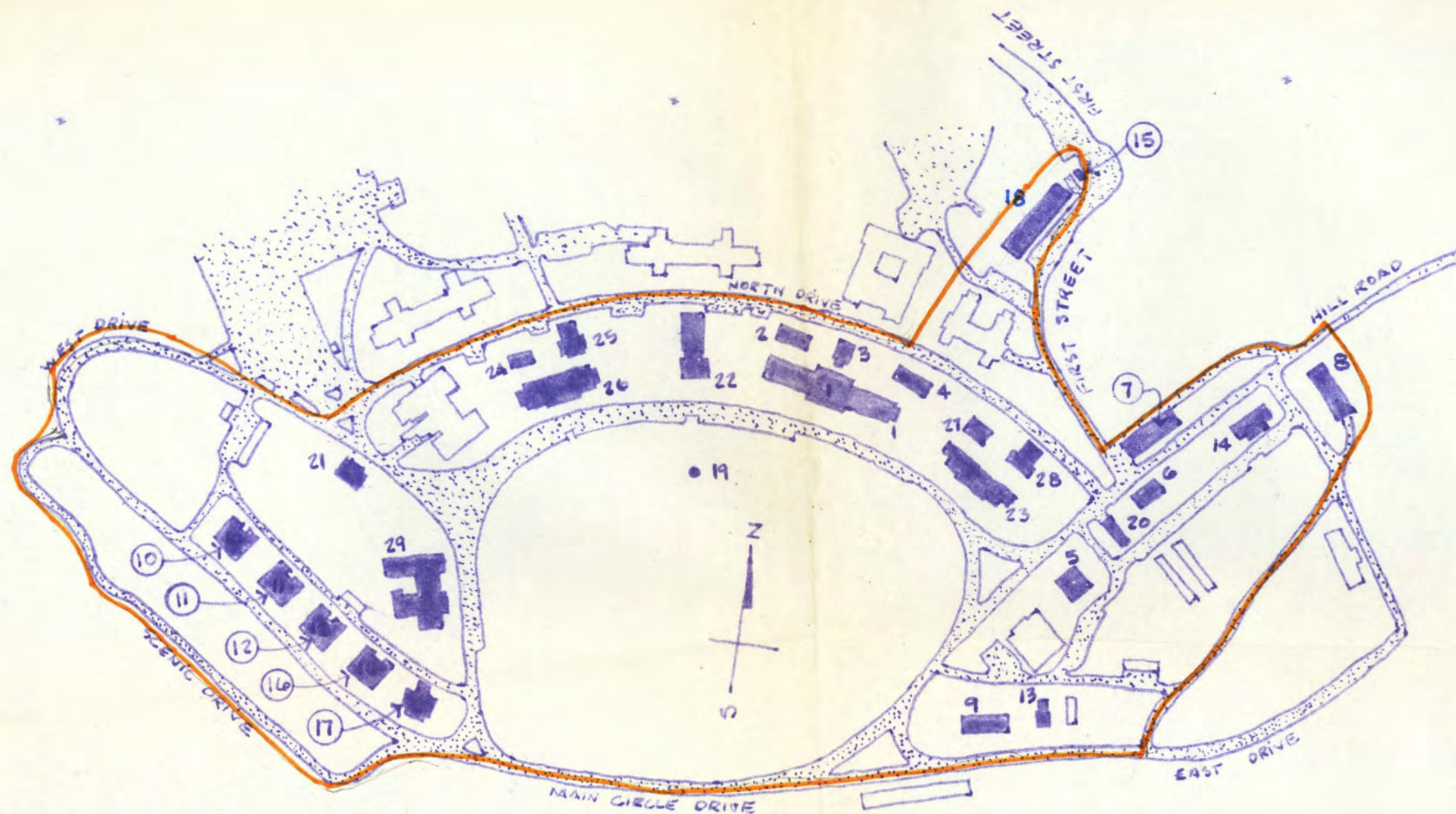
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Hospital, # 9, viewed from the southeast.



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Boundaries as outlined
on telephone by Diana Kirk
8/28/74

Fort Logan H. Roots

LEGEND

<u>PRESENT USE</u>	<u>HISTORIC USE</u>	<u>DATE BUILT</u>	<u>PRESENT USE</u>	<u>HISTORIC USE</u>	<u>DATE BUILT</u>
1. HOSPITAL	BARRACKS	1896	15. OFFICE	POWDER MAGAZINE	1896
2. DORMITORY	MESS HALL/KIT.	1896	16. QUARTERS	QUARTERS-OFFICERS	1896
3. BATHING/CLOTHING	LAVATORY	1896	17. QUARTERS	QUARTERS-COMMANDING GEN.	1896
4. DORMITORY	MESS HALL/KIT.	1896	18. STABLES	STABLES	1896
5. LIBRARY	GUARD HOUSE	1896	19. FLAGPOLE	FLAGPOLE	1896
6. FIREMAN'S DORMITORY	BAKERY	1896	20. FIRE STATION	FIREHOUSE	1901
7. SUPPLY WAREHOUSE	STOREHOUSE/QUARTERMASTER	1896	21. QUARTERS	ADMIN. BLDG.	1905
8. REHABILITATION	STABLES	1896	22. ADMINISTRATION	POST EXCHANGE	1905
9. HOSPITAL	HOSPITAL	1896	23. HOSPITAL	BARRACKS	1905
10. QUARTERS	QUARTERS-OFFICERS	1896	24. PHARMACY	LAVATORY	1907
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12. QUARTERS	QUARTERS-OFFICERS	1896	26. OFFICES	BARRACKS	1907
13. QUARTERS	SERGEANT 1ST CLASS	1896	27. HOSPITAL	LAVATORY	1907
14. STORAGE	BLACKSMITH, CARPENTER	1896	28. DORMITORY	MESS HALL/KIT.	1907
	PAINT, SHOPS		29. DAY CARE CENTER	QUARTERS-BATCHELOR OFFICERS	1907

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

STATE Arkansas	
COUNTY Pulaski	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Fort Logan H. Roots

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Senic Hill Drive

CITY OR TOWN:

North Little Rock

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

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COUNTY:

Pulaski

CODE

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series, North Little Rock Quadrangle

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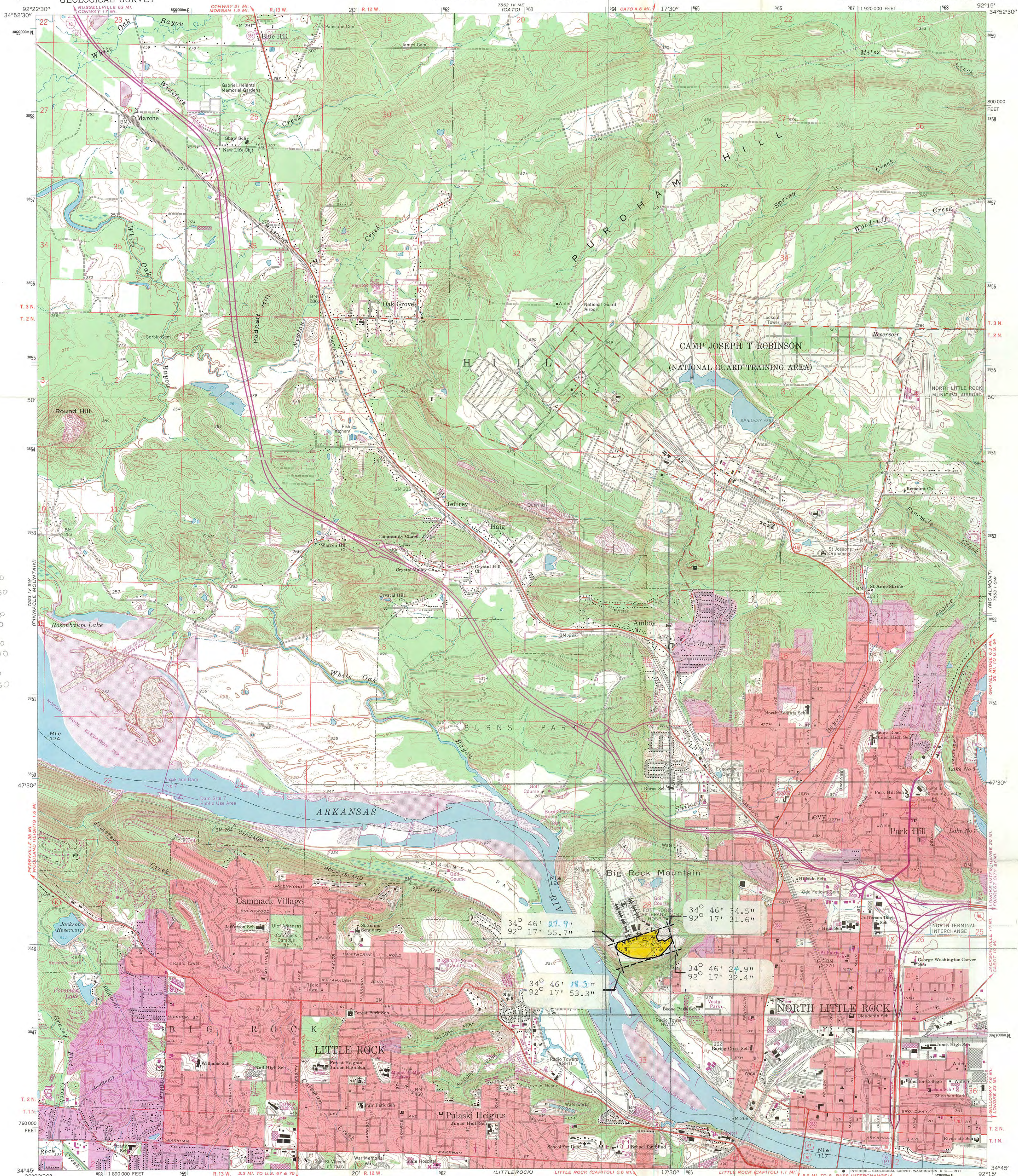
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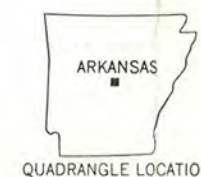
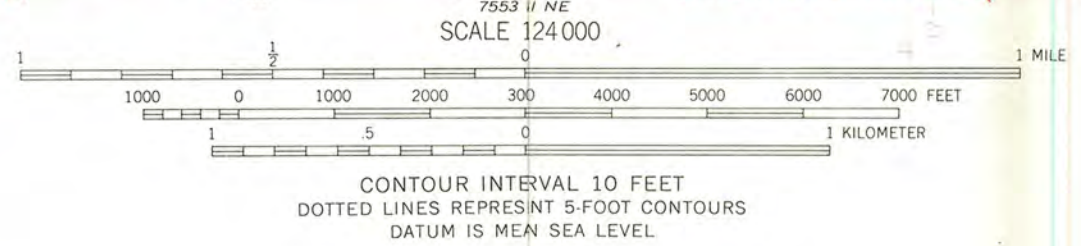
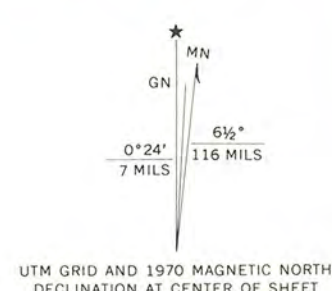
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10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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March 20, 1974

Mrs. Marie Benyo (138)
c/o Veterans Administration Hospital
Senic Hill Drive
North Little Rock, AR

Dear Mrs. Benyo:

We are happy to inform you that the State Review Committee of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has approved the nomination of Fort Logan H. Roots to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now be forwarded to the National Register office in Washington, D. C. where it will be evaluated by their professional staff. If they concur with the judgment of the State Review Committee it will soon be included on the National Register.

We appreciate your assistance in preparing this nomination and your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely,

Gene Richardson, Administrator
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

GR/m



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

July 5, 1974

IN REPLY
REFER TO: 138A2

Dr. William J. Murtagh (H 34-PH)
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

3.24.74

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find National Register nomination forms for Fort Logan
Roots, located at the Veterans Administration Hospital, North Little
Rock, Arkansas.

We look forward to seeing this property added to the National Register
of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Gjore Mollenhoff
(Miss) GJOORE MOLLENHOFF
Federal Agency Representative

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APPROVED:

R. E. Lindsey
R. E. LINDSEY, JR.
Director, Engineering Service



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Hospital Director (00)
VA Hospital
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

SUBJ: Nominations for National Register of Historic Places

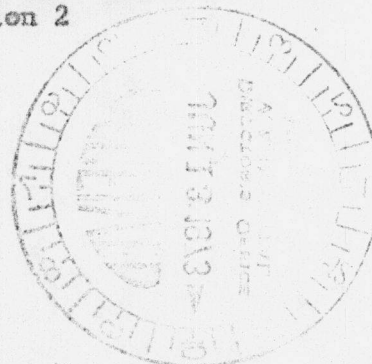
1. The site of Ft. Root appears to meet the criteria for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Please consult with the State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation for Arkansas to determine whether his office will endorse a formal nomination for listing in the National Register. If his office concurs, please complete the enclosed nomination forms in co-operation with the State Liaison Officer.
3. The address of the State Liaison Officer and instructions for completion of the nomination forms will be found in VA Circular 00-72-23, dated October 2, 1972.
4. Enclosed for your convenience are copies of the following National Park Service forms:

Form 10-306	Nomination Form for Federal Properties
Form 10-300a	Nomination Form - Continuation Sheet
Form 10-301	Nomination Form - Property Map Form
Form 10-301a	Nomination Form - Property Photograph Form

5. These forms should be prepared in quintuplicate and endorsed by the State Liaison Officer. One copy is for retention at your station. The remaining four copies are to be returned to the Regional Medical Director (138A).

R. M. WHITTINGTON, M.D.
Regional Medical Director
Region 2

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered SEP 4 1974

Name

Location

Fort Logan H. Roots Military Post

**North Little Rock
Pulaski County**

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. J. W. Fulbright
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Ms. Gjore Mollenjoff, Veterans
Administration
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson
Director
Arkansas Dept. of Parks and
Tourism
State Capitol - Room 149
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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10 Jefferson Davis Avenue
Plaistow, New Hampshire
December 27, 1974

Ernest A Connally Director
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service, U.S. Dept of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Connally:

A few of us are very proud of the great work being done by NPS in augmenting the National Register, limited though its powers be to defend our heritage against the erosion of greed and time. The Federal Register is our means for watching the growth of the Register, endlessly seeking to find listed one by one the treasures of which the nation should be proud. In no sense is the present suggestion intended as a criticism, but is sent with the thought that subsequent publication may correct a small error that has crept in.

Long ago public works were recorded by men having clear and distinct personal knowledge of men and events of their own day or of the then recent past. Some of them, even then, had a vision of the long historic vista stretching through the years to follow, and the material they preserved is now the mines being dug over by countless bearded beatniks seeking a degree or a book for publication. From time to time one of them gets inspiration, most often from one of us out in the country who has not the prestige to communicate directly with the forces building the National Register, and an entry gets through the sifting required by law and an error is printed. Since the Register will become, after our time, the authoritative source for all time to come, we have an obligation to record the very best that can be found.

Federal Register Sept 3, 1974 page 31933 proposes registering of a Fort which was shown on the Land Grant RR map of US in War Department General Order 1140, August 4, 1899 as "Fort Logan H. Roots". Entry under North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas does not read the same as the designation published by men then very familiar with the site and of the great man whose name was distinguished by association with the Post. Since the designation on the Register has not been confirmed yet, isn't there time for a quick search in War Department records affirming the name "Logan H. Roots" and the correction of Sept. 3 notice?

If it is possible, may I have a copy of the historic justification of this Registry, as I am very much interested in old military posts and the preservation of their distinguished past. It is next to impossible to visit the seat of Government to appear in person with a request for information, but any cost of reproduction would be cheerfully forwarded. Thank you for your attention, and I am

Cordially yours,

Wilbar M. Hoxie

WILBAR M HOXIE,

Lt. Col. USAR

Chairman, History & Heritage Committee
ASCE New England Council

Pulaski Co. Arkansas

September 5, 1978

Miss Gjore Mollenhoff
Federal Agency Representative
Veterans Administration
Office of Construction
Washington, D. C. 20420

Dear Miss Mollenhoff:

On August 21, 1978, the Council received a determination from the Veterans Administration that acquisition of 24+ acres of land for new construction and expansion of new parking facilities at North Little Rock Hospital, North Little Rock, Arkansas, would not adversely affect Fort Logan Roots Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. We have reviewed the documentation submitted with your letter and discussed the proposal with the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer. Based on our review and discussions, the Executive Director does not object to your determination as applicable to the proposed acquisition. Further, we look forward to working with VA in accordance with the Procedures with respect to subsequent development activities on this property as appropriate in the future.

A copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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