

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

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received DEC 28 1979

date entered MAY 1 1980

1. Name

historic Leiper-Scott House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 312 South Pulaski St. not for publication

city, town Little Rock vicinity of congressional district Second

state Arkansas code 05 county Pulaski code 119

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Frank Scott

street & number 4608 Ridgemont Road

city, town Fort Worth vicinity of state Texas 76117

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pulaski County Courthouse

street & number Markham and Spring Streets

city, town Little Rock state Arkansas 72201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Capitol Area Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☒ yes ☐ no

date July 1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Capitol Zoning District Commission, Medical Arts Building

city, town Little Rock state Arkansas 72202

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Leiper-Scott House is a one-story structure located two blocks east of the State Capitol. It was built on a lot which slopes abruptly to the rear. Therefore its basement on the rear or west elevation is exposed. The building has a cottage-style plan, combining hip and gable roof forms, an asymmetrical front facade, and one floor of usable living space. It is an adaptation of a plan that was popular between 1880 and World War I for modest, low-cost housing. While its contemporaries were commonly frame buildings, this is a solidly-constructed brick structure.

The Leiper-Scott House is transitional in style, with both Queen Anne and Colonial Revival characteristics. The massing of the building, the steep pitches of the roof and the use of slate infill in the south elevation pediment are characteristics of the Queen Anne style. Colonial Revival elements include tracery windows, round Roman arches, hipped dormer, Tuscan columns and gable returns.

The most striking design elements of the building appear on the principal (east) elevation. Centered on the east projecting bay is a round Roman-arched window. The opening has a tracery transom above a single-pane window. Above the arch is a tracery window. Adjacent to the entrance is a small arched tracery window. The hipped dormer on the front elevation provided yet another space for tracery work. The shed porch, which wraps around the northeast corner of the home and protects its two principal entrances, is supported by Tuscan columns mounted on brick piers. The main entrance is an ornamental door with transom. The gable has returns.

The kitchen opens onto a porch which is hidden by lattice-work. An interior staircase leads from that porch to the partially-finished basement. A wooden box cornice finishes the house and porches. Sash layout is one-over-one (1/1) and two-over-two (2/2). There are three chimneys: front slope, rear sloop and straddle ridge. Brick bond is common. The roofing is slate.

There has been remarkably little alteration of the original structure, inside or out. Original lighting fixtures, molding, beaded wainscoting, hardwood floors, tile fireplace and shelf-mantel, and lath and plaster walls remain.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1902

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1975, the Arkansas State Legislature incorporated the area surrounding the State Capitol into a zoning district. By that date the area was well advanced into a major transition from residential neighborhoods dating from c. 1880-1910 and associated with the suffering railroad industry, to a variable-use commercial district. When the Capitol Zoning District Commission conducted a survey of the 200 surviving buildings in 1978, there were only three structures that merited a "priority one" rating for their architectural and/or historic significance. The Leiper-Scott House is one of those three buildings. The Leiper-Scott House is an architecturally significant brick cottage built for a turn-of-the-century Little Rock businessman, George A. Leiper. From 1884-1893, Leiper served as manager of the Arkansas State Penitentiary, which was privately-controlled under the state's "prison lease" system. As manager, Leiper presided over a giant brick-making operation which employed hundreds of convicts. In 1893, Leiper left the prison to establish his own brick factory. As was common with the entrepreneurs associated with the state prison (which occupied the site of the present State Capitol), Leiper invested in lands in west Little Rock, near the prison. In 1902, he constructed the Leiper-Scott House, apparently as a rental property. Five different families had occupied the house by 1933 when Richard Scott, an airbrake mechanic for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, purchased it. Scott and his wife raised a family in the house and lived in it until 1978 when they both died.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Capitol Area Survey, Capitol Zoning District Commission, Little Rock.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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E

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

B

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D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 10, Block 333, Original City

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert D. Besom, Historian

organization Ark. Historic Preservation Program

date December 3, 1979

street & number Suite 500, Continental Building

telephone 501-371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Joan Williams Baldridge

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date December 6, 1979

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

for *Sally B. Oldham*
Keeper of the National Register

date 5/1/80

Attest: *Bruce Lee Dwyer*

date April 23, 1980

Chief of Registration

Property

Leiper-Scott House

State

AR, Pulaski

Working Number

12.28.79.2980

80000783

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos

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Maps

1

The local zoning commission thinks this is significant, and the state says it is architecturally significant, but they haven't told us why. Is it a rare ex. of a brick adaptation of a form usually used for frame bldgs.? Is it unusual for surviving in such intact condition? Is it the only, best, one of a few, etc. surviving residential bldgs in a formerly residential, now commercial, area? A combination of the above? These are all hinted at, but not specified. Is it something else not mentioned at all?

HISTORIAN

return
Groves
2/28/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

I DO NOT CONCUR WITH THE REVIEWER THAT THERE IS AN INADEQUATE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE NOMINATION.

IT IS ONE OF ONLY 3 BUILDINGS (OF 200) THAT WERE RATED AS SIGNIFICANT IN A SURVEY IN 1978. FURTHER, IN THE DESCRIPTION, THE QUALITIES WHICH MAKE IT AN ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE OF THE QUEEN ANNE/TRANSITIONAL

ACCEPT
MacDougal
4/23/80

INTO COLONIAL REVIVAL STYLE ARE STATED. THEY ARE ITS ~~ANNE~~ QUEEN ANNE STYLE MASSING AND ROOF PITCHES AND ITS ~~TRANS~~ COLONIAL REVIVAL WINDOWS AND PORCH SUPPORTS. ALL CONSIDERED, IT IS A WELL PRESERVED EXAMPLE OF A TYPE OF TURN OF THE CENTURY, SOUTHERN, MIDDLE CLASS DWELLING.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Concur with
MacDougalJ. H. H.
5/1/80

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

MAY 1 1980

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Re-submit



LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE

MAY 1 1980

312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, August 1978

Negative location: Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

East facade, viewed from southeast

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DEC 28 1979



LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE

MAY 1 1980

312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, August 1978

Negative location: Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

Northeast corner, viewed from east

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DEC 28 1979



LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE

MAY 1 1980

312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, August 1978

Negative location: Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

North facade, viewed from northwest

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DEC 28 1979



LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE

MAY 1 1980

312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, August 1978

Negative location: Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

Rear elevation, viewed from west

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LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE

MAY 1 1980

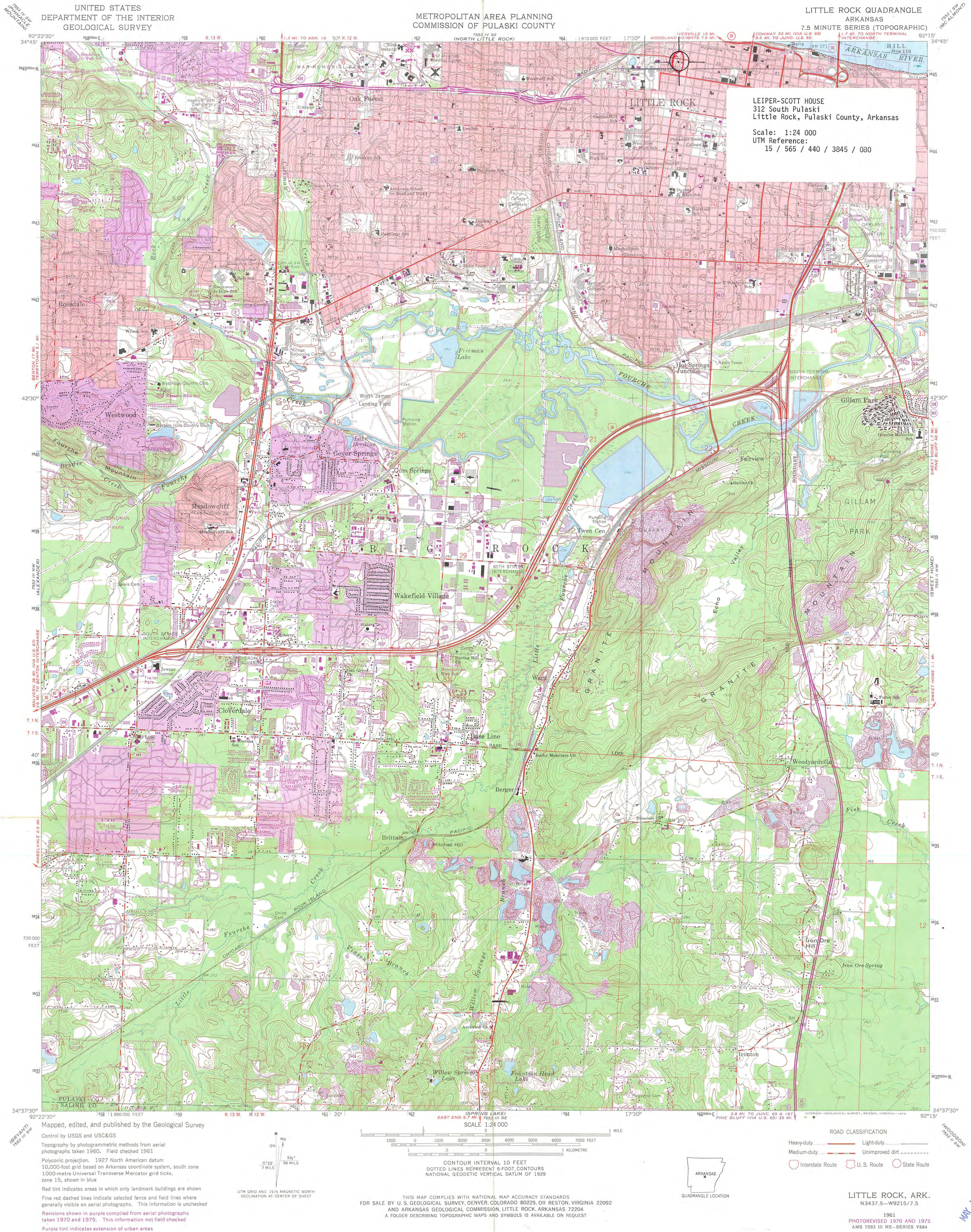
312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, August 1978
Negative location: Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

South elevation, viewed from southeast

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

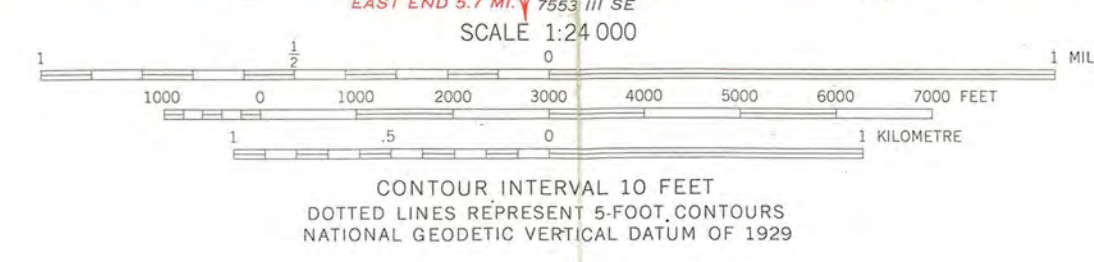
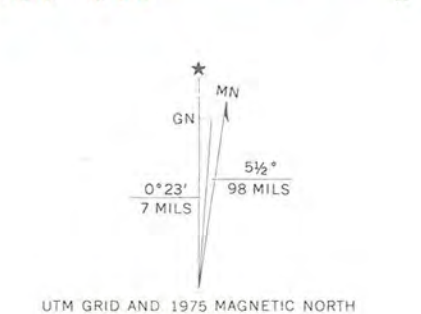
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING
COMMISSION OF PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

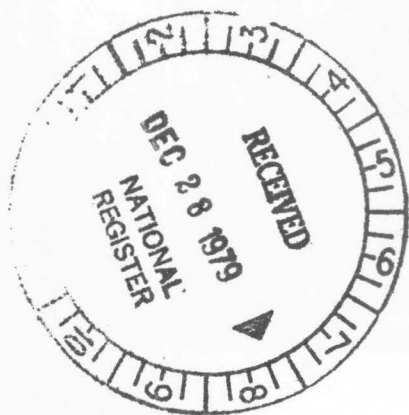
LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE
312 South Pulaski
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Scale: 1:24 000
UTM Reference:
15 / 565 / 440 / 3845 / 080

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas 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
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1970 and 1975. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
N4347.5-W9215.7/5
1961
PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1975
AMS 7553 III NE-SERIES V884





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December 7, 1979

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the nomination for the Leiper-Scott House, which has been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March 13, 1979 meeting.

I hereby certify that the person listed in Section 4 of the nomination is the legal owner of the property.

Sincerely,

Joan Williams Baldrige
State Historic Preservation Officer

JWB/BB/lg

Enclosures



The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

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Description: _____

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Statement of Significance: Although the nomination states that this is an "architecturally significant brick cottage," it does not specify the qualities for which the house was determined to be architecturally significant.

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Bibliography: _____

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Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

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Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Beth Grosvenor

on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Date: _____

Chief, Branch of Registration

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MAY 1 1980

Name

Location

Leiper-Scott House

Little Rock
Pulaski County

Also Notified

Honorable David H. Pryor

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable Ed Bethune

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Joan Baldrige
Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR Byers/bjr 5/6/80
For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.