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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas
COUNTY: Phillips
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

OCT 18 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Almer Store

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
824 Columbia Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Helena

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

STATE:
Arkansas

CODE:
05

COUNTY:
Phillips

CODE:
107

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Phillips County Foundation for Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 367

CITY OR TOWN:
Helena

STATE:
Arkansas

CODE:
05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Phillips County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Helena

STATE:
Arkansas

CODE:
05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

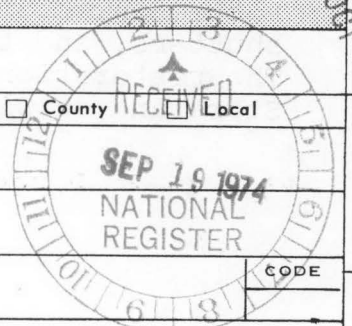
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Helena

STATE:
Arkansas

CODE:
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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER: 00118

DATE: OCT 18 1974

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Constructed during the 1870's Almer Store has, surprisingly, survived the ravages of time when structures of greater notoriety and architectural achievements have long since disappeared.

A small, rectilinear, one-storey plan of approximately 20 feet X 27 feet, the Almer Store rests on a heavy cypress sill. Walls are of horizontal cypress planks laid between vertical, grooved posts. Small waxed strings are laid between the plank joints, inside and out, to seal the structure against the elements. A gable roof is covered with cypress shingles. A six-light window is set in the gable of the entry end of the structure.

The entry to the store is its most interesting feature. A shed roof porch supported by delicate, slender posts with brackets on either side covers the entire front of the store. A tall, slender double door with transom light is flanked by large windows. A simplified entablature and trim is used about the windows, as well as about all fenestration.

W.L.L.
architect

The store's exterior walls are broad, smooth surfaces of horizontal planks. Two doors are located on the south side at opposite ends of the building. A single door is located at the west end of the north side. The rear wall of the store has two tall, slender windows which flank a brick flue.

The interesting qualities of Almer Store lie in the contrasts of its simple construction with the finer touches of ornamentation that are in evidence. Victorian influence is evident in the projecting eaves and exposed rafters, cut in the manner of scroll brackets. These appear only on the entry and north side, the two elevations exposed to the street.

Almer Store remains basically unchanged since its original construction. It is currently undergoing restoration to include a new cypress shingle roof, rebuilding of the rotted interior flooring, repair of entry windows and shutters, and the rebuilding of the entry porch and roof. The restoration is based on early photographs of Almer Store and on site research.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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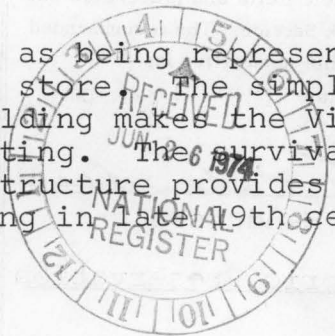
In the early 1870's a young couple from Iowa built a flatboat and floated down the Mississippi River as far as Helena, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Almer, both Swiss immigrants who had come to the United States as children, lived in a three room house atop the flatboat on their journey down river.

After arriving in Helena the Almers lived on their boat for a while, but soon moved their small house ashore. The flatboat was dismantled and the wood used to build what is now known as the Almer Store.

Though not officially used as a store by Mr. Almer, he did use the little building to market the milk products from his cows. The rear of the store was used to make cheese. In later years and under other owners the building was used as a neighborhood grocery, thus acquiring its permanent name, Almer Store.

In recent years the unoccupied store had fallen into a state of disrepair, and was about to be torn down. However, because of its significance as a local landmark to the citizens of Helena, the county historic preservation society purchased the store to save it from destruction. It is now being completely restored and will be reopened as an arts and crafts shop. This century old building will once again be a market place for the products of local people.

Almer Store is significant as being representative of a late 19th century Arkansas store. The simple plan of this rectangular frame building makes the Victorian touches especially interesting. The survival of this unpretentious commercial structure provides a good example of a small business building in late 19th century Arkansas.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beauchamp, Annetta. Interview at Almer Store, October 30, 1973.
 Phillips County Deed Record Book YY, p. 381.
 Phillips County Deed Record Book B3, p. 197.
 Twin City Tribune (Helena, Arkansas), April 3, 1974.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	34	31	51.8
SE	° ' "	° ' "	90	35	28.3
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Anthony S. Riddle, Architect and Dianna S. Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: May 10, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Suite 1030, Plaza West

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: AR CODE: 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
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: June 11, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/18/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/17/74

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY

Almer Stone

STATE

Ark.

WORKING NUMBER

6.26.74.1030

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS

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MAPS

1

CONTROL REVIEW

OK

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

#7 & #8 inadequate. I'd like to know more about the restoration.

*Return
JCT
8/4/74*

ARCHEOLOGIST

*AGREE with Jan
called State Return Huzjand
8/5/74*

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back

8.26.74

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit

9.19.74

Entered

OCT 18 1974

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE:

8.26.74

NAME OF PROPERTY

Almer Store, 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. Please give a complete architectural description of this building - Also, some description of the nature & extent of the restoration work would be good. Section 7 rewritten to clarify these points

X 8. Statement of Significance. Please include some discussion of the architectural significance of this property. - IP added

9. Bibliography.

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates.

b. Acreage.

11. Form Prepared By.

12. Certification.

Photographic Coverage.

Map Coverage. Please use a map bearing an identified system of coordinates, preferably an original USGS, which allows us to check latitude-longitude.

Other. As per telephone conversation with Dianna Kirk 8/16/74

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

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Charles E. King

PROPERTY Alma's Store Phillips CO. STATE Ark

2nd Control Sheet

WORKING NUMBER 6.26.74.1030

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 1
MAPS 1

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CONTROL REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN answers all questions.
A definite improvement...
ACCEPT H. W. Jundl

Accept
Lebowich
9/20/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

9/23/74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
C12
10/17/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

P. Greenberg
for W. M. High
10/17/74

National Register Write-up Nov 11, 1974

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 12/3/74

Re-submit _____

Entered OCT 18 1974



Almer Store
Phillips County, Arkansas

WEST AND SOUTH ELEVATIONS VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

1. NAME

COMMON

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

Almer Store

OCT 18 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN

Arkansas

Phillips

Helena

STREET AND NUMBER

820 Columbia Street

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Robert Dunn

April 18, 1974

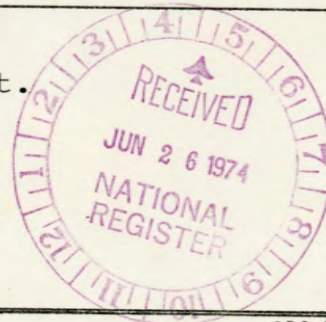
Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

West and south elevations viewed from the southwest.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON

Almer Store

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

OCT 18 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Phillips

TOWN

Helena

STREET AND NUMBER

824 Columbia

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

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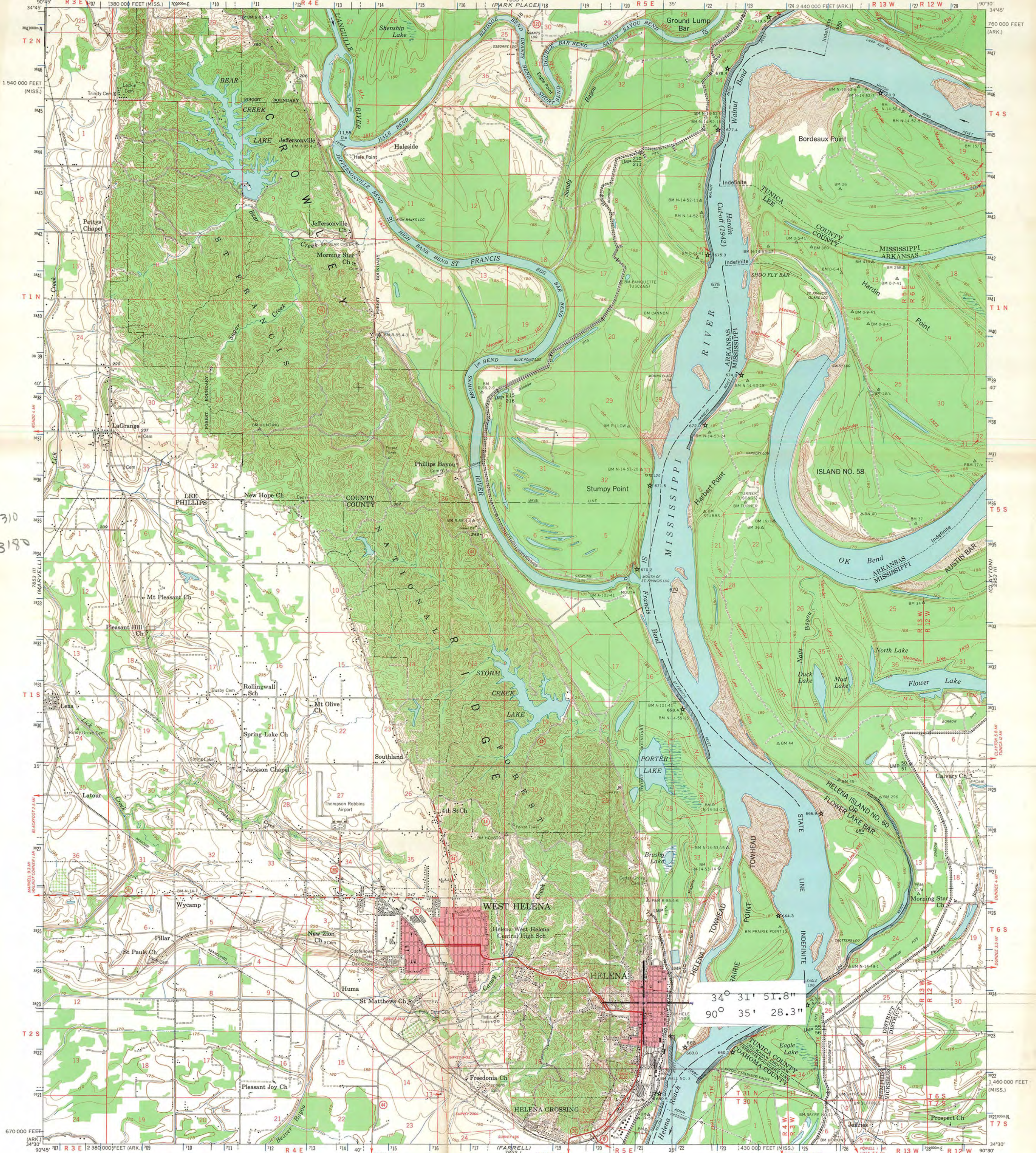
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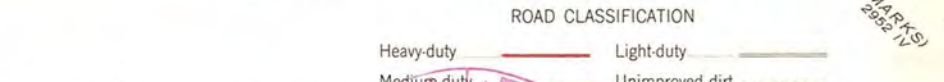
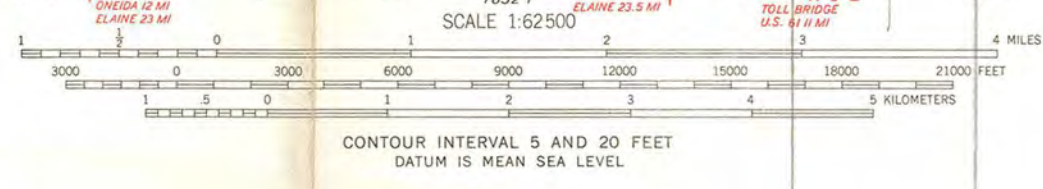
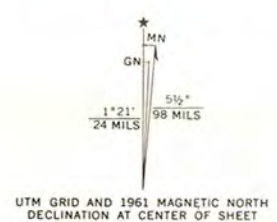




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34° 31' 51.8"
90° 35' 28.3"

Maped and edited by the Mississippi River Commission
Published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960, and planetable surveys 1930-1949
and 1961. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Arkansas coordinate system, south
zone, and Mississippi coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



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ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
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1029 WEST THIRD STREET LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201 501 374-0375



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

September 17, 1974

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



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your questions concerning our nomination of Almer Store to the National Register of Historic Places. Our responses to your questions have been incorporated into the nomination, and are as follows:

1. Description questions:
This section has, in large part, been rewritten, incorporating responses to your two requests.
2. Architectural significance of property?
A paragraph explaining the store's architectural significance has been added at the end of this section.

We look forward to receiving approval of this nomination as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk
Staff Historian

DK:cm

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered OCT 18 1974

Name

Location

Almer Store

Helena
Phillips County

Short-Bieri House

Helena
Phillips County

Graham-Gaughan-Betts House

Camden
Ouachita County

Also Notified

Hon. J. W. Fulbright
Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Bill Alexander, Jr.
Hon. Ray Thornton, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson, Director
Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
State Capitol-Room 149
Little Rock, Arkansas 72210

Regional Director, Southwest
Region

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