

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

Pearson-Robinson House

AND/OR COMMON

"The Governors' House"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1900 Marshall

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VRBAH

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nelle E. Springer Hume Estate & John R. Hume, V

STREET & NUMBER

1900 Marshall

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Markham Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Fleming & Bradford Addition to the City of Little Rock

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

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 Pearson-Robinson-Miller-Hume House is a two and one-half story red-brick structure built in 1900. The plan is rectangular. On the east (front) facade horizontal elements, the front porch, wide eaves, and a wide eved dormer break up the otherwise rectangular mass of the building.

The roof is hipped. The eaves of the first story are bracketed. The main entrance (off the porch) has a transom and side lights, which are separated from the door by decorative pilasters. A six part set of windows incorporates two ionic capited pilasters. The second level has three bays with the smaller being centered between two horizontally massed twelve-over-one windows.

Wood work within the house is original. There are two fireplace mantels with Corinthian columns. A flat arch supported on each side by a pilaster and a column joins the first and second parlors. Pocket doors separate the second parlor from the dining room. A stair with a single landing and turned balustrade leads to the second floor. All wood work, including flooring, is oak.

The house is slightly altered. A kitchen porch was added in the 1930's and a small, flat dormer was added on the south and one on the north.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Raleigh Pearson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pearson-Robinson House is a two and one-half story brick structure significant in its architecture and in association with politics and government. The major area of significance is its association with Senator Joseph T. Robinson.

The Pearson-Robinson House, located in historic downtown Little Rock, was constructed in 1900 by Raleigh Pearson. In 1903 the house was purchased by Joseph Taylor Robinson.

Joe T. Robinson was born near Lonoke, Arkansas in August, 1872. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1894. In 1895 Robinson received a law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Also in 1895, Robinson was elected to the Arkansas Legislature from Lonoke County.

From 1903 to 1913, Robinson represented the Sixth Arkansas District in the United States House of Representatives. In 1912 he was the twenty-third governor of Arkansas. Shortly after the gubernatorial inauguration on January 16, 1913, United States Senator Jeff Davis died and the Arkansas General Assembly elected Robinson to fill the vacancy caused by Davis' death.

Joseph T. Robinson became an influential man on the national level. He served as Senator from 1913 to his death in July, 1937. From 1922 to 1933 he served as the Democratic minority leader and from 1933 to 1937, he held the position of Democratic majority leader. In addition, he was the Democratic party's Vice-Presidential candidate in 1928 on the ticket with presidential candidate Alfred E. Smith. Robinson is the only Arkansan to run for the Vice Presidency.

In addition to housing Robinson, four other Arkansas governors have resided in the house. They are as follows: Governor George W. Hays, 1913-1916, Charles H. Brough, 1917-1920, Thomas C. McRae, 1921-1924, John J. Terral, 1925-1926.

Grady Miller, Senator Robinson's brother-in-law, occupied the house from 1927 until the present owners purchased it in 1944.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Democrat, June 29, 1928, page 15.

Arkansas Gazette, July 14, 1937, page 1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ZONE | | | EASTING | | | | NORTHING | | | | | | | |

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|------|--|--|---------|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZONE | | | EASTING | | | | NORTHING | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John R. Hume, V, Owner; Frezil Miller, Architectural Historian;

ORGANIZATION - Edited by: Arkansas Historic DATE

Sandra Taylor, Historian - Preservation Program 12-13-77

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

Suite 500, Continental Bldg, Main at Markham 501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN STATE

Little Rock 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Frezil Miller* DATE Feb 18, 1978

TITLE _____

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. ... DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATE 7-24-78
... KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 6-29-78

ATTEST: *...* KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Pleasant - Robinson House

Pulaski Co.

State Ark

Working Number 2.28.78.2620

78000623

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

~~#12 needs date~~
~~Nothing incorrect~~

CONTROL
pl
OK-3.1.78

Important for specific associated — use
as general governor's house

HISTORIAN
Sheffy
5-11-78
accept

Not mentioned for architecture
significant for Arkansas political
history.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
accept
Pravnan
4.27.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

significant for historical association

Accept
Lebranch
6/7/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accepted
7/24/78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered JUL 24 1978

Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

Re-submit _____

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five place detail (1)
Pearson-Robinson

JUL 24 1978

Form No. 10-301a
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Pearson-Robinson

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Little Rock

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Pulaski

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 11/77

NEGATIVE FILED AT
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
Fireplace- front parlor

PHOTO NO.

1 43



PEARSON-ROBINSON HOUSE
Pulaski County, ARKANSAS
East elevation 3

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

west eleva tion

2 2.3



west elevation (2)

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East (front) elevation

PHOTO NO.

3 93

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AND/OR COMMON
The Governor's House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Little Rock VICINITY OF COUNTY Pulaski STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

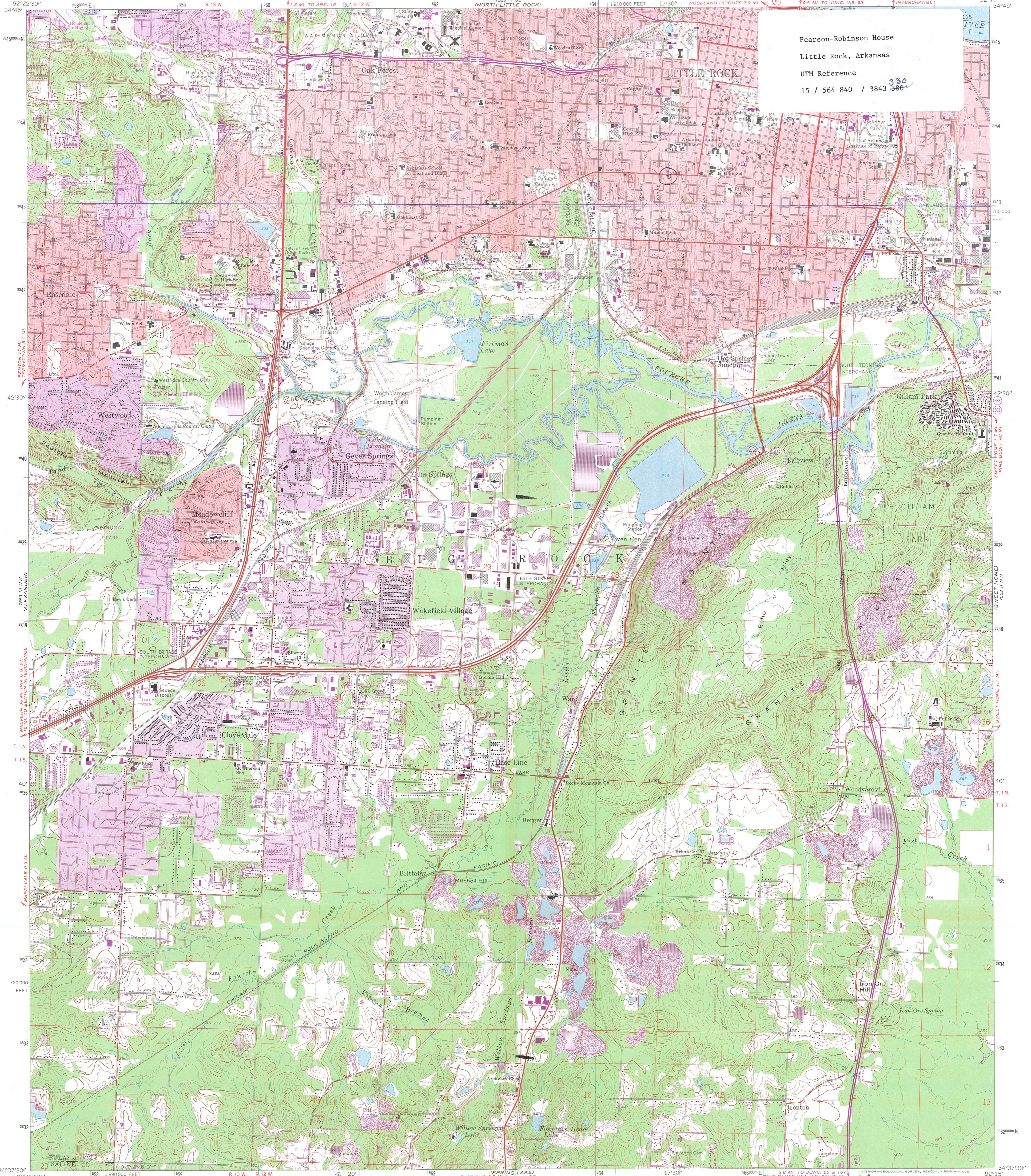
SOURCE
United States Geological Survey

SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1961

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Pearson-Robinson House
Little Rock, Arkansas
UTM Reference
15 / 564 840 / 3843 380

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

UTM GRID AND 1975 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Light-duty
- Medium-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U.S. Route
- State Route

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
N3437.5-W9215.7.5

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JUL 24 1978

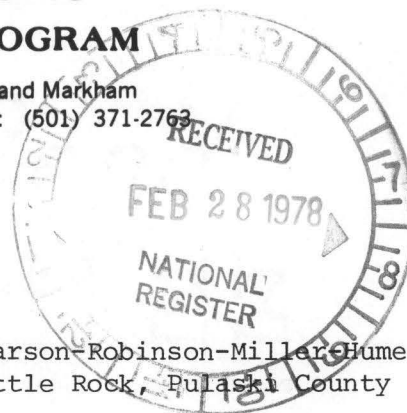


ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



November 4, 1977

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763



Mr. John R. Hume, Executor
Nelle E. Springer Hume Estate
1900 Marshall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Re: Pearson-Robinson-Miller-Hume House
Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Mr. Hume:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their December meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Sandra Taylor of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property
to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes No

Comments:

25: XI: 77

Date

Signature

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JUL 24 1978

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pearson-Robinson House | Little Rock Pulaski County |

Honorable Dale Bumpers

Also Notified

Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.
Honorable James G. Tucker, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR Byers/bjr 7/27/78

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Pearson-Robinson House
 ② OTHER NAMES: Governors House
 ③ date of entry: JUL 24 1978
 ④ county code: 119

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 1900 Marshall St.
 city / town: Little Rock
 vicinity of:
 state: AR
 county: Pulaski
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: SHPO staff

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS, DISTRICT: 2nd
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: if state who prepared form?
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect:
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP