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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Short-Dodson House

AND/OR COMMON

Watson House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

755 Park Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Arkansas

VICINITY OF

CODE

05

COUNTY

Garland

CODE

051

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson

STREET & NUMBER

755 Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Garland County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Short-Dodson House is a two-and-one-half-storey structure that utilizes multiple components, such as pavilions and bays abutted to the central mass, a three-storey stone tower attached to the building's southwest corner, irregular roof plan and a varied porch layout, in order to create an overall picturesque design.

The roof is formed into a conical cap atop the corner tower, becomes hipped over the main block of the house and assumes a gabled shape over the adjoining pavilions. The walls are sheathed in stone, brick, and wood. The foundation consists of a type of stone differing from that found in the upper walls. Four randomly placed chimneys top the structure.

A continuous, undulating porch sweeps around the south elevation. An octagonal, gazebo-like, pavilion is connected at the southeast elbow of the porch. The porch roofing mirrors that of the main structure in that the conical, gabled and hipped forms are repeated over the various sections of the porch. Paired, diminutive Doric columns placed upon piers sustain the roofing, and a stone balustrade rails the porch on either side of the entranceway.

Perhaps the most eye-catching facet of the structure is the massive, two-storey, gabled wall dormer which rises above the porch and entranceway. Chateausque windows accentuate the exterior facing of the dormer. Large, prominently mullioned windows divided by heavy transoms (croisettes) dominate the lower half of the dormer, while a small balconette fronts the most imposing feature of the upper section, a vaguely Palladian window arrangement.

Numerous other structural and decorative details enhance the exterior appearance of the structure. A gabled dormer boldly projects over a rounded bay on the west elevation. An enscrolled pediment beneath the porch gable and an ornamental cornice below the roofline of the porch are two more noticeable decorative devices that are employed.

The windows, generally, are of uniform size and are crowned with stone lintels. The lintels capping the tower windows form a continuous ribbon-like band around the tower wall. The main doorway, located on the south elevation, is double-leaf with glass over single panels and stands enclosed by a double-leaf screen door.

The interior detail compliments the decorative appearance of the exterior elevations. Seven large rooms are ranged in irregular plan inside the house. The parlor and master bedroom are both double-rooms; that is, both are divided into two compartments separated by large archways.

An impressive amount and variety of hardwood is used in the stairways, mantels, baseboards, cornices and door and window trim. The walls to the foyer and dining room possess walnut wainscot paneling. The ceiling in the foyer is paneled in maple.

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The foyer is dominated by a modified, half-turn-with-landing, walnut stairway. The newel post is a Corinthian column engaged to the ceiling of the room, and the balusters are of the lathed-spindle type. Another, though less fanciful, stairway is set in the rear of the house.

A built-in, hardwood bookcase flanks the stairway in the foyer. A built-in hutch occupies a corner of the dining room. The parquet, hardwood flooring is in excellent condition.

Plaster pargetting resembling small wreaths is found in most walls of the first floor. There is a low-embossed, cast-iron ceiling in the dining room. Two, sliding double-doors connect the parlor with the foyer and with the hallway.

Alterations to the structure have been few and minor. A small, unobtrusive, concrete porch, extending off the west elevation, replaced a "porte-cochere" several years ago. Iron cresting that once adorned the roof has been removed. An insignificant wooden addition, not measuring more than seven feet in depth rounds off the northwest(rear) corner of the house.

On the inside, the kitchen has been remodeled; and a second-storey room, which formerly quartered the servant, has been sub-divided into an apartment, closet and bathroom. The current owners plan to restore this room to its original size.

The environmental setting has undergone a much greater degree of change than has the house. A small yard artfully landscaped with shrubbery surrounds the house, as does part of the original iron-rail fence. However, the large lot, which appears in a 1913 photograph of the house, is now partially covered with a motel and parking lot constructed in the late 1940's.

The Short-Dodson House possesses stylistic elements that are unusual in Arkansas. While the overriding style is Queen Anne, with its emphasis on picturesque, eclectic design, a large number of features may be classified as Chateausque, a rare style in central Arkansas. Among these Chateausque details are the stone and brick wall construction, the large wall dormer, the "croisette" windows in the dormer, the second floor balcony beneath the gable and the masonry corner tower with conical roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
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___1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
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		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph G. Horn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impressive, picturesque architecture is the most significant attribute of the Short-Dodson House. Built in the fashionable Park Avenue district of Hot Springs shortly after the turn-of-the-century, the house exhibits Chateauesque tendencies over a Queen Anne superstructure. Furthermore, the numerous occupants of the Short-Dodson House have pursued careers (doctor, realtor and motel owner) that reflect the history of Arkansas' most famous resort.

Architect Joseph G. Horn designed what was to be perhaps his finest house (he placed a drawing of the house on the masthead of his professional stationery) for Dr. Omar Short early in the twentieth century. No exact date for the construction of the Short-Dodson House can be ascertained, but living testimony, the warranty deed for the property, and a survey of the city directories for the first decade of the twentieth century place the date of construction somewhere between 1901 and 1903.

The Short-Dodson House was one of many houses in the Park Avenue district which were built for doctors. However, this should be no great surprise since Hot Springs was a thriving tourist resort, where most of the "tourists" were health-seekers, who flocked to the thermal springs in search of "miracle cures" and relief from pain. Dr. Short's tenure in the house was brief, and Thomas Dodson became the new owner in 1907. He in turn was succeeded in ownership by his son, Charles Dodson, a realtor, whose activity in civic affairs led him to two terms (1926-1930) as a State Representative. A daughter of Charles Dodson, Mrs. Anne Krone, lived in the house until 1947. In that year the house was bought by the Reebecks, a couple who constructed a motel on the western half of the lot. Once again the occupants of the Short-Dodson House were engaged in a profession characteristic of Hot Springs -- motel operators. In the past two decades a flurry of owners have come and gone. Today the house is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson, who operate the Tower Motel, adjacent to the house.

Architecturally, the Short-Dodson House is a two-and-one-half-storey structure that utilizes multiple components, such as pavilions and bays abutted to the central mass, a three-storey tower attached to the building's southwest corner, irregular roof plan, and a varied porch layout, in order to create a picturesque design. A locally rare use of Chateauesque detailing enlivens the exterior. Among the Chateauesque features are wall construction of stone and brick masonry, a large wall dormer rising over the entranceway, "croisette" windows in the wall dormer, a second-floor balcony beneath

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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

Mike Shinn, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

December 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

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 Anne Bartley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE December 9, 1975

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/3/76

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the gable of the wall dormer, and a three-storey, masonry corner tower with conical roof. More traditional (Queen Anne features are the extensive use of porches, an enscrolled pediment beneath the low center gable of the porch roof, and careful avoidance of Gothic detail (Gothic detail is usually found on true Chateausque structures).

The liberal use of hardwood for decorative trim, stairways, paneling and built-in features, such as a bookcase and hutch, is the most impressive feature of the irregular-plan interior. Unusual items, like wreath-shaped, pargetting on some walls and a low, embossed, cast-iron ceiling in the dining room, add quaint touches to the interior.

The historical integrity of the house is little damaged by alterations, the only significant one being the removal of a "porte-cochere" on the west elevation. The environmental setting, however, has suffered because the western half of the original lot now contains a motel and parking lot. The remaining lawn is artfully landscaped with trees and shrubs.

The Short-Dodson House is a rare and important architectural survival. The magnificent blend of Queen Anne and Chateausque styling of the house is one of Hot Springs' most impressive residential sights.

Property

Short - Dodson House

Garland Co.

76000909

State

Ark.

Working Number

12.29.75.2228

TECHNICAL

Photos

87

Maps

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CONTROL

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OK 1.5.76

HISTORIAN

Accept

E. Smith

1-21-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

SLIGHT CONFUSION AS STYLE STYLE
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ACCEPT

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Review

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Short-Dodson House
Garland Co.
Hot Springs, Ar.
South elevation / slight SW angle
MS.

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Hot Springs, Ark. Garland County

Loc. South elevation, viewed
from the south west

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South elevation, viewed from the southwest

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Short-Dodson House
Hot Springs

North (rear) elevation viewed from the southwest

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Loc. North (rear) and West

elevations viewed from

the southwest

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North (rear) and west elevations viewed from the southwest

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Stett-Watson House
Garland County
Hot Springs, Ar.
East elevation. Manuscript in
M.S.

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Hot Springs Ark. Garland County
Loc. East elevation view from
the northeast

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East elevation viewed from the northeast

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Short-Dodson House
Hot Springs

(4)

Eastern side of south elevation viewed from southeast

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Hot Springs, Ark. Garland County

Loc. Eastern side of south
elevation viewed from
south east

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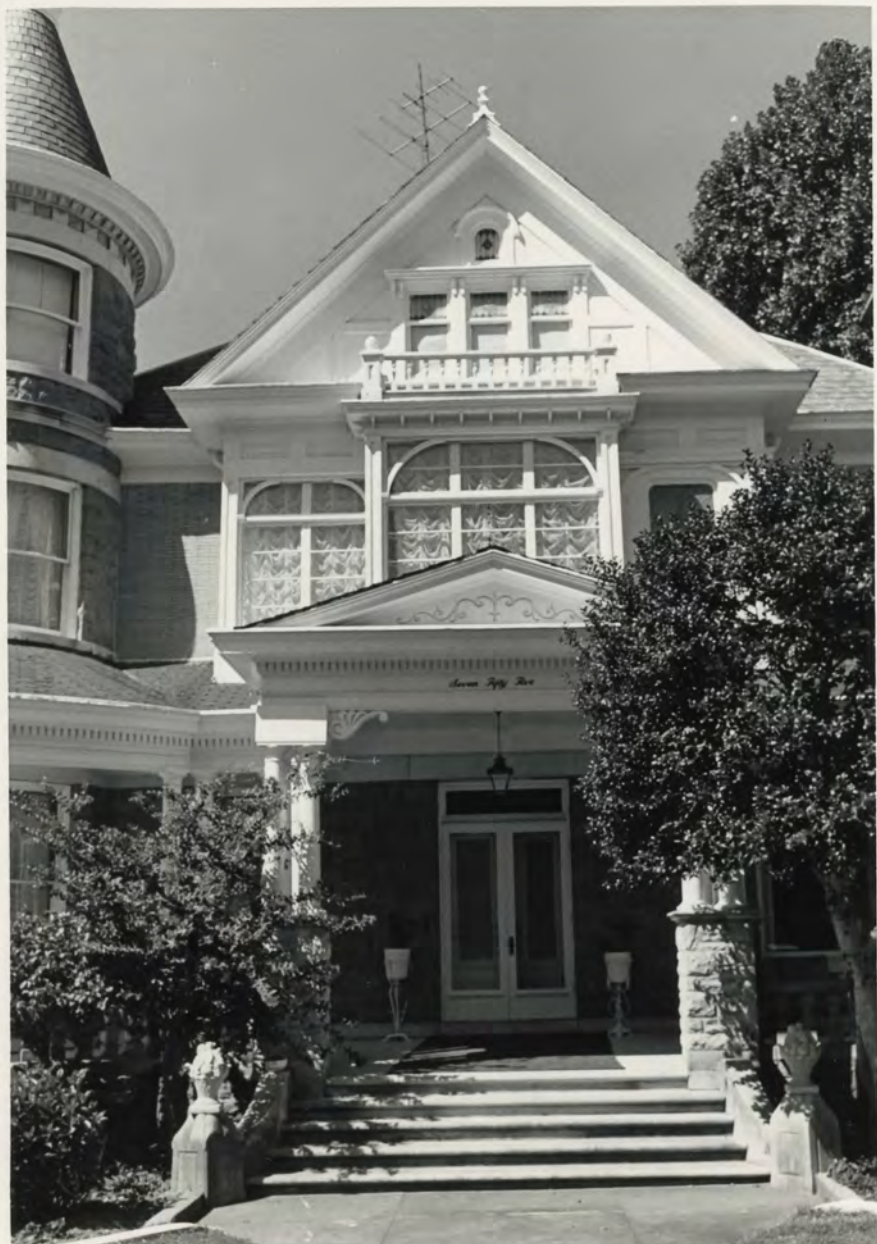
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Eastern side of south elevation viewed from southeast

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Tower Motel
 / ~~Short~~ - Watson House
 Garland Co.
 Hot Springs

entrance / elevation viewed from
 S.

M.S.

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Loc. Entrance way, south elevation,
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Entranceway, south elevation, viewed from south

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Short-Dodson House
Hot Springs
View of Parlor facing north

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Loc. View of parlor facing
north

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View of parlor facing north

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Short. Dodson House
Hot Springs

Interior view of main foyer and stairway, facing
east.

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Hot Springs, Ark. Garland County

Loc. Interior view of main

foyer and stairway,

Facing east

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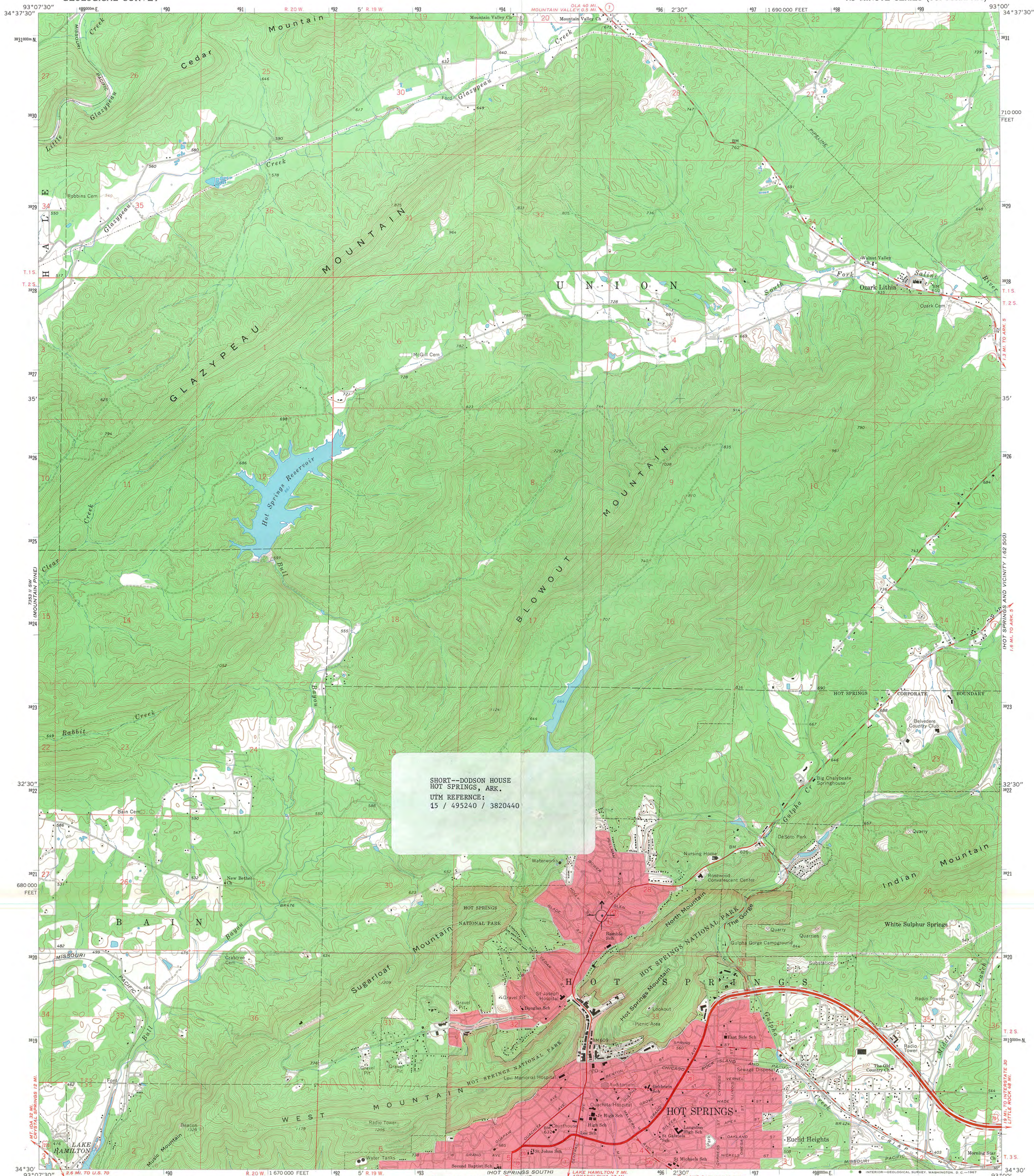
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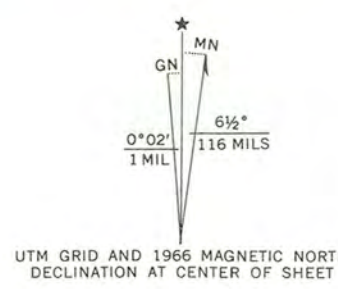
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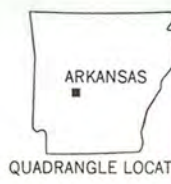
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (St. Mary's Church)	Altus Vicinity Franklin County
Dunham, Joseph Starr, House	Van Buren Crawford County
O'Neel-Blackburn House	Daisy Vicinity Pike County
Blakely House	Social Hill Vicinity Hot Springs County
Stitt House	Hot Springs Garland County
Short-Dodson House	Hot Springs Garland County
Dearing House	Newark Vicinity Independence County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McCellan
Hon. Dale Humphreys
Hon. John P. Harterachmidt
Hon. Ray Thornton
Hon. Bill Alexander

Regional Director, Southwest Region

✓PR:M Mott:coc 5/5/76

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Department of Natural and Culture
Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: **✓ Short-Dodson House**

② OTHER NAMES: **✓ Watson House** ^{SEC.}

③ date of entry: **✓ 5.3.76**

④ county code: **051**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **✓ 755 Park Ave.**

city / town: **✓ Hot Springs**

vicinity of: **✓ AR**

state: **✓ Garland**

county: **SW**

⑥ NPS REGION: **SW**

⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)

⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ☒ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

⑩ CONGRESS. DISTRICT **3**

⑪ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL

⑫ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME _____ ☒ NO

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME _____ ☒ NO

⑭ ACRES **1**

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⑯ ADAPTIVE USE ☒ YES ☐ NO

⑰ SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

⑱ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

⑲ CLAIMS: explain

'first' ☐

'oldest' ☐

'only' ☐

⑳ FUNCTIONS

WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Residence**

CURRENTLY: **Motel/Residence**

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric - 2 ☐ COMMERCE - 6 ☐ ENGINEERING - 11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH. - 15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT. - 21 ☐ RECREATION - 28

☒ ARCHEOLOGY - historic - 1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS - 7 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT - 26 ☐ LAW - 16 ☐ RELIGION - 22 ☐ SETTLEMENT - 29

☐ AGRICULTURE - 3 ☐ CONSERVATION - 8 ☐ EXPLORATION - 12 ☐ LITERATURE - 17 ☐ SCIENCE - 23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING - 31

☒ ARCHITECTURE - 4 ☐ ECONOMICS - 9 ☐ HEALTH - 27 ☐ MILITARY - 18 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN - 24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

☐ ART - 5 ☐ EDUCATION - 10 ☐ INDUSTRY - 13 ☐ MUSIC - 19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL - 30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION - 25

☐ PHILOSOPHY - 20

㉒ dates of initial construction: **c. 1900**

major alterations: _____

historic events: _____

㉓ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION _____

㉔ architectural style(s): **Queen Anne**

㉕ architect: **✓ Joseph G. Horn**

㉖ master builder: _____

㉗ engineer: _____

㉘ landscape architect / garden designer: _____

㉙ interior decorator: _____

㉚ artist: _____

㉛ artisan: _____

㉜ builder / contractor: _____

㉝ NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL: **Omar Short - prominent doctor - original owner / Charles Dodson - later owner - realtor & state representative.**

EVENTS: _____

INSTITUTIONAL: _____

㉞ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **Brick, rock-faced stone; 2½ stories, irregular shape, truncated hipped & gabled roof sections, interior chimneys, glazed front off-center entrance with transom, 1-story front and side wraparound porch with decorated entry pediment & connected side porte-cochere, 3-story round front corner tower with steep conical cap, projecting front center gabled bay with multiglazed 2nd-story openings and balustraded attic story openings; polygonal & bowed side bays; interior features original interior woodwork; minor alterations & additions. Queen Anne. Built for prominent doctor, Omar Short; later residence of Charles Dodson, prominent realtor & state representative.**

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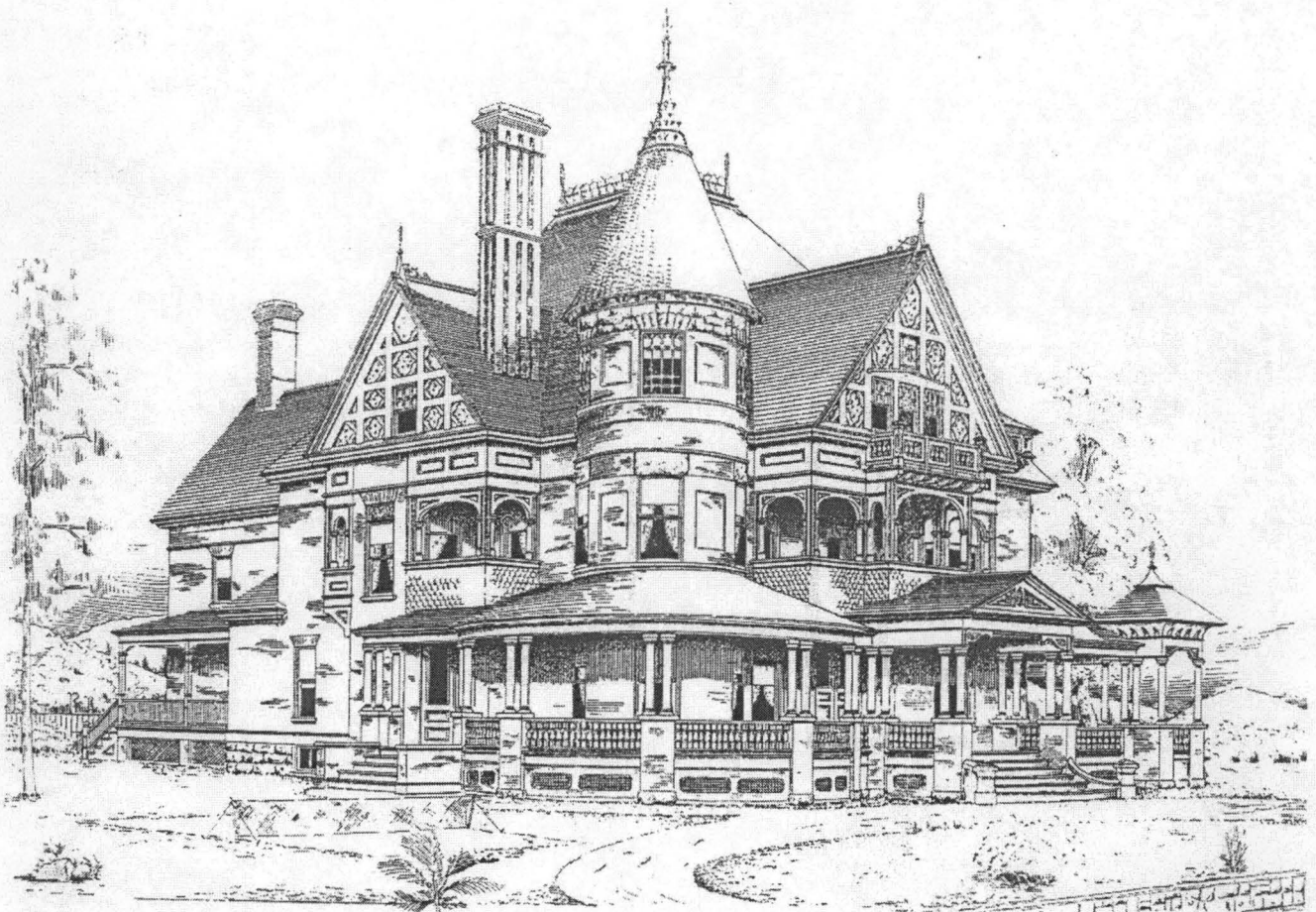
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When the Short-Dodson House was listed on the National Register on May 3, 1976, the nomination stated that the architect for the property was Joseph G. Horn. However, recent documentation indicates that the design was at least heavily inspired by, or may have been the product of, George Barber of Knoxville, Tennessee. Barber's rendering for Design 82B from his 1895-1896 edition of *New Model Dwellings And How Best to Build Them* for a house for M. P. Reeve of Greeneville, Tennessee, illustrates the similarities between his design and the design for the Short-Dodson House.



RESIDENCE OF M. P. REEVE, GREENEVILLE, TENN.

See Opposite Page.

DESIGN No. 82 B.

Estimated Cost to Build: \$14,500.

(Regarding Working Drawings, See Page 3.)

GEO. F. BARBER & CO., ARCHITECTS, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Short-Dodson House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

DATE RECEIVED: 9/09/05 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/23/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 76000409

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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RE: Short-Dodson House – Hot Springs, Garland County,
Arkansas

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review additional documentation for the above-referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:rsw

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