

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-18

Owner Thomas Wynne, Jr.

Property Name Wynne House
4th St.

Address 1724 Abernathy

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 71742

Significant Date/s c. 1914

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Situated on a slightly elevated and spacious tree-shaded lot, the Wynne House faces Fourth Street in the city of Fordyce. The popular two-story frame Foursquare house with pyramid roof and overhanging eaves is seen here in a rather elaborate version. A chamfered bay crowned with a pedimented gable breaks forward to enliven the otherwise simple, boxy lines of the structure. A gabled dormer with gable returns and a Palladian window echo the pediment shape of the bay and further enrich the roofscape. The verticality of the house is offset by the long horizontal line created by the grand porch which wraps around three sides. Much of the decorativeness of the house is attributable to the Colonial Revival ornamentation of this porch. A full entablature with a dentil molding and overhanging cornice crowned with a balustrade of turned spindles is supported by Ionic columns. The floor level of the porch is similarly enclosed by a graceful balustrade of turned spindles. A broad flight of steps leading up to the elevated porch adds to the air of formality of this house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wynne House, situated on a main residential street in Fordyce, stands out significantly as Dallas County's purest Classical Revival residence. Atypical of the architectural development in Arkansas, there is little Classical Revival influence on the domestic structures of Dallas County. The impact of the Classical Revival is seen most often in the decorative elements existing in combination with Queen Anne elements on transitional structures. Because of general absence of the Classical Revival influence in the area the outstanding Wynne House is made even more significant.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Fordyce

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 553990/374330

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property located within Lot 48 of the Trammell Addition to Fordyce, is bounded on the south by Fourth Street, on the west by Pine Street and on the north and east by lines running parallel to and 50' from the north and east facades of the house.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Princeton Methodist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

22. Rock Island Railway Depot

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 10/28/83

Attest

23. Russell, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 10/28/83

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24. Sardis Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 10/28/83

Attest

25. Smith, Jessie B., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 10/28/83

Attest

26. Thomas Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 3/27/84

Attest

27. Tulip Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

28. Wynne House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 10/28/83

Attest

29. Charlotte Street Historic
District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 9/14/87

Attest

30.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wynne House (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 3-5-85
Date Due: 10/03/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ACCEPT 10/28/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the _____ RETURN _____
National Register _____ REJECT _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



DA-18
Wynne House
Sarah Brown, photographer
May 7, 1983
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Southwest



DA-18
Wynne House
Sarah Brown, photographer
June 18, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the South

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025