

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Tyson Family Commercial Building

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 151 Adams SE

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Camden

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Ouachita

code: AR 103 zip code: 71701

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Carlynn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-11-94
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
_____ other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall 11-21-94

Entered in the
National Register

for Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

Current : COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th
Commercial Style

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Brick other Glass

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1923

Significant Dates: c. 1923

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

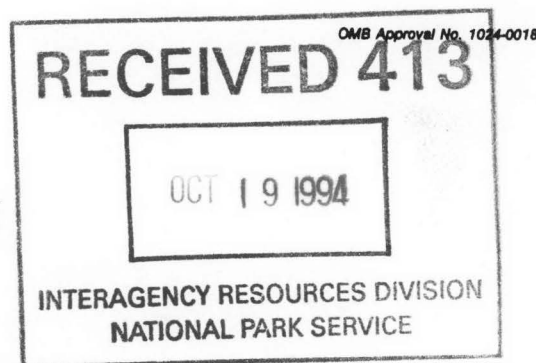
Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Summary

Located at 151 Adams Street SE in Camden, Arkansas, the Tyson Family Commercial Building is a one and one-half storey, brick masonry commercial building designed in a plain vernacular style that was common for commercial construction throughout the state during the early decades of the twentieth century. The rectangular floor plan is covered with a sloping, built-up tar roof that is supported by brick masonry walls and a cast concrete foundation.

Elaboration

The western or front facade is composed of a large storefront constructed of three brick pilasters and large single pane window glass supported by metal frames. Six and eight pane transoms are present across the length of the front elevation. Though visible from the interior, large awnings cover the light transoms when viewed from the street. Pilasters divide the facade into two uneven portions. The larger, southern half of the storefront is beveled at an angle. A single-leaf metal and glass entrance separates the short and long arms of the angle. The southern elevation is a solid brick wall. One of the facade pilasters is visible at the western end. The northern elevation is a party wall. The eastern or rear elevation has a single-leaf central entrance raised slightly above the foundation and accessed by a cast concrete stoop. Rear windows were bricked in the 1970's for security purposes.

The interior space is divided into front and rear sections. As is often the case with commercial retail spaces, the front portion has been refinished over the years. However, as noted above, the front light transoms are visible from the interior. Also some original lighting fixtures remain. The rear portion of the building functions as a storage area and remains mostly unaltered. A large manually operated metal elevator -- original to the structure, and used to move items into an upper storage area -- remains intact in this rear section of the building.

The storefront of the building was altered considerably in the 1970's when corrugated metal was placed over the entire facade, covering the brick pilasters and light transoms. At this time the southern portion of the facade was moved back away from the street and the brick wall of the southern elevation was painted beige. In 1992, the owner of this building received a Model Business Grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and rehabilitation work was completed on the structure including the removal of the corrugated metal and the repainting of the brick on the southern side.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Tyson Family Commercial Building is locally eligible under criterion C as an excellent example in this section of downtown Camden of a c. 1920 commercial building designed in a simple vernacular style that was common throughout the state during this period.

Elaboration

The site now occupied by the town of Camden was originally known as Ecore Fabre, or Fabre's Bluff. It was named after the first recorded European who settled at the location, a Frenchman named Fabre. The establishment of a more permanent settlement by 1820 resulted in the community becoming the county seat in 1843. The town was renamed Camden in 1844 by General Thomas Woodward who named it in remembrance of his boyhood home in Alabama. The geographical location of Camden has always played an important role in its development. The Ouachita River was a major transportation route into southeastern Arkansas, and Camden's position on the waterway was advantageous to the community's economic growth. Camden's most important early industry was cotton. The land surrounding the town was well suited to growing cotton crops, and its position on the Ouachita River contributed to a booming cotton trade as well.

Camden became a regional transportation hub after 1873 when the Iron Mountain Railway constructed a branch from its Missouri-Texas line through Gurdon to Camden. Later other railroad companies including the Chicago Rock Island, Missouri -Pacific, and St. Louis Southwestern ran lines into and through Camden. This allowed Camden to expand as a transportation center to include the lumber and oil industries as well as their traditional farm related exports. Local industries flourished as well during this period and included a woolen mill, a furniture company, and a pottery plant.

In the 1920's Camden was still in a period of economic prosperity. The Tyson Family Commercial Building was built during this time. The building was constructed with an emphasis on function rather than style. It housed a general mercantile store which was family operated and served the many and varied needs of the still growing community of Camden. In the surrounding vicinity of this general store were a number of similar buildings, built in simple vernacular styles that reveal an emphasis on function rather than aesthetics. However, many of these similar structures were destroyed by a fire which damaged an entire city block in the 1960's. The current occupant, Western Auto, has occupied the space for approximately forty

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years. In essence it served the same purpose as the Tyson Family store, simply to fill the general needs of the local community.

Within the context of the extant commercial fabric of downtown Camden, the simple vernacular facade of this building is locally significant under Criterion C.

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Bibliography

Information provided by Ed Falwell, owner.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Tyson Family Commercial Building

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Ouachita

DATE RECEIVED: 10/19/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/01/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/17/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/03/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94001339

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 11.21.94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Tyson Family Commercial Building

Ouachita County, Arkansas

Photo by Robin L. Baldwin

July, 1994

Negative on file at AHPP

View from Southwest



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View from Southeast



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Ouachita County, Arkansas

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View from East



Tyson Family Commercial Building

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Negative on file at AHPP

Interior view



Tyson Family Commercial Building

Ouachita County, Arkansas

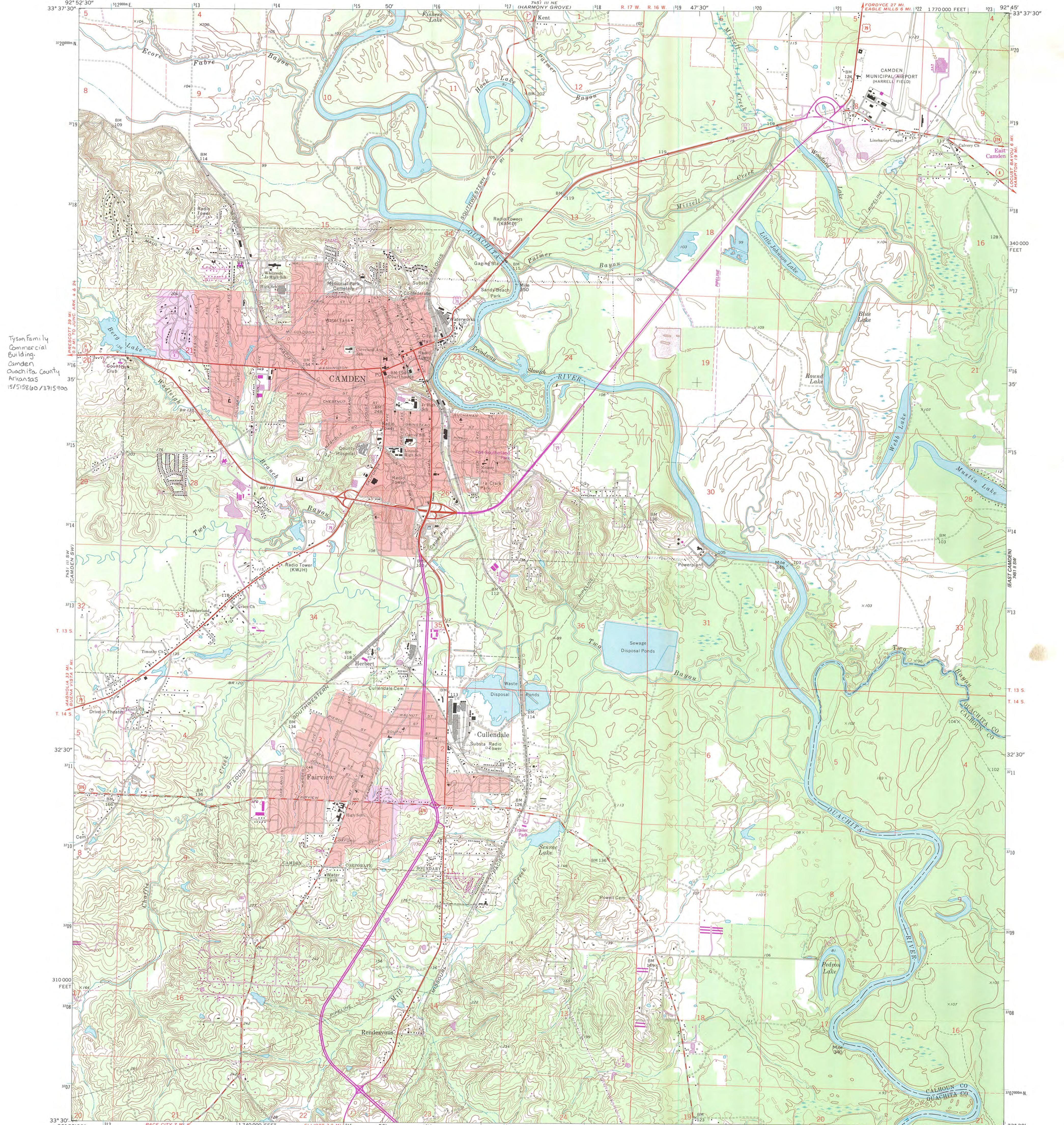
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Interior view, detail of light transoms

Tyson Family
Commercial
Building
Camden
Ouachita County
Arkansas
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1940. Topography by plane table surveys 1949-50. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1970. Field checked 1971

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter 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

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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ARKANSAS

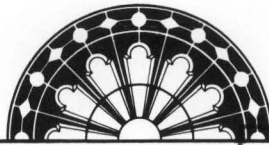
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

October 11, 1994

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National Register of Historic Places
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Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Tyson Family Commercial Building
Camden, Ouachita County

Dear Carol:

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

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

