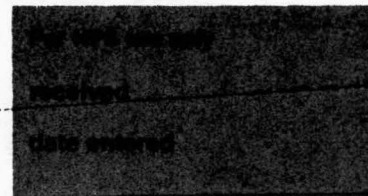


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: GA-029

Congressional District: Third

✓ Name: Riviera Hotel (Thompson, R)

Current Owner: Bosna, Inc.

✓ Address: 719 Central

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Address: 1008 Woodlawn

✓ County: Garland

Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio

Date of Construction: ca. 1930

Stylistic Influence: Chicago School

Original Use: Hotel

Present Use: Hotel

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 495040/3818400

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Hot Springs Reservation

Block 129, Lot 3, 4, and pt. 5

Condition

____ Excellent
X ____ Good
____ Fair

____ Deteriorated
____ Ruins
____ Unexposed

X ____ Unaltered
____ Altered

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Code: GA-029 (719 Central ., Hot Springs, AR)

Physical Description

Echoes of the Chicago School commercial buildings are present in the organization of this five-story commercial building within two tall arches flanking a plain central panel articulated by single windows. This tall attached building on Hot Spring's main street is faced with brick, which forms the four-story arches and the simple cornice. Metal panels form the horizontal insets between the bands of windows in these arches. Hints of a Queen Anne-like decorative approach are visible at the tops of the arches in the carved foliate motifs and the multi-paned windows. The lower level features large plate glass windows with multi-paned transoms. The windows on the next three stories are plate glass sash windows appearing in banks of four; those at the top are paired with multi-paned arched sidelights.

Statement of Significance

The Riviera Hotel on Hot Springs' Central Avenue was designed by the Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio Firm ca. 1930. Located on the major business avenue and thoroughfare in the city, this hotel was built during one of the peak periods in the popularity of the resort town. Its importance to the historic streetscape is significant in a city oriented to visitors. An unusual organization of a tall building within arches echoes the Chicago School of Architecture. Its significance to the streetscape of Hot Springs and uniqueness to the collection of drawings by Thompson and his associates contribute to the historic value of the Riviera Hotel.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

22. Fraunthal House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bryan Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

23. Wade Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

Return PWA 12/13/82

24. Park Hotel

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

25. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bryan Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

26. Fordyce House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

27. St. Luke's Episcopal
ChurchEntered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

28. Riviera Hotel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bryan Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

29. May-Marlar Grocery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bryan Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

30. Swaim House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bryan Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

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National Park Service

Substantive Review

Riviera Hotel (Thompson, Charles L., Design
Collection TR)
Garland County
ARKANSASWorking No. 119/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/24/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appealSubstantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria accept c
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
☐ see continuation sheetNomination 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 Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<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

*mentioned in main section 7 p. 3 as one of the few
departures from the architects use of classical
theme in commercial bldgs.*

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT Reference _____

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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



COFFEE SHOP

HOTEL
AND
RESTAURANT

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CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

Code Number: GA-029 (Riviera Hotel)
719 Central, Hot Springs, Arkansas

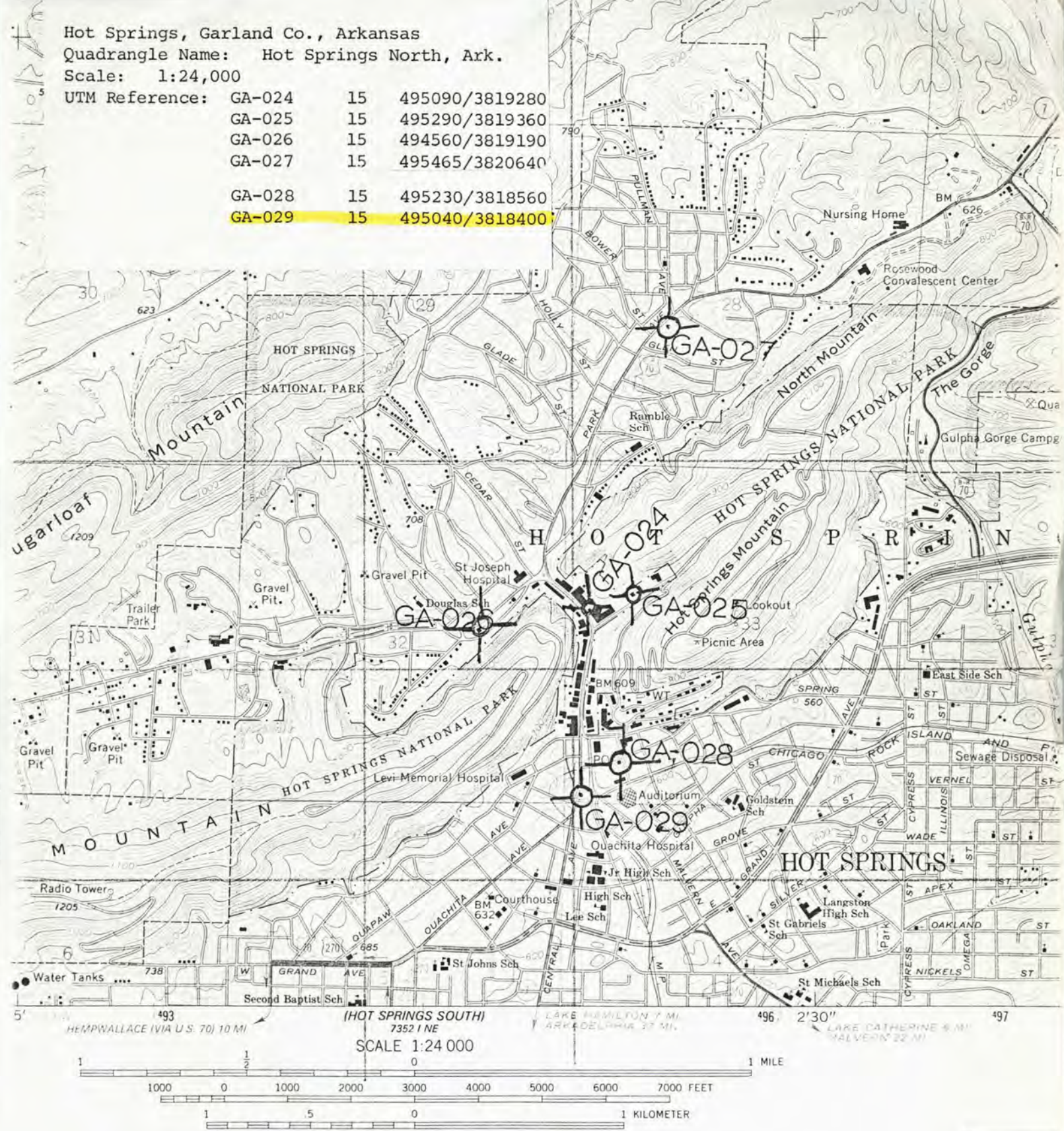
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May, 1982

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Viewed from the West

Hot Springs, Garland Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Hot Springs North, Ark.

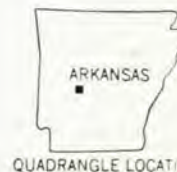
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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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