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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Arkansas
COUNTY:	Randolph
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	APR 24 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:

OLD RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Broadway and Vance

CITY OR TOWN:

Pocahontas

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

First

COUNTY:

Randolph

CODE

075

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Randolph County

STREET AND NUMBER:

Broadway and Vance

CITY OR TOWN:

Pocahontas

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Randolph County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

Broadway and Vance

CITY OR TOWN:

Pocahontas

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: July 1, 1969 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Arkansas History Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 West Markham Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Randolph County Courthouse is situated on a large square in the center of the present town. Building in 1872, it is a good example of early Victorian architecture. It is of unusually large proportions, having a sizable plan 60' long and 48' wide. The brickwork on the exterior of the building is of fine quality, embellished with quoins at the corners and pedimented breaks on all facades of the building. The color of the brickwork is very pleasing with its bright salmon hue, making it stand out distinctly from the type of brickwork on the buildings of the modern town, which surround it.

The woodwork details are quite delicate. The high story heights lighted by arched and narrow stilted windows truly give the building a vertical and imposing appearance. These windows on all facades of the building give the building considerable airiness and a quality of spaciousness that would not otherwise be apparent from the exterior. The rather flat sloping roof is surmounted by a very attractive cupola or lantern of delicate wood construction. On the side facade of the building two of the original windows were bricked in after the removal of a latter period addition to accommodate a modern vault.

The interior of the building provided a rather ingenious plan for offices and for the courtroom. There is only one stairway rising to the second floor. The interior woodwork and trim in the building is largely original. An examination of the structure, including the roof framing in the attic, indicates that the building is structurally sound and in need of little repair.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Old Randolph County Courthouse is primarily architectural. While there are many courthouses of similar architectural importance in other areas of Arkansas. The architectural style of the Old Randolph County Courthouse is quite rare in this area of the State.

The present building, known as the "Old Courthouse" is located on the original site of the first courthouse in Randolph County. The first courthouse was constructed in 1837-38 and served as a courthouse until 1869 when it was demolished so the present structure could be erected.

On April 7, 1875 County Officer moved into the new building and the building served as a County Courthouse until 1940. Since it has ceased to be used as a Courthouse, it has been used as a City Hall, County Library and Social Security Office.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Guide Series, Arkansas, A Guide to the State.
 New York: Newton Hastings House, 1941.
 Hempstead, Fay, Historical Review of Arkansas. Chicago:
 Lewis Publishing Co., 1911.
 Dalton, Lawrence, History of Randolph County, Arkansas.
 Little Rock: Democrat Printing & Lithographing Co., 1946.

HB
NO
NTM

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "	36° 15 ' 38 "	90° 58 ' 10 "
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.0

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Gene Richardson, Research Historian		DATE 12-23-72
ORGANIZATION Arkansas Historic Preservation Program		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1023 West Third		
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas	CODE 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name William E. Henderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 12-27-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/24/73

ATTEST:

Keith M. Brown
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4/16/73

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE:

3/28/73

Ark.

NAME OF PROPERTY OLD RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____

2. Location. _____

3. Classification. _____

4. Owner of Property. _____

5. Location of Legal Description. _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____

7. Description. _____

8. Statement of Significance. _____

9. Bibliography. _____

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates: SEE BELOW

b. Acreage. _____

11. Form Prepared By. _____

12. Certification. _____

✓ Photographic Coverage. PLEASE SEND A BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPH NO SMALLER THAN 5x7" or larger than 8x10"

(INCLOSED) 4-3-73

✓ Map Coverage. LATITUDE IS INCORRECTLY COMPUTED

(CORRECTED) 4-3-73

Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED:



PROPERTY Old Randolph County Courthouse STATE Ark

WORKING NUMBER

1.3.73.2057

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TECH REVIEW

Photos 1Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW

*Latitude is incorrectly computed. Photo not acceptable (we don't accept color photos).
New photo and map received 4.10.73*

*YAF
2-26-73*

HISTORIAN

*OK
Accept-AM
3/21/73*

CSH

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
3-23-73
Accept
KH
3/23/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*OK
for 4/16/93*

National Register write-up

Send-back

3-29-73

Federal Register entry

Re-submit

4.10.73

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NPS Number 4/24/73

Title: Old Randolph County Courthouse

Loc.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF PHOTO: Dec. 1972

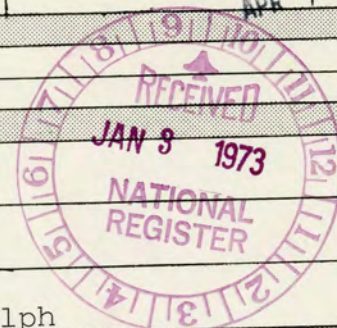
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Arkansas History Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

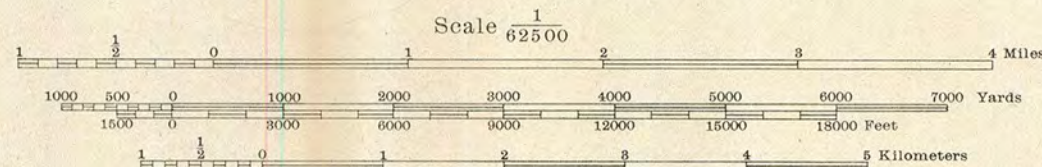
View from southwest.



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Prepared under the direction of the President, Mississippi River Commission.
Horizontal control by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District.
Vertical control by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District.
Topography by Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Memphis District, 1930.
Area outside Alluvial Valley taken from Johnson-Anderson
ownership map of Randolph County, Arkansas.
Revised by Mississippi River Commission, 1932-35.
Political boundaries are shown according to best available information
and are subject to change except where established by court decision.
Polyconic Projection, North American Datum.

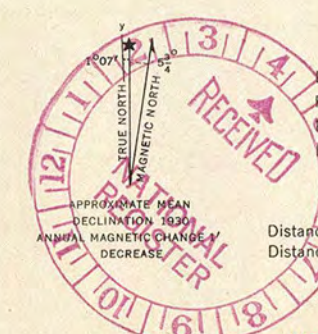


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marks as determined by the latest U. S. C. & G. S. adjustment, by applying to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
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The President, Mississippi River Commission,
Vicksburg, Miss. 10 cents per copy

PRICE 20 CENTS PER COPY
For quadrangle maps effective on and after
1 November 1948

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EDITION OF 1935



LEGEND
Levee mile post LMP
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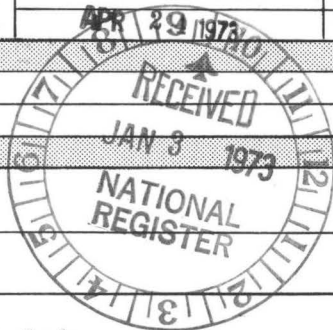
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OTHER MAIN TRAVELED ROADS, GRAVEL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COUNTY Randolph	
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COMMON: OLD RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Broadway and Vance			
CITY OR TOWN: Pocahontas			
STATE: Arkansas	CODE 05	COUNTY: Randolph	CODE 075
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Corps of Engineers, Reyno Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:62500			
DATE: 1935			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



December 27, 1972

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Parks Service
801 19th Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Attached are National Register Nominations for the following properties:

Trapnall Hall
Frierson House
Old Randolph County Courthouse

These nominations have been approved by a majority of the State Review Committee.

Sincerely,

William E. Henderson
State Liaison Officer

Enclosures

WEH:lka



February 22, 1973

Mr. Jerry Rogers
 Chief of Registration
 National Register
 National Parks Service
 Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Arkansas State Review Committee has asked us to verify that the following nominations are in your possession and are currently under consideration by the National Register Staff.

	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Submitted to the National Register</u>
1.	<u>Louisiana Purchase Survey Marker</u>	Monroe	7-12-71
2.	<u>Washington County Courthouse</u>	Washington	7-12-71
3.	<u>Jacob Wolf House</u>	Baxter	10-16-72
4.	<u>River Front Hotel</u>	Sebastian	10-16-72
5.	<u>Trapnall Hall</u>	Pulaski	12-27-72
6.	<u>Old Randolph County Courthouse</u>	Randolph	12-27-72

Mr. Jerry Rogers

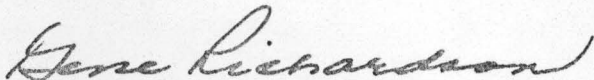
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February 22, 1973

In order to keep our records current and readily available for reference by the State Review Committee, we would appreciate your responding by letter or memo concerning these properties. The State Review Committee is particularly concerned about the two nominations submitted in July of 1971. If they have been misplaced or for any reason you did not receive them please notify us at once and we will immediately mail additional copies.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Richardson".

Gene Richardson
Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

FER:bjf

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MAR 30 1973

Mr. William E. Henderson
Director
Arkansas Department of Parks and
Tourism
State Capitol - Room 149
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Henderson:

In response to your request for the status of six nominations we have consulted our files and have listed the properties below.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Louisiana Purchase Survey Marker | Added to the Register
2/23/72 |
| 2. Washington County Courthouse | Added to the Register
2/23/72 |
| 3. Jacob Wolf House | Received 10/19/72 in
review |
| 4. River Front Hotel | Received 10/19/72 in
review |
| 5. Trapnall Hall | Received 1/3/73 in
review |
| 6. Old Randolph County Courthouse | Received 1/3/73 in
review |

As you know, we have been behind in the review of nominations because of short staffing. We are beginning to catch up with our backlog and should be current fairly soon.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Herrington
Chief, Review Unit
National Register

cc:

Director, Southwest Region w/cy inc

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PHR, w/cy inc

KHOLLER:so-p 3/28/73 BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PHR

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



April 3, 1973

Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am with this letter returning to you corrected nomination forms for the Old Randolph County Courthouse and the River Front Hotel.

Sincerely,

Gene Richardson

Gene Richardson
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Enclosure

FER:lka

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered APR 24 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Old Randolph County Courthouse	Pocahontas Randolph County
Frierson House	Jonesboro Craighead County

Also Notified
Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. J.W. Fulbright
Hon. Bill Alexander
Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson, Director
Arkansas Department of Parks &
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