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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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The W.H.H Clayton Home is an example of post-bellum Arkansas Victorian architecture, but is not at unique example of any particular style, Professor Cyrus A. Sutherland, Department of Architecture, University of Arkansas stated, however, that it (W.H.H. Clayton Home), "Was a representative example of the architecture of the period."

Dr. John L. Ferguson, Arkansas State Historian, in a January 31, 1970, letter to the Honorable Jack Freeze, Mayor of Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated,

in reference to the Clayton Home:

"The Claytons, and other men of Northern antecedents exerted a distinct influence on the politics of Arkansas during the Reconstruction Era. This period, and the men who were prominent at this time, have been neglected in most studies of the State's history. It would, therefore, be to the advantage of both the City of Fort Smith and the State of Arkansas to preserve a building which was associated with the Clayton family during this period. William Clayton's association with Judge Isaac Parker during the turbulent period of Arkansas' western frontier should also be of importance to Fort Smith.

The building itself is not an outstanding example of the architecture of the last quarter of the 19th century. Its significance is solely in regards to its associations with the Claytons and Judge Parker."

This property, therefore, was not nominated for its architectural merit, but for its historical significance.

Architecturally, the Clayton Home is a rather common example of the type being constructed during the 1870-1880 period in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Building styles may have been a reflection of the taste of the Northern politicians who dominated the State during the Reconstruction Era, or may only be an indication that the Victorian style of architecture was late in reaching Arkansas. In any event, the simple, symmetrical style of house construction ( Best illustrated in the Classic Revival ) which had predominated in Arkansas architecture on both the holdings of the large landowners in the rural areas, and their counterparts in the urban areas, for almost forty years, gave way to the elaborate Victorian style. It is interesting to note, however, that log structures which were being built in the rural areas continued to follow the older, symmetrical style essential to this type construction, and that simplicity and symmetry were continued in the modest frame and clapboard houses in the cities. This was probably a matter of economics, however, rather than inherent good taste or traditionalism.

The Clayton Home is a two-story wooden structure with clapboard siding. Despite the external appearance, the interior of the house is

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The balustrade rail, newel post and balusters of the stairway are of walnut. The risers and treads are of cypress. The balustrade rail shows evidence of hand molding planes having been used for shaping and smoothing as does the molding trim on the side panels. The balusters were obviously turned on a lathe. An elderly resident of Fort Smith, however, contends that his father did the carving on the component parts of the stairs. The newel post appears to be largely hand carved. The flooring at the landing is of interest for the planks are of random width, some of them being in excess of 24 inches in width. All lumber used appears to be the "full inch" type which would confirm a pre-1880 construction date.

All the rooms on both the first and second floors have cast—iron fireplaces. These are not wood-burning fireplaces, but are the small coalgrate type. The entrance hall and the large rooms on the first floor still have the ceiling hooks for suspending a chandelier.

On the first floor there are two rooms at the front of the house, directly opposite one another on either side of the entrance hall. They were probably sitting rooms or parlors. The one to the left of the entrance differs from the one on the right in that it has a bay. This is probably a later addition as there is a difference in fenestration. There is a large dining room immediately behind the right fron parlor. The upstairs has a series of bedrooms on either side of the hall.

The main roof is of the gable type and runs the width of the house. The longitudinal portion is hipped at the front of the house. The sole dormer is of the gable type. Windows are all (with the exception of the bays) of the arched type. The entrance door is arched, with transom. The wooden window lintels are rather elaborate, stressing a keystone effect.

The roof cornice is decorated with rather elaborate scroll-sawn and turned ornamentation which gives the decorations a pendill-like appearance. The corner boards are capped.

The porch is simple, consisting of four columns with elaborate scroll-work. It is obvious, however, that repairs and replacements have been made to the porch.

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William Henry Harrison Clayton purchased the site for this residence from John Rogers, the first known settler of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The structure is located on Lot 4 and the South half of Lot 5 in Block "T" of the original Town of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

William Henry Harrison Clayton became a citizen of Fort Smith in 1874. He was appointed District Attorney of the United States for the Western District of Arkansas by President Grant in 1874. The Western District of Arkansas included the Indian Country and a large part of Arkansas. The court for this district was located in Fort Smith. Clayton served two terms as prosecutor, during which he served as Judge Parker's co-worker for 14 years. Clayton admired the "hanging judge."

Parker was a necessity. The Almighty created him for a purpose," the history books quote Clayton as saying. Clayton was a vigorous prosecutor, and during the fourteen years he was in the service of the old Federal court he had charge of over 10,000 cases tried before its bar. This figure does not take into account the large number of criminals who pleaded guilty and made no defense. During that time he convicted eighty men of murder, a number greater than that of any other prosecutor in the United States. Forty of this number were executed. At one term of court, out of eighteen murder cases he secured fifteen convictions.

Clayton was one of the prominent citizens of Fort Smith. He was a brother of Powell Clayton who served as Governor of Arkansas, and a twin brother of John M. Clayton, who was declared an Arkansas Representative to Congress after his assasination during the campaign.

Fort Smith is known as the place where law and order was restored under Judge Parker. Little has been preserved to depict the beauty and gracious living during this era. This residence served as one of the focal points of the beauty, gracious living and way of life during this historic period.

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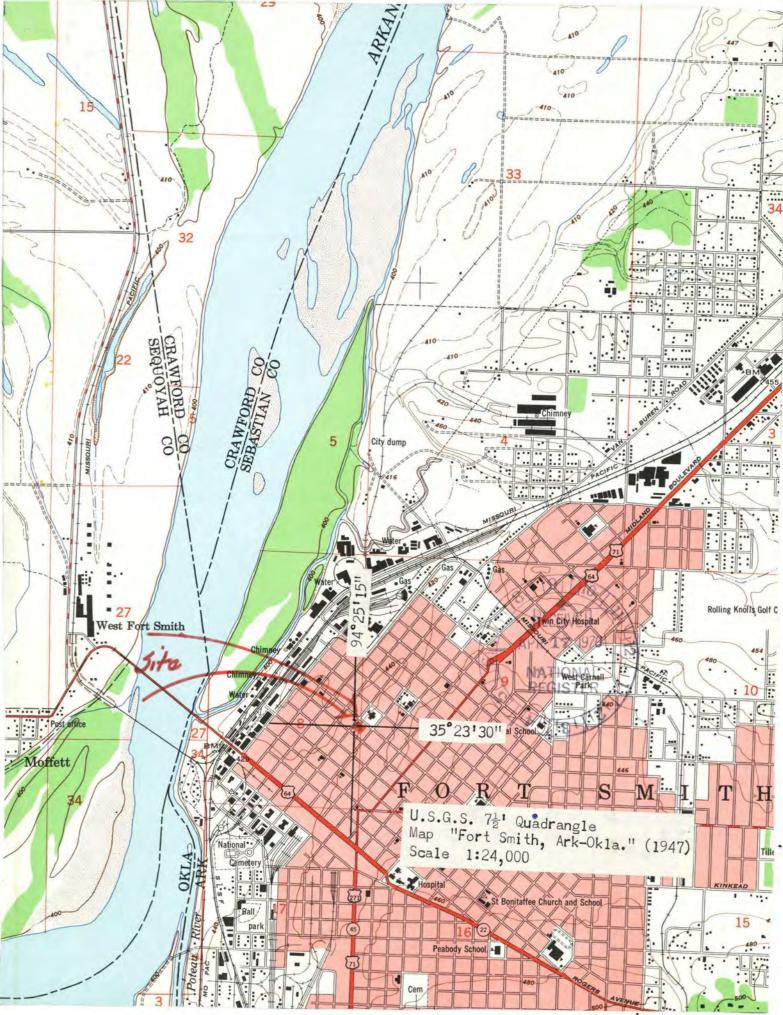
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Sincerely yours,

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Dr. George M. Reynolds Chairman State Review Committee Arkansas History Commission Old State House Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Dr. Reynolds:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Dear Senator McClellan:

Hon. John L. McClellan

United States Senate Washington, D. C.

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Arkansas and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator J. W. Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Dr. George M. Reynolds, Chairman, State Review Committee, Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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