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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: Gemmill-Faust House

other name/site number: PH0272

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2. Location

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street & number: 321 St. Andrew's Terrace

not for publication: N/A

city/town: West Helena

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Phillips code: AR 107 zip code: 72390

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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>2</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of West Helena, Arkansas, 1900-1945

Gemmill-Faust House  
Name of Property

Phillips County, AR  
County and State

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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

Cathryn A. Slaton  
Signature of certifying official

9-4-96  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

G. R. Lynn 10/31/96

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

Prairie

Other Description: N/A

Materials:      foundation  
                 walls

Brick/Stucco  
Brick

roof  
other

Asphalt  
N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  
sheet.

See continuation  
sheet.

**Description**

The Gemmill-Faust House (at 321 St. Andrew's Terrace) is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame and brick masonry residence designed in the Prairie style. Dominated by the broad, spreading eaves of the main hipped roof and surmounting hipped dormer, the house includes such other characteristic features as the light colored brick, the straight, square brick columns that support the flat roof front porch, the flat roof on both the northern porte cochere and the southern sun room, the ribbon window configurations on virtually all elevations, and the multi-pane clear glass windows throughout. An assortment of window and door types are also employed. Two brick chimneys -- one adjacent to the northern wall and the other rising near the intersection of the northern and western slopes of the hipped roof -- vent the interior. The asphalt shingle roof and brick walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation, covered with stucco to resemble stone.

Also included in the nomination is an original, single-story, hipped roof brick garage building located directly to the west or rear of the main house. It contains a single brick chimney rising from the center of the structure. It is contributing.

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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period(s) of Significance: c. 1920 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: c. 1920 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Significance**

Criterion C, local significance

The Gemmill-Faust House (at 321 St. Andrew's Terrace) is locally significant under Criterion C by virtue of its status as the best example of a pure Prairie style house in West Helena. Constructed just south of the ninety-degree turn at the eastern end of Plaza Avenue in one of the residential areas of the city developed slightly later than those sections immediately to the west, it is associated with the historic context *Historic Resources of West Helena, Arkansas, 1900-1945* as one of the few surviving historic homes with any degree of integrity, and as the best known extant example of this popular national architectural style.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Historic Resources of West Helena, Arkansas, 1900-1945," Section H.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acres of Property: Approximately 1.5 *\* See USGS map with all UTM's of nominations marked*

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>717180</u>	<u>3824245</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the western edge of St. Andrew's Terrace with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located approximately 50 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for approximately 300 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for approximately 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a perpendicular line for approximately 300 feet to its intersection with the western edge of St. Andrew's Terrace; thence proceed southerly along said edge to the point of beginning.

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Boundary Justification:               See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title:                Ken Story, National Register/Survey Coordinator

Organization:            Arkansas Historic Preservation Program    Date: 09/03/96

Street & Number:        323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town:            Little Rock                                State: AR        Zip: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gemmill-Faust House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE West Helena MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Phillips

DATE RECEIVED: 9/16/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/01/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/17/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/31/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001134

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 \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Gemmill-Faust House is significant under National Register criterion C (Architecture), as an excellent local example of early twentieth century residential construction. Completed circa 1920, the 2½-story brick home is a handsome well-preserved example of the American Foursquare building form. Detailed in the Prairie style, the house recalls the prosperity of West Helena's boom period (1910-1930).

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criterion C

REVIEWER Paul Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 10/31/96

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







GEMMILL-FAUST HOUSE

W. HELENA, PHILLIPS Co., AR

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NEG ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM EAST

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ENTRANCE DETAIL

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VIEW FROM SE

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GEMMINK-FAUST HOUSE

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VIEW FROM WEST

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CRIMMILL-FAUST HOUSE; GARAGE  
W. HELENA, PHILLIPS Co., AR  
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VIEW FROM SE

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GEMMINK - FAUST HOUSE ; GARAGE  
W. HELENA, PHILLIPS Co., AR  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500032