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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: First Presbyterian Church Manse

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 415 N. Maple Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72114

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

       buildings

       sites

       structures

       objects

1

0 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.

Cathryn A. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

10-6-93  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

~~Entered in the~~  
National Register

Guynor Lapsley 11/19/93

for 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:

Craftsman

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

|            |            |              |       |                    |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Materials: | foundation | <u>Brick</u> | roof  | <u>Asphalt</u>     |
|            | walls      | <u>Brick</u> | other | <u>Brick porch</u> |
|            |            |              |       | <u>piers and</u>   |
|            |            |              |       | <u>chimneys</u>    |

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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

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Period(s) of Significance: 1927

Significant Dates: 1927

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.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

The First Presbyterian Church Manse is a two-story, brick veneered residence in a vernacular adaptation of the Craftsman style. The Manse features a front facing clipped-gable roof with a two-story clipped-gable roof bay on the southern elevation.

**Elaboration**

The First Presbyterian Church Manse is a two-story, rectangular plan house with dark red brick veneer in a vernacular form of the Craftsman style. A front-facing clipped gable roof and a southern elevation two-story clipped-gable bay roof top the house. Stucco covers the gable ends on the east, west and south elevations. Wide Craftsman eaves feature exposed rafter tails. Wood brackets support the eaves just above the cornice line in the gable ends. Brick chimneys are found on the interior northwest and on the exterior southern elevation.

The three-bay eastern or front facade consists of a hipped-roof full-front porch. The porch is supported by two square brick columns on either front corner. A solid brick balustrade with cast concrete top surrounds the porch. Entry to the porch is centered and accessed by four steps flanked by two-level stairstep brick piers. At the junction of the steps with the porch floor are two low square brick piers with cast concrete tops. An original Craftsman light fixture is centered in the ceiling of the porch.

The front entrance consists of a centered fifteen-pane single door. Pairs of double-hung five-over-one Craftsman style windows flank the entry. Although aluminum storm windows have been added on all of the windows on the house, they are full view and the original wood Craftsman windows are visible. The second story of the facade echoes the placement of pairs of double-hung five-over-one windows.

The first story of the northern elevation is fenestrated by a pair of double-hung five-over-one windows on its eastern end and two smaller one-over-one double-hung windows. The second story of the northern elevation features two pairs of five-over-one windows.

The southern elevation (which faces the rear of the church and is a secondary entry to the church) features an exterior brick chimney flanked by two small first floor five-over-one double-hung windows. Windows on the second floor are located directly above the first floor small windows but are full size and also have the Craftsman five-pane vertical mullion top sash. A two-story bay on the western end of this elevation is capped by a clipped-gable roof with

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stucco in its gable end. A pair of double-hung five-over-one windows is centered on both storys of the bay.

The western or rear elevation is noted by a shed roof porch on the northern end. This service porch features brick walls on the lower one-half and originally was screened on the upper section. One pair of double-hung five-over-one windows is located to the south of the porch on the western elevation. The second floor is lighted by a small center double-hung window flanked by the familiar pair of full-size windows.

The interior arrangement of the house is virtually unaltered. Original Craftsman light fixtures have been retained as well as a plain buff colored brick mantel in the living room. Stairs to the second floor extend from an open landing accessed by steps from the both the living room and kitchen. Four bedrooms and one bath are located upstairs.

The First Presbyterian Church Manse retains its original appearance on the exterior and is in good condition. There are no associated outbuildings.

Despite changes and additions to the 1902 church building and the heavy traffic pattern on Maple Street which has negatively effected the historic character of the street, the First Presbyterian Church Manse remains virtually unaltered and an important component of North Little Rock history.

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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock Manse is a significant representation of the vernacular Craftsman style popular in the 1920s. It is the most unaltered historic structure associated with the First Presbyterian Church, a church which was pivotal in the development of Argenta (North Little Rock).

**Elaboration**

The town of Argenta was situated on low-lying land along the northern bank of the Arkansas River across from Arkansas' capital city, Little Rock. Argenta developed from a small railroad terminus from which passengers embarked and were ferried across the river. Although platted in 1866, a post office was not established until 1871.

By the late 1870s, Argenta was a major railroad line crossing. As railroad and industry related employees settled in the area, Argenta grew rapidly. The still unincorporated town began to suffer from lack of organization with the growing number of citizens and in 1890 filed a petition for incorporation.

Before incorporation of Argenta was complete, the citizens of Little Rock voted to annex Argenta to its boundaries. In 1890, Argenta became the Eighth Ward of the City of Little Rock and remained so until 1903 when Argenta once again became a separate city from Little Rock.

In the thirteen years as the Eighth Ward of Little Rock, little improvements to Argenta were made. There was no public water system, no drainage system, no paved streets and only a bucket fire brigade.

Despite the conditions, Argenta continued to grow and prosper. In December, 1895 a Mission of the Presbyterian Church was organized. The Argenta Presbyterian Church was organized in 1899 by Reverend Charles R. Montgomery. The following year the church secured a site at the northwest corner of what is now West Fourth and Maple Streets. A brick building with a tower on the southeast corner was constructed by the congregation and officially dedicated in 1902.

In 1903 Argenta secured its independence from the city of Little Rock and the following twenty years marked the greatest period of growth and development in the city's history.

Following the name change of the city of Argenta to North Little Rock, the Argenta Presbyterian

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Church changed its name to the First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock in 1920. To accommodate the growing congregation, the First Presbyterian Church constructed additions to the original building in 1921 and 1924.

Pastors of the First Presbyterian Church resided in nearby houses, but there was no official church residence. In 1927 the church constructed a two-story red brick residence or Manse just north of the church, facing Maple Street.

The first occupant of the Manse was Reverend Jay F. Ross. Ross was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church from 1920 to 1939. Other ministers of the church occupied the Manse until the mid-1960s when the Presbytery of Arkansas began providing its ministers with housing allowances.

The Manse was used as a Youth Building for the church, later as an attorney's office, and for a short while served as the headquarters for several community-based organizations. The Manse currently is being used by a church employee as a residence.

In 1954 a new sanctuary was constructed for the First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock, designed by architect Arkansas architect John Parks Almand (the most notable example of his work is Central High School in Little Rock). Previously, the corner tower of the 1902 building had been removed due to deterioration and termite damage. The construction of the new sanctuary in 1954 included an arcade porch spanning the front of the original building to tie it with the new sanctuary. Only the east elevation of the original sanctuary remains visible.

The church remains the only downtown North Little Rock church which has not followed the general population shift to the northern regions of the city.

Although the church is located outside the boundaries of either of the discontinuous districts in the Argenta Historic District, its historic significance remains pivotal is the history of Argenta/North Little Rock. The church's Manse remains the only unaltered historic structure related to this important historic church; however, as an example of a vernacular interpretation of the national Craftsman style, the Manse is unique in its neighborhood of downtown North Little Rock.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

X 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

| UTM References: | Zone      | Easting       | Northing       | Zone | Easting   | Northing |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|------|-----------|----------|
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| C               | <u>15</u> | _____         | _____          | D    | <u>15</u> | _____    |

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Lot 2, Block 2, Clendennin Addition to the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with these resource.

## 11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/06/93

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



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Adams, Walter M. A History, *North Little Rock, The Unique City*. (Little Rock: August House, 1986).

Information provided by First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock, July, 1993.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY First Presbyterian Church Manse  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 10/22/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/02/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/18/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/06/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001251

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 11/19/93 DATE **entered in the  
National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**CLASSIFICATION**

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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**STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

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**FUNCTION**

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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**DESCRIPTION**

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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**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

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION**

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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**OTHER COMMENTS**

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock MANSE  
North Little Rock, Pulaski Cty., ARKANSAS  
photograph by Sandra Taylor Smith  
August, 1993  
negative on file AHPP  
View from EAST



First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock MANSE  
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas  
photograph By Sandra Taylor Smith  
August, 1993  
negative on file AHPP  
view from southeast





First Presbyterian Church North Little Rock MANSE  
North Little Rock, Pulaski Cty., ARKANSAS  
photograph by Sandra Taylor Smith  
August, 1993  
negative on file AHPD  
View from northeast





First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock Manse  
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas  
photograph By Sandra Taylor Smith  
August 1, 1993  
negative on file AHPP  
view from southeast



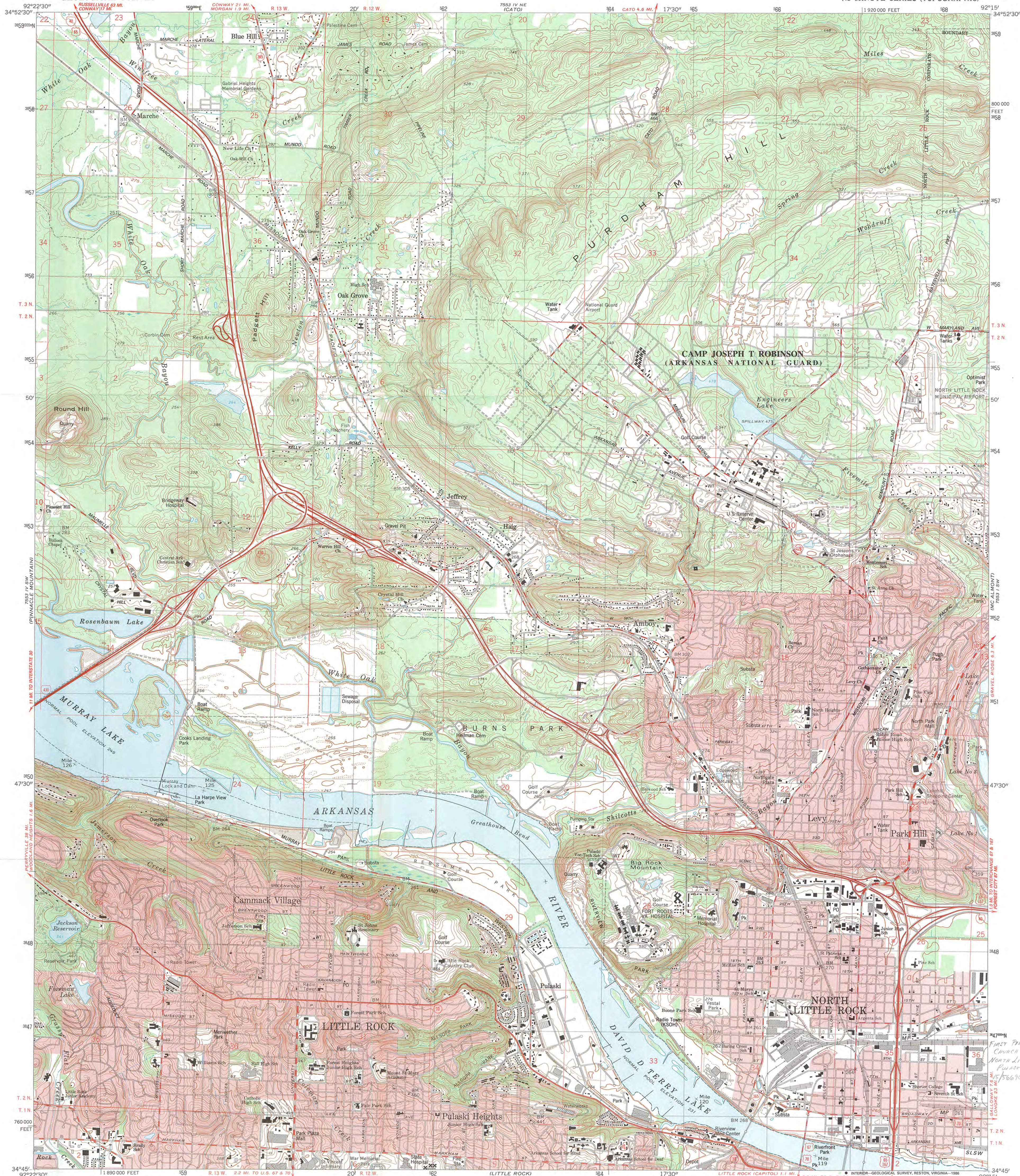


First Presbyterian church of North Little Rock MANSE  
North Little Rock, Pulaski Cty., ARKANSAS  
photograph By Sandra Taylor Smith  
August, 1993  
-negative on file AHPP  
View from Southwest

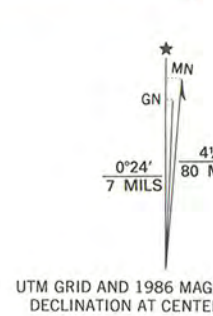


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NORTH LITTLE ROCK QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS-PULASKI CO.  
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Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: First Presbyterian Church Manse  
North Little Rock, Pulaski 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

