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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Ouachita

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE

JAN 21 1974

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

ROWLAND B. SMITH HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

234 Agee Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Four

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Ouachita

CODE

103

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY  
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building  
☐ Site ☐ Structure  
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public  
☒ Private  
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process  
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

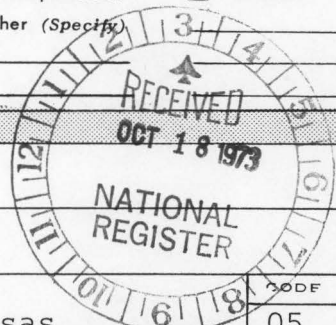
- ☒ Occupied  
☐ Unoccupied  
☐ Preservation work  
in progress

ACCESSIBLE  
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:  
☒ Restricted  
☐ Unrestricted  
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)  
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious  
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific



## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Miss Sattie Smith

STREET AND NUMBER:

234 Agee Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Ouachita County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

STATE

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## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY:

1969-1973

☐ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A one-story frame house, four bays wide with a gable roof, this house is basically ell-shaped and has a porch across the front contained under the main roof of the house. It is supported by four square columns with railing between them. There is one corbelled cap chimney extending through the roof.

There are two single entry doors to the house on the porch; both have a transom and are void of any trim. The windows are double hung with four lights per sash.

The house is said to have been built in 1856 and probably very closely resembles its original appearance. It is said the house was originally built with a rectangular floor plan and had a back porch. The ells were added later and the back porch enclosed. The house has kept its changes, and has most likely had only some decorative mould added to the original.



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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)

## 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 house is primarily architectural. It does not, however, display any innovative or outstanding architectural features, but rather represents an excellent example of the type home which was being built by the wealthier class of cotton growers in Arkansas. This type home was being built by opportunists who had emigrated to Arkansas from states east of the Mississippi River expressly for the purpose of acquiring land and establishing a cotton plantation.

Available evidence seems to point to the fact that many of these elaborate Camden homes of the late 1850's were the "town homes" of persons whose plantations were located at some distance from the town itself. This particular pattern of settlement appears to have been that families of wealth would emigrate to Arkansas with slaves, farming equipment, and household goods. Once they arrived, they would have the land cleared, put in a cotton crop, and build a temporary home on the plantation. Some of the plantation owners would, of course, build elaborate homes on the plantations themselves; other would arrange to have homes built in the towns which served as shipping points for their cotton crops and as local centers of commerce.

For some families, the move to town was apparently part of their original plan. With others, it is more likely that they followed a trend and moved to the town after they had made one or more successful crops during the cotton boom of the 1850's. These were apparently the homes of persons of moderate wealth who purchased land from the original settlers and were able to move in and establish a successful cotton growing operation within a year or so.

Many of the early settlers, even though they grew cotton, were inadequately financed and lacked the manpower resources, free or slave, to clear and plant large tracts of land and, therefore, failed to reap the large returns of the profitable demand for cotton.



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Early Days of Camden," Ouachita County Historical Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 4 (June 1970). 12.  
Camden Chamber of Commerce and the Ouachita County Historical Society, Historic Camden, (a brochure).  
U. S. Bureau of the Census, Seventh Census of the United States: 1850. Population.  
Unpublished Federal Writers Project, "Ouachita County," Place File, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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 , "		33° 34' 54.3"	92° 50' 38.2"	
NE	0 , "	0 , "				
SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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: Ed Baxter, Staff

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Program DATE: July 16, 1973

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: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Date: October 10, 1973

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

AR Martensen  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/21/74

ATTEST:  
Ronald M. Gurnberg  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1/18/74



PROPERTY

Smith, Rowland B, house

STATE

Ark.

WORKING NUMBER

10.18.73.3819

OUachita Co.

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS

1

MAPS

1

74000486

CONTROL REVIEW

cm  
10.23  
13

HISTORIAN

#7 seems sparse  
if OK thenOK  
Accept  
Aml  
10/24/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

very good #8, #7 minimal at test

Accept  
KAC  
11/23/73

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept  
Calk  
1-18-74

KEEPER

Greenberg  
for Muntosh  
1/18/74

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Federal Register entry

3-5-74

Re-submit

Entered

JAN 21 1974





Arkansas, Ouachita County  
Rowland B. Smith House

FORM 10-301 A  
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

1. NAME

COMMON

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NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

JAN 21 1974

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Ouachita

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Camden

STREET AND NUMBER

234 Agee

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Ed Baxter - HPP Staff

DATE

July 10, 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT

AHC

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East elevation viewed from the East.





**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

DATE

SCALE

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute  
Series Camden Quadrangle

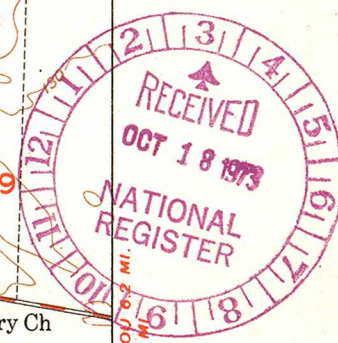
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.







EDITION OF 1951



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ARKANSAS  
STATE

Date Entered JAN 21 1974

Name

Location

Smith, Rowland B., House

Camden  
Quachita County

Powell-Godwin-May House

Camden  
Quachita County

Hon. John L. McClellan  
Hon. J. W. Fulbright  
Hon. R. H. Thornton, Jr.  
Director, Southwest Region

Also Notified State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. William E. Henderson, Director  
Arkansas Dept. of Parks and Tourism  
State Capitol - Room 149  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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