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Arkansas COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Ouachita INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY DATE (Type all entries complete applicable sections) JAN 2 1 1974 1. NAME COMMON: ROWLAND B. SMITH HOUSE AND/OR HISTORIC: 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: 234 Agee CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: CITY OR TOWN: Four Camden STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE 05 Arkansas 103 Ouachita 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS TO THE PUBLIC (Check One) Public Yes: Public Acquisition: District Building T Occupied Restricted ☐ In Process Site Private ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted Object Both Being Considered Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government Park Comments Transportation Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify) ☐ Military Educational Religious Entertainment Museum ☐ Scientific 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Miss Sattie Smith 234 Agee Street STATE: SODE Camden Arkansas 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: COUNTY: Ouachita County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Camden Arkansas 05 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS ENTRY NUMBER Arkansas Historic Preservation Program FOR DATE OF SURVEY: 1969-1973 Federal State County Local NPS USE Arkansas History Commission 20 ONLY 300 West Markham Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE 05 Little Rock Arkansas DATE

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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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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.

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# PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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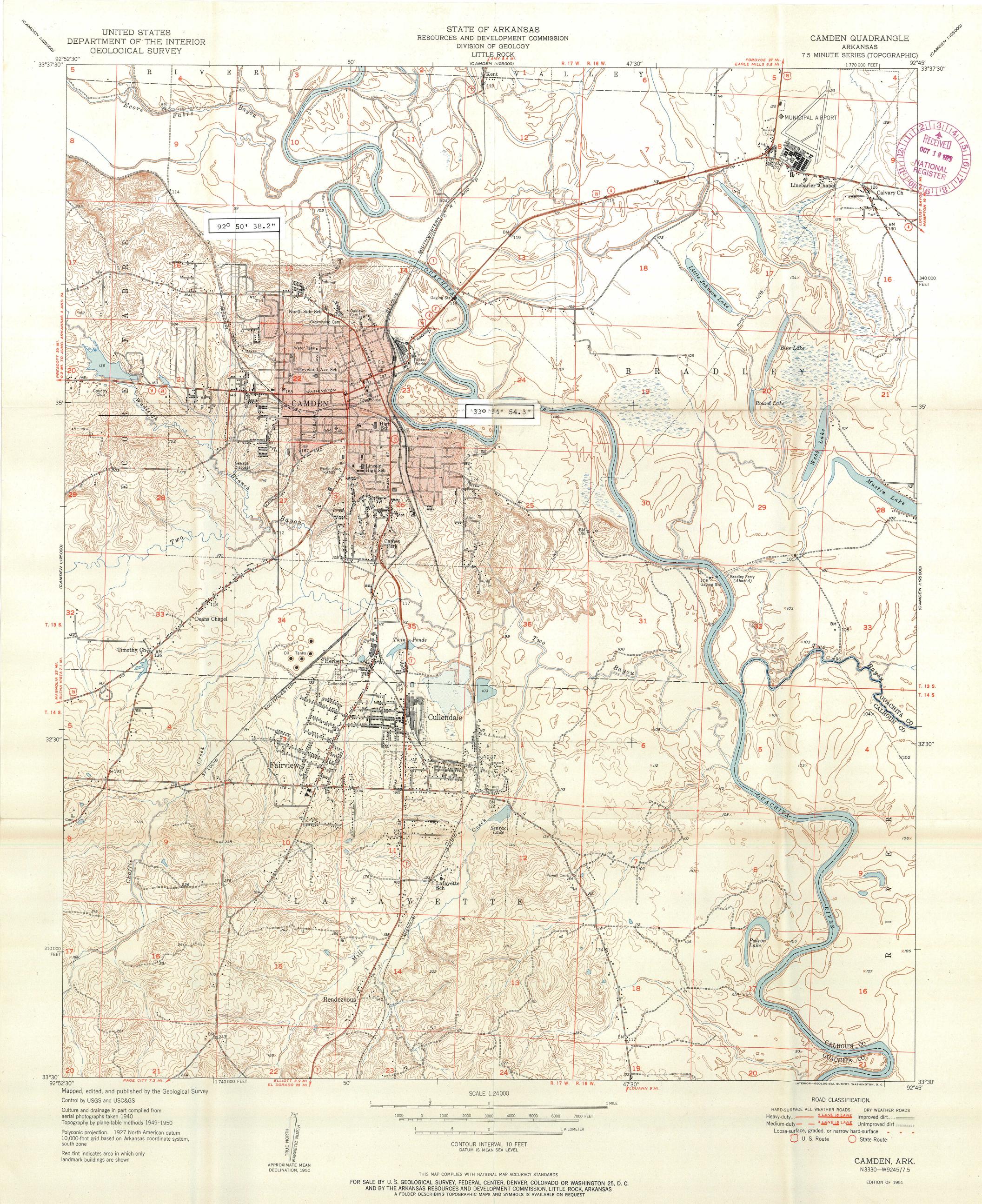
#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

#### PROPERTY MAP FORM

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