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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Lakeside Hotel (1880 to 1946)

AND/OR COMMON

Crown Hotel (1946 to present)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

119 West University St.

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Siloam Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Benton

CODE

007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ MILITARY

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gordon Lee Smith and Geneva Smith (Husband & Wife)

STREET & NUMBER

119 West University Street

CITY, TOWN

Siloam Springs

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Benton County Courthouse

(Recorders Office)

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Town Square

CITY, TOWN

Bentonville, Arkansas

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lakeside Hotel (1881) is a brick two-storey ell-shaped commercial structure which is distinguished by the double-tiered porch that wraps around the south and west elevations of the building.

Surmounting the hotel is a low hipped roof featuring a vented cupola on its west side. The cornice is divided into two sections of ornate brick-work. The upper part is brick laid in a dentil pattern, and the lower part is brick recessed to form a row of diamond-shaped indentations.

The lower section of the two-storey porch is supported by metal posts that rest on concrete piers. The posts are original but were shortened in the 1920's to accomodate the concrete piers. The second storey of the porch is distinguished by the original turned posts, scroll brackets and a turned balustrade. A shed roof tops the porch.

Most openings are segmental arches. The windows on the south and west elevations were given their present form in the 1920's. They are generally one-over-one (1/1) double-hung and many have transoms. Originally the windows were more narrow than their present shape. Windows on the north and east elevation (elevations that do not face streets) are original. Three doors are located on the first floor of the west elevation and two are found on the south elevation. All entrances are single-doored and possess transoms. Early photographs of the hotel indicate alterations were made to the first floor porch-supports; openings on the south and west elevations, and several early chimneys were removed.

The interior floor-plan retains its original form. The most distinguished interior feature is located in the entrance lobby; the main stairway is composed of a turned balustrade, newel-post and handrail. The halls and some of the rooms have been panelled, but many of the rooms retain their original plaster walls.

The Lakeside Hotel rests on the corner of two of Siloam Springs' most important streets. Across one street and to the south of the hotel is the old city park which contains the small dammed lake which served as the source of inspiration for the naming of the Lakeside Hotel. The hotel is located in the oldest commercial section of the city and is generally recognized as being the most impressive building in that section.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Resort		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1881

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lakeside Hotel is one of the most historically significant commercial buildings that survive in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The hotel was erected in 1881, only one year after Siloam Springs was settled as a health resort. The building visually reflects the early settlement history of the city. The Lakeside Hotel has continuously served as a hotel since the date of its construction, and it is an important part of the town's commercial history. The hotel is a significant example of late nineteenth-century commercial architecture; it is perhaps the premier example of nineteenth-century commercial architecture in Siloam Springs.

The earliest white settlement of the community site of Siloam Springs occurred in the 1830's when several small farms were established in the area. Twenty-seven springs were located in the settlement area, and the largest of these springs was deemed to possess therapeutic qualities. This spring was named Siloam Spring after the healing Biblical pool of Siloam. The water of Siloam Spring was thought to be medicinal because of its distinctive taste. An 1887 writer noted that Siloam Spring produced the "only water in Arkansas that tastes like medicine."

In 1879 John V. Hargrave sensed that the benevolent qualities of Siloam Spring offered a potential for development. He built a store near the spring and platted the town of Siloam Springs. By offering cheap land and other inducements Hargrave was able to successfully promote the new community. Over 2,000 people crowded into Siloam Springs during its first year of existence. Among the new settlers was Seth Hollingsworth, who in 1881 had the Lakeside Hotel built within one-hundred yards of the popular Siloam Spring. No record that identifies the hotel's builder or architect survives.

The Lakeside Hotel may have been the first hotel built in Siloam Springs. It was certainly the first brick hotel erected in the resort community. The hotel was named the Lakeside Hotel after Siloam Spring was dammed to form a small lake in the early 1880's.

The 1880's was a boom period for railroad construction in the mountainous Ozark region of Arkansas where Siloam Springs is located. The new town of Siloam Springs, however, was bypassed by the railroad; and soon both the city's tourist business and population dwindled. By 1890 the population of Siloam Springs numbered less than one-half of what it had been in 1881. During this period of decline, Siloam Springs lost any chance it had possessed of becoming a major

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abstract In possession of Gordon Smith, Siloam Springs
Black, J. Dickson History of Benton County. Little Rock: International Graphics Industries, 1975.
Smith, Gordon, Unpublished monograph on history of Lakeside Hotel on file at Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 1979. (Typewritten)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 361 360 400.5 480
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Written by Mike Shinn; Architectural Research: Frezil Miller & Mike Shinn
Historical Research: Gordon Smith, Owner and Manager of Crown Hotel

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4/ 16/ 79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham Streets

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Little Rock

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Joan Baldrige

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

May 22, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11-15-79

ATTEST: *Bill Grosvenor*

DATE

11/13/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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health resort; and, like several other Ozark boom resorts, the town faded into relative obscurity. After the building boom in Siloam Springs ended, the Lakeside Hotel remained the only large and substantial hotel in the town.

Siloam Springs was eventually connected to a rail-line; subsequently, the town experienced steady development and growth. Today, the population stands at 6,500. During this period of slow but steady growth, the Lakeside Hotel continued to serve as the town's major hotel.

The Lakeside Hotel is a brick, two-storey, ell-shaped structure that possesses two features of architectural significance. The first feature is the double-tiered porch which wraps around the south and west elevations of the building. The first storey of the porch is substained by metal posts which rest on concrete piers. The posts are original, but they were shortened in the 1920's to accomodate the piers which were set in place at that time. The second storey of the porch is distinguished by the presence of the original, turned support posts and the balustrade which links the support posts. Scroll brackets are located at the top of the posts. A shed roof covers the porch.

The second distinctive architectural feature of the building is the brick detail-work found on the cornice. The cornice is divided into two sections of ornate brick work. The upper section features brick that is laid in a dentil pattern, and the lower section is detailed with brick that is recessed to form a row of diamond-shaped indentations.

Most openings are segmental arches. The windows on the south and west elevations were given their present form in the 1920's. Originally, they were more narrow than their present shape. The windows are generally one-over-one (1/1) and double hung. The windows on the north and east elevations (elevations that do not face streets) are original.

The interior of the hotel has experienced several major alterations. These alterations include the panelling of the halls and some of the rooms, the lowering of ceilings, and the installation of new floor covering.

The most distinguished original feature that survives in the interior of the building is the main stairway, which is located in the lobby. The stairway is composed of a turned balustrade, newel-post, and handrail.

The Lakeside Hotel is located in the oldest commercial section of Siloam Springs, and it is one of the most impressive buildings in this section of the town. The hotel is situated immediately to the north of Siloam Spring and the lake after which the building was originally named.

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Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs
Benton County, Arkansas

Verbal Boundary Description

Parts of lots 5 and 6 in block 3. Original Survey of
of Siloam Springs, described as beginning at SW corner
of lot 5 and run thence north 90 feet, thence east 59
8 inches, thence south 90 feet, thence west 59 feet,
8 inches to the place of beginning.

Property Lakeside Hotel

79000432

State Ark. (Benton) Working Number 6.14.79.1444

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK C. 6.14.79

HISTORIAN

*Accept 8-6-79
Sheffield*

Built one year after town was settled as health resort, significant commercial structure strongly identified with town's founding and settlement. Although the town suffered through periods of declining population, the Hotel continued to operate as the major hotel in Siloam Springs.

This simple vernacular commercial structure is distinguished by a double-tiered gallery on two sides. Located on a highly visible site in the oldest commercial section of the city, the building has local architectural significance because of its prominence in that section. No VBD was provided.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Call
Cale Brooks
8/8/79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

VBD acceptable

*accept
B. Grosvenor
11/13/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-5-80

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn

1979

AHPP

South Elevation

#1 95

Benton County, Arkansas

JUN 14 1979



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Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn

1979

AHPP

Benton County, Arkansas

Southwest corner

#245

JUN 14 1979



Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn

1979

AHPP

West Elevation

#3 *45*

DOE
NOV 15 1979

Benton County, Arkansas
JUN 14 1979



ONLY REGISTERED HOTEL GUESTS
ALLOWED UPSTAIRS EXCEPT
BY PERMISSION OF THE
MANAGER!!

^{POE}
NOV 15 1979

Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn

1979

AHPP

Benton County, Arkansas

Interior stair

#4 *95*

JUN 14 1979



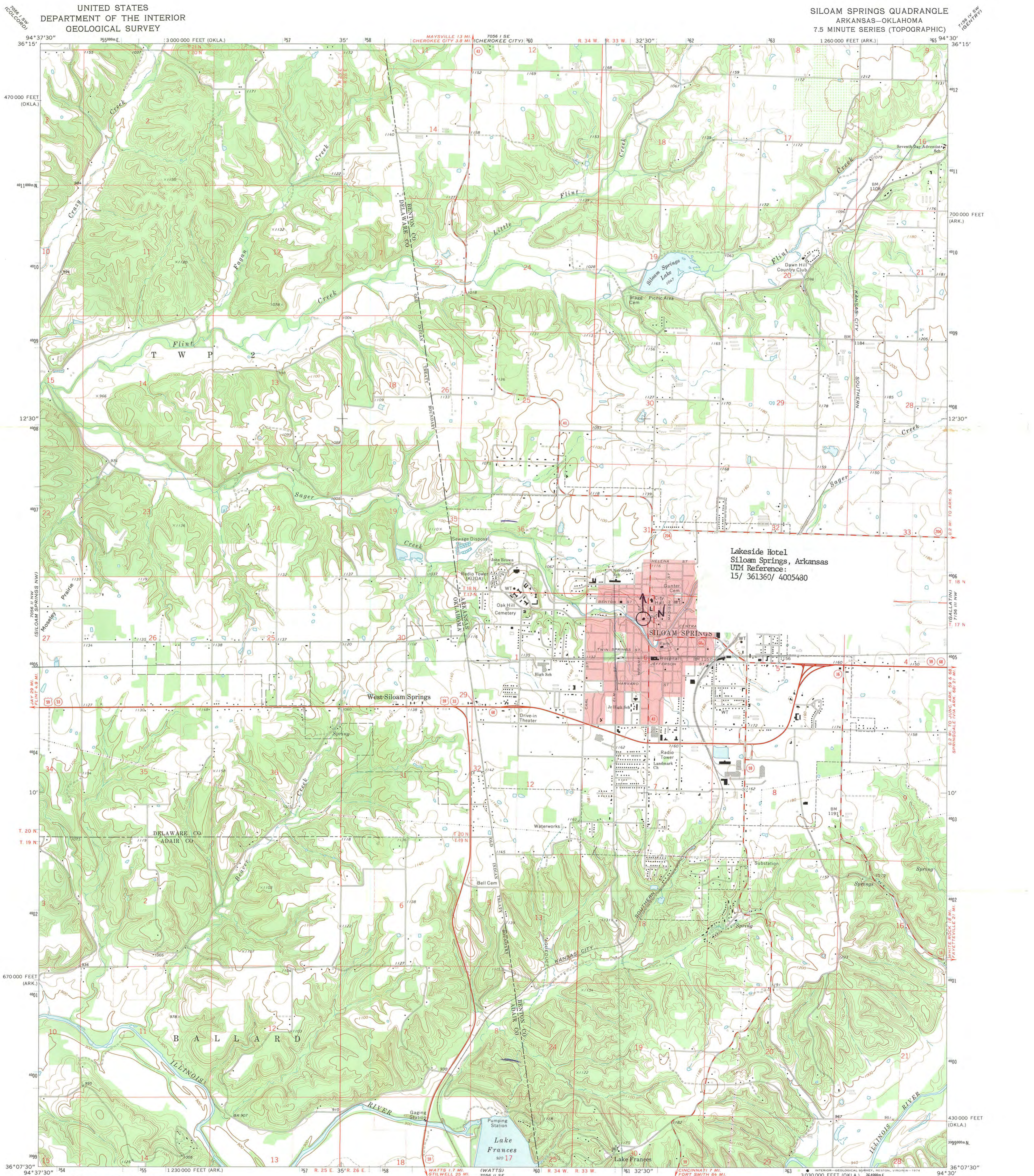
Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs
Mike Shim
1979
AHPP

Bracket detail, interior stair
#5 *75*

DOE
NOV 15 1979

Benton County Arkansas

JUN 14 1979



UNITED STATES
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SILOAM SPRINGS QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972
Projection: Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
(Lambert conformal conic)
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Arkansas coordinate
system, north zone and Oklahoma coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201,
AND OKLAHOMA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73069
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.-OKLA.
N3607.5-W9430/7.5
1972
AMS 7056 II NE-SERIES V884

NOV 15 1979

11-15-79 LAKESIDE HOTEL
6/26/78 W.
Benton Ark

THE CROWN HOTEL

119 W. UNIVERSITY
SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK. 72761
MR. & MRS. GORDON SMITH, MGRS.

YP
Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Thank you for your letter announcing our Consideration for nomination. We do believe that the Hotel has a place in History. It will be 100 years old next year & does show the architecture of the period. It is also the same age as the Town which will celebrate its Centennial next year. We feel it is a real Credit to that period of 100 years ago and are real proud of the fact that it is still a productive structure to this day.

We do plan to keep it as original as we can. We do not plan to use any Tax Credits or borrow any money from the Government to do the restoring. We plan to do that on our own unless hit by some natural catastrophe such as fire or flood.

We wish to stay away from Governmental Control as much as possible.

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or I understand the literature that you sent me — the only thing that will change if we are nominated is the fact that we cannot deduct demolition costs if that should ever become necessary.

If that is correct then we would be happy to be considered for nomination for the National Register. We believe that the building is a real Credit to the period of the 1880's.

Thank you for your letter,

Sincerely,

Gordon Smith owner
Geneva Smith
119 W. University
Siloam Springs.

Ark. 72761

RE: LAKESIDE HOTEL

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ARKANSAS

STATE

Date Entered NOV 15 1979

Name

Location

Lakeside Hotel

Siloam Springs
Benton County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers

Honorable David Pryor

Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt

State Historic Preservation Officer

Ms. Joan Baldrige

Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation
Program

Suite 500, Continental Building

Markham and Main Streets

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR

Byers/bjr

11/26/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

Call - tell them
when listed - Send
THE CROWN HOTEL

119 W. UNIVERSITY
SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK. 72761
MR. & MRS. GORDON SMITH, MGRS.

Copy of
non. if
necessary.

Dr. William Z. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Dept of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The weeks are running into months
since I have had any correspondence
on our acceptance to the National Register.
Someone called my office and reached
me by phone to tell me that we had
been accepted. They also gave me a number
of acceptance which I am sorry to say that
I have misplaced. I kept thinking that I
would get a letter from you that would not
only tell me the number but would
formally notify me of our acceptance.

I have reviewed no word in these weeks
of waiting.

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SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK. 72761
MR. & MRS. GORDON SMITH, MGRS.

The person on the phone said that
I would be contacted by my Senator
or representative. The only contact I have
received was a letter from the governor
today and he still does not know
that we have been accepted.

In fact he is still using such phrases
in his letter such as - "IF you would
like to nominate your structure you should
contact so + so —"

Would it be asking too much to
request a letter of recognition from your
office confirming our acceptance and
giving us our number in writing? -
I am reluctant to give any of this to the
press until I have something concrete
from your office.

Sorry to trouble you, but I need to
get something going before our Centennial
Plans are made.

OVER →

THE CROWN HOTEL

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SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK. 72761
MR. & MRS. GORDON SMITH, MGRS.

3

I would appreciate any help you can
give me in this area. We are waiting
on it.

Here are some reference numbers on
the last letter that I recieved from your
office — H32-HR

and 663-Y P

This is in reference to the Lakeside Hotel
owners - Mr & Mrs Gordon Smith
119 West University
Siloam Springs, Ark - 72763
Phone 501-524-3532

Thank you for anything you can do
to expedite this.

Sincerely

G. Smith

W436

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11-15-79

HARRISON 3/13/80

MAR 13 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith
119 West University
Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the Lakeside Hotel, Benton County, Arkansas, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to inform you that the Lakeside Hotel, was entered in the National Register on November 15, 1979.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the National Register.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull ((Sgd.))

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register

cc: ArkansasSHPO, Ms. Joan Baldrige

bcc: NR

FHR: S Harrison:mjd 343-6401 3/12/80

BS BASIC FILE RETAINED IN NR

THE CROWN HOTEL

119 W. UNIVERSITY
SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK. 72761
MR. & MRS. GORDON SMITH, MGRS.

7
Benton Co.

Mrs Carol Shall
acting Referred Nat. Reg.

Dear Mrs Shall:

Thanks for your reply to inform us
of our acceptance as of Nov 15 - 1979.

Let me ask you for one more thing:
I was given a number over the telephone
and the connections were not that good.
I do not know whether the number given
is was 13 - 15 or 115.

Would you be good enough to look
that up & send it to me by return mail.
I would appreciate it greatly. I need it
before I write the article for the newspaper.

Refer to your
letter me - W 436
Dated 3/13/80

Thanks in advance,

Gordon Smith
119 West University
Silosam Springs, Ark 72761

NAME OF PROPERTY

Lakeside Hotel

STATE

Ark.

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer:

8-10

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer:

9-9

called 10/3 - hold till

(30 Days from Date Requested)

11/3

Information Requested From:

Mike Shinn

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

UBD

Reviewer