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Built in 1888, the J. S. Handford House is a two and one-half storey, wood frame house with gable hip roof of diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. The original roof was of wood shingles. A side chimney extends above the roof on the east elevation and is capped by decorative corbelling and a stone band.

Distinguishing exterior features include a veranda across the entire facade of the house and two-thirds of the northeast elevation, a center gable atop an offset bay on the front elevation, and a two-storey semi-decagon bay located midway on the southwest elevation. Of special interest is the band of scalloped shingles which wraps around two-thirds of the second storey.

The lathe turned posts of the veranda are delicate in appearance, as are the thin brackets straddling each post. These delicate features are countered by the porch railing with solid scroll-cut panels spanning the space between the posts.

The interior organization of the J. S. Handford House is a side hall plan three rooms deep. Stairs on the outside wall of the hallway lead to the second storey. The second storey is a central hall with five rooms and a bathroom. Double parlors connected by large sliding wood panelled doors open onto the side hallway. A dining area with semi-decagon bay is entered from the end of the hallway, and connects to the rear parlor by double sliding doors. The floor in this room is exceptional in its use of alternating oak and walnut flooring. A pantry passageway leads from the dining room to the rear kitchen. Located off the kitchen and behind the rear parlor on the east side of the house is an exterior latticed porch. The porch has been enclosed and made into an office space for the owner.

A fireplace is located in the front parlor and is noteworthy for the decorative tile band that lines the hearth opening. Other interior features include symmetrical molded trim with corner blocks and medallions, eleven foot, six inch ceilings and four inch tongue and groove oak flooring.

All exterior trim is plain with three-quarter round at all corners of wall surfaces on the porch. The house is raised on a four foot, six inch native stone foundation. Except for minor alterations which are explained above, the J. S. Handford House remains unchanged since its original construction.

^{*}See nomination of C. R. Handford-Terry House.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1888 James Stanley Handford (1854-1936) built a home for his wife and five daughters at 659 East Boswell Street in Batesville, Arkansas. In a modest Queen Anne architectural style, the J. S. Handford House is located directly opposite the Charles R. Handford House. Built by brothers who prospered in the lumber business, these "twin" houses are unique in Batesville.

J. S. Handford was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1854. At a very early age he moved west with his family and was reared in Kansas. After working as a clerk for several years he moved to Arkansas in 1876 to assist his older brother, Charles, in the lumber business. In 1884 Charles Handford moved his lumber company from central Arkansas to a better location at Batesville in the northeast part of the state. J. S. Handford accompanied his older brother, and the two men operated their lumber business as C. R. Handford and Company.

In turn-of-the-century Batesville the Handford brothers were among the most prominent businessmen of the community. As their lumber business grew and prospered, the Handford brothers invested in other business ventures, including a lime plant and wholesale groceries. When their needs outgrew the banking facilities of Theodore Maxfield and Company, the two Handford brothers helped establish the Batesville Bank. J. S. Handford was elected as the first president of this bank at its organizational meeting in July, 1889. The financial success of these two brothers was reflected in the home that each man built.

The Handford houses were the finest houses in Batesville when they were built in 1888. Both houses were the first in the town to have modern plumbing, the waterworks of which consisted of windmills with pumps located in each backyard. The first concrete sidewalks laid in Batesville were those leading to the Handford houses, and the two brothers owned the first lawnmowers in the town. As trend-setters, the Handford houses had no match.

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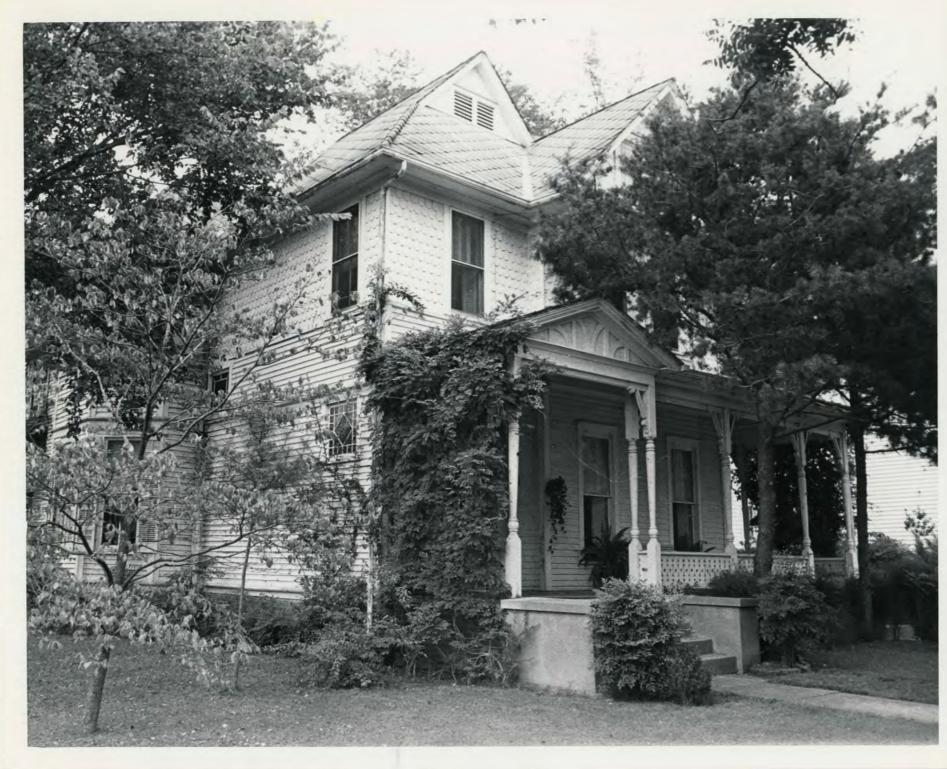
The architecture of the J. S. Handford House is a modest Queen Anne style. The 2½ storey frame house has both clapboard and shingle wall covering. The interior is more richly decorated than the exterior, and features extensive plaster molding, highly decorative woodwork, colored leaded glass in some windows, ornate brass hardware, and several original light fixtures. Especially interesting is the dining room floor, laid with alternating narrow planks of oak and walnut. Another notable feature is the original coal burning fireplace in the front parlor. The green tile surrounding this fireplace depicts five nymphs, representing the five Handford daughters raised in the house.

The J. S. Handford House has remained in the family since its construction. It is now owned by Handford's grand-daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schooler. Some of the wooden porch trim, interior woodwork trim, and the colored glass around the entry has been removed. However, these pieces are intact and are stored in the basement of the house. Furnishings in the house are in keeping with the styles in voque when the house was constructed.

The significance of the J. S. Handford House lies in several areas. Architecturally, it is a good example of a modest Queen Anne style house. The almost identical C. R. Handford House located just across the street makes this pair of late Victorian structures unique in the city of Batesville. In addition, the James Stanley Handford house is representative of a prosperous businessman's home during the Gilded Age in northeast Arkansas.

*See National Register nomination of C. R. Handford-Terry House.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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2. LOCATION		
Arkansas	Independence	TOWN Batesville
659 East Boswell Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
Robert Dunn	November, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION		(X)
Rear elevation, viewed fro	om the northwest	RECEIVED JAN 23 1975 NATIONAL REGISTER

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Batesville Quadrangle	1943	1/24000 4 1191/16
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

ARKANSAS

Date Entered

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Name

Cleun House

Zebree Homestead

Wycough-Jones House

Maxfield House

Handford-Schooler House

Handford-Terry House

Reichardt House

Roland Site, 3AR30

Leake-Ingham Building

Location

Batesville

Independence County

Buckeye

Mississippi County

Batesville

Independence County

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Independence County

Little Rock

Polaski County

Tichnor vicinity

Arkansas County

Camden

Quachics County

Also Notified

Hon. John I. McClellan

Hoa. Dale Dumpers

Hon. Ray Thornson

Hon. Wilbur D. Mills

Hom. Bill Alexander

Regional Director, Southwest

Region

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mr. William E. Henderson

Director, Arkansas Dept. of

Parks and Tourism

State Capitol

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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5/7/75

NR Data Sheet

DATE: Reviewer INITIALS:

5/2/75 DOE

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Handford, James S., House Handford-Schooler House OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: 659 E. Boswell St.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY TOWN Batesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

code

STATE Arkansas

Independence

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) :

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC

MID ATLANTIC

SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

_ Substantially intact-1

EXTERIOR _Substantially intact-2

ENVIRONS __ Substantially intact-3 _.unknown -6

_ unknown - 4 _ not applicable - 7 _unknown.-5 __ not applicable - 8

_ Not applicable-9

_Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

__EXCELLENT CONDITION -

_G00D

_DETERIORATED _RUINS

_UNALTERED _ALTERED _Reconstructed

_ORIGINAL SITE _MOVED _Unknown

_UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated

_Excavated

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted No access

NO

Unknown

NO

historic district?

YES

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

Saved?

YES

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FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC _CONSERVATION _AGRICULTURE __ECONOMICS _ARCHITECTURE _EDUCATION _ART _ENGINEERING __COMMERCE EXPLORATION _COMMUNICATIONS _INDUSTRY _INVENTION

_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION _LAW/Gov't/politics _science _LITERATURE

__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

_entertainment _health _recreation _settlement

__MILITARY _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN _MUSIC PHILOSOPHY __TRANSPORTATION

_OTHER (SPECIFY)

_socio/cultural _urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO

"only" YES

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer: artist/artisan: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE



LOCAL GOV"T

MUNICIPAL

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) Less that lacke

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

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IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

Previewers initials____