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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC **West Garrison Avenue Historic District**

AND/OR COMMON  
**Same**

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **100-525 Garrison Avenue**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN **Fort Smith**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

**Third**

STATE **Arkansas**

CODE  
**05**

COUNTY  
**Sebastian**

CODE  
**131**

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Multiple Ownership**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Sebastian County Court House**

STREET & NUMBER **100 South 6th Street**

CITY, TOWN **Fort Smith**

STATE **Arkansas**

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District comprises five blocks of the twelve-block-long Garrison Avenue. It includes the oldest surviving buildings on the Avenue which total 34 historically and architecturally significant buildings, 6 linking buildings, 7 compatible intrusions, and only 5 incompatible intrusions. This West end of the 125-foot-wide Avenue is therefore lined with a total of 52 buildings, most of which were built between 1869 and 1912.

A simple, Classic-style solid-stone building built in 1869 is the oldest building, while almost all of the other buildings are of red brick, although some of these have rubble-stone party walls that did not show. Commercial Italianate and Renaissance Architecture of the 1870's and 1880's predominate, however several Richardsonian Romanesque buildings of the 1890's are outstanding also. In addition, are several extremely handsome Classic Revival style buildings of the early 1900's. Many of the buildings are trimmed with very elaborate dentillated and bracketed galvanized iron cornices. Some have cast-iron columns, window architraves and sills as well as other ornamental detailing. Still others have ornate, corbelled brick, semi-circular or elliptical arched windows or doors with brick pilasters. The 1890's and early 1900's buildings are almost all trimmed with cut limestone used in a variety of ways.

The west end of the Avenue still appears remarkably similar to its turn-of-the-century appearance. All buildings conform to the original, uniform facade line except two newer buildings. Only two buildings are over 5 stories tall (both newer also) with the majority being only 2, 3, or 4 stories. The only substantial elements missing are eight buildings, the trolley lines in the center of the Avenue and the original street lamps.

All buildings were and still are used for commercial purposes with few vacancies. Many have been partially or completely restored on the exterior during the past four years, with an emphasis on restoring historically accurate color schemes.

Although the other end of the Avenue contains a considerable number of significant buildings also, it has suffered many more incompatible intrusions. Therefore the West end is much more distinctive, and its overall ambiance is indicative of its Victorian heritage. There is no greater concentration of Victorian commercial buildings on a single avenue anywhere else in Arkansas than on West Garrison Avenue.

### Significant Buildings:

1. Frisco RR Station, 100 Garrison Ave., 1910 Classic Revival, 2 stories, cut limestone with wood portico.
2. Williams-Echols Bldg., 200-204 Garrison Ave., 1896, parapet and cornice, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
3. Speer Hardware Bldg., 206-210 Garrison Ave., 1896, parapet and cornice, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
5. Josiah Foster Bldg., 222 Garrison Ave., 1897 Richardsonian Romanesque, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim. (Nat'l Reg.)
6. Checkered-Mayflower Bldg., 300-06 Garrison Ave., 1912, arches, pilasters, cornice pedimented entrance, 5 stories, brick.
7. Hutcheson Shoe Storage, 312 Garrison Ave., c.1890 simple Victorian, 2 stories, brick.

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8. Hotel LeFlore, 316 Garrison Ave., 1870, blind arcade, pilasters, three stories, corbeled brick.
9. Adelaide Hall, 318-22 Garrison Ave., c. 1875, arcade, pilasters, 2½ stories, corbeled brick.
13. Murphy-Rodgers-Wade Building, 416 Garrison Ave., 1897, Roman arches, four stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
16. Harper Bros. Opera Bar Saloon, 500 Garrison Ave., c. 1887, cornice, hood molds, two stories, brick.
17. Harlan Building, 502 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, two stories, brick.
19. Gospel Book Shop, 508 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, two stories, brick.
22. Tip-Top Boots & Shoes, 516 Garrison, c. 1900, corbeled cornice, one story, brick and cut stone.
23. Eagle Store, 518 Garrison Ave., c. 1900, cornice, quoins, two stories, corbeled brick.
27. John Schaap Building, 215 Garrison Ave., 1903, arched topped windows, four stories, brick and cut stone.
28. Ted Been Building, 219 Garrison Ave., c. 1900, plain one story brick.
30. Tom Taylor Building, 223 Garrison Ave., 1906, three bays, one story, brick with cut stone trim.
31. Ben Wolf Emporium, 301-03 Garrison Ave., c. 1905, decorative parapet, two stories, brick with iron trim.
32. Riverside Cafe, 305 Garrison Ave., c. 1912, plain brick, one story.
33. Polychrome Brick Building, 307-09 Garrison Ave., c. 1912, altered windows and front, two stories, brick with cut stone.
34. Marble Hall, 311 Garrison, 1869, two stories, solid cut native stone built by E. B. Bright (Oldest building on Avenue).
35. The Fair Building, 313-15 Garrison Ave., c. 1895, iron cornice, Roman arches, altered front, two stories, brick with cut stone.
36. White Front Saloon, 317 Garrison Ave., c. 1896, stone window trim, altered front, two stories, brick.
38. Ray's Saddlery, 403 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
39. Jeremiah's Barber Shop, 405 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice, and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
40. Tasso & Constantino's, 407 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
41. Khilling Building, 409 Garrison Ave., 1881, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
42. Snider & Deckers, 411 Garrison Ave., 1881, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
44. Guler & Brunoldi Building, (Old Town), 501-03 Garrison Ave., c. 1880, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
45. Old Town Building, 505 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.

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46. Bracken & Gardner Building, 507-09 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
47. Mitchell Offices Building, 511 Garrison Ave., c. 1880, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
51. Ward Hotel Annex, 519 Garrison Ave., c. 1928, one story, brick with cut stone trim.
52. Ward Hotel, 523-25 Garrison Ave., 1928, Ionic pilasters, 11 stories, brick with cut stone.

Linking Buildings

10. Standard Filling Station, 400 Garrison Ave., c. 1925, Spanish Colonial Revival, one story, brick and tile.
25. Mosman Scale Comapny Building, 205-07 Garrison Ave., c. 1935, one story, brick with modest corbeling.
18. Roberts Building, 504-06 Garrison Ave., c. 1890's, Building remodeled in 1950's, two stories, brick with Art Deco Black Glass.
20. Grand Rapids Furniture, 510 Garrison Ave., c. 1890 building, remodeled in 1950's, two stories, plastered brick.
43. Radio Center Building, 421-23 Garrison Ave., c. 1890 building remodeled in 1950's, two stories, brick with aluminum sheathing.
48. Credit Bureau Building, 513 Garrison Ave., date of construction unknown, but probably 1890-1900, remodeled in 1950's., two stories, plastered brick.

Compatible Intrusions

4. Berry Dry Goods Building, 212-14 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, Art Deco, two stories, brick with cut stone trim.
11. Herb's Veterinarian Supply, 406 Garrison Ave., c. 1940 simple brick, one story, brick.
12. Arkansas Beauty Supply, 408 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, one story, brick.
14. Steins Building, 418 Garrison Ave., c. 1960, one story, brick.
26. Craft Kitchens, Inc., 209 Garrison Ave., c. 1950, one story, brick.
29. Garment Warehouse, 221 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, plain brick, one story, brick.
37. Corley's Liquors, 401 Garrison Ave., Possible 19th Century Bldg. remodeled in 1940's, one story, brick and stone.



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Incompatible Intrusions

15. Continental Bus Station, 424 Garrison Avenue, c. 1960, brick, one story, brick with glass and stucco. (Site of 1880's Grand Opera House).
21. Grand Rapids Furniture Annex, 514 Garrison Ave., c. 1955 plastered brick, one story, plastered brick and glass.
24. First Federal Savings & Loan, 524 Garrison Ave., 1961, seven stories, aluminum, glass & brick.
49. Sam Sexton, Jr., Atty., 515 Garrison Ave., date of construction unknown, but 1960's style, two stories, plastered brick.
50. Ward Hotel Drive-Thru, 517 Garrison Ave., 1960's, two stories, brick with aluminum sheathing.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Garrison Avenue, a twelve block grand thoroughfare, was laid out by City Founder, John Rogers in 1838, and is the main street of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The town of Fort Smith was built around the first military fort on the Great Southwestern Frontier. It was, from the beginning, a merchant town, full of storehouses and suppliers. It sold guns and saddles and "necessaries" to the wagon trains of westering Americans. At the gateway of the Santa Fe Trail, the town saw California Gold Rushes, great plains settlers, cattle drivers, and the Butterfield Overland Stage. Here, in the wake of the Civil War, lingering Old South traditions came together with Northern industrial enterprise on the rough edge of Indian territory and the Great West.

Many shop owners on Garrison Avenue lived on the second floor of their buildings, others lived in Boarding Hotels located often on the second and third floors of Garrison Avenue Buildings. Thus, Garrison Avenue is more than just a "main street". It was for many years the major part of the town. The east end of the Avenue was lined with private residences until the early 1900's, and at the head of the Avenue at 13th Street stands one of the oldest churches in the community. Therefore, it is the west end of Garrison Avenue that was from its beginning the "commercial" end, even though second and third floors were often used for residential purposes. It is West Garrison Avenue that exhibits most graphically the way the town looked around the turn of the century.

"The Avenue itself is as handsome a street as (could) be seen anywhere (at the turn of the century) even in Paris, France. It is 120 feet wide, laid out in grand style half a century ago by city founder John Rogers himself, in memory of his beloved Canal Street in New Orleans. The Avenue is fully paved with hand-burned brick right down to the river side, where there is a landing for river boats not much used now (in 1900), since the several railroads in town provide much more dependable freight and passenger service, not having to concern themselves, as steamboats did, about the vagaries of river depth and sandbars."<sup>1</sup>

"These new buildings (Built in 1896-99) are the very latest style, patterned after the famous Richardsonian Romanesque designs which grace the great cities of Chicago and St. Louis. So perfectly have these structures been executed by the city's master masons and stoneworkers that it is said a visitor from Chicago stepping from a Pullman sleeping car at the railroad station would scarcely know he had left home.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrison Avenue Herald. Fort Smith, Arkansas, November 12, 1977. This facsimile of an early Fort Smith newspaper contains a detailed history of Garrison Avenue.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA <sup>24</sup>

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	115	3710	680	3916	7210	B	15	3710	590	3916	580
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

*See continuation sheet.*

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

John Vincent Robinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

City of Fort Smith

DATE

August 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

623 Garrison Avenue

TELEPHONE

501-785-2801

CITY OR TOWN

Fort Smith

STATE

Arkansas

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

*Ann Bartley* 10/3/78

TITLE

DATE

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4-28-79

ATTEST: *Gale Brooks*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NUMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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"No more can our fair city be maligned by Eastern newspapers as a "frontier hick town" and "Hell on the Border" as it was in the past! The new merchantile blocks stand as a monument to the forward-thinking and progressive citizenry of Fort Smith."<sup>2</sup>

"It is in the six blocks west of Sixth Street, however, that the most notable monuments to modern progress have been made (as of 1900). The South side of the Avenue between Second and Third Streets boasts three enormous new four-story buildings in the Romanesque style, containing the Williams-Echols Dry Goods Co., and the Speer Hardware Co., and the J. Foster Wholesale Grocery Co. All these firms are doing a rousing business, supplying not only the local area, but all the new coal-mining towns in South Sebastian County, and the new Territory of Oklahoma formed from the old Indian Territory of dubious fame (c.1900). Also on the South side of the Avenue occupying nearly half of the 300 block, is the magnificent Hotel LeFlore, resting place of many distinguished visitors to our city, and boasting a handsome lobby lighted with gilded mirrors and electric lamps throughout. The hotel houses also a fine restaurant, and makes use of the grand Adelaide Hall ballroom in the Kannady Block (300 block, South side Garrison Ave.). Further east, still on the South side, is the magnificent new Richardsonian building housing the W.J. Murphy Saddlery and Harness Manufactory, of whom it is said "half the west rides on Murphy saddles." A twin of this great building next door to it houses the Rodgers-Wade Furniture Company. And of course on the corner of Fifth and Garrison is the city's crowning glory, the beautiful Grand Opera House, with its magnificent columned entry-way. Inside the walls of this magnificent citadel of culture, the eye is amazed by enormous murals depicting scenes from Shakespear. The Opera House has offered, and continues to offer, some of the greatest names in entertainment for the edification of this city's cultured citizenry. The South side of the Avenue is lined further, between these great new landmarks, with numerous handsome and sturdy small brick buildings containing all kinds of shops and stores, some with boarding rooms above so that workmen, clerks and businessmen can live in handy comfort nearby their places of employment. There are several lunchrooms and dining places, a grocery store, a meat market, several tailors and shoemakers, and the Harper Brothers Opera Bar and the Joseph Kohler Saloon, handsomely furnished retreats of gentlemen of the Avenue."<sup>3</sup>

1,2,&3 Zander, Betty. "Garrison Avenue Herald" Vol. 1, No. 1 p. 1 & 4



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Verbal Boundary Description  
West Garrison Avenue Historic District

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District runs six blocks along West Garrison Avenue from its intersection with Sixth Street in the southeast to First Street in the northwest. The district includes all lots and buildings that front West Garrison Avenue in this six-block area.

Property West Garrison Ave. N.D.

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State Ark

Working Number 10.10.78.4224

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**TECHNICAL**

Photos 16  
Maps 1, sketch

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**CONTROL**

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**HISTORIAN**

Statements of explicit not as direct as they might be, but both #7 and #8 may contain enough info/summary to use. This area represents commercial turn-of-the-century FortSmith, a town famous through most of its existence as a travel cross roads.

Depts  
3-12-79  
coll/accept

Need a VBD. We may disagree with assessment of buildings. I see more

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

facade changes than ~~no~~ form implies. <sup>none of</sup> #8 deals <sup>at</sup> original use - ~~the~~ rather than <sup>value of present historic structure</sup> the last sentence of #7 might best serve as the statement of significance. Nowhere in Arkansas is there a greater concentration of Victorian commercial arch. There is some very severe alteration of structures, however, the

no. of out-of-scale intrusions is small. Due to the importance of the street as an element of urban planning (120' ft wide) the continued small scale of structures maintains the Victorian sense of time and place. Some renovation has taken place already. It would be hoped that Nat'l Reg. listing would increase

the amount of remar.

Bergman accept 2/20/79  
**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

This district is significant for its collection of late 19th and early 20th century architecture and for its 19th century community planning. The few blocks of the grand thoroughfare within the district may have the greatest concentration of Victorian commercial buildings on a single avenue in Arkansas. The Richardsonian Romanesque Josiah Foster Building was listed on the National Register January 20, 1978.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
G. Brooks  
4/23/79

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

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Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



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Bldg's # 2&3

*WEST* Garrison Ave. Historic District  
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North Elevations

#1

*Sebastian Co.*

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Bldg. #5

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North Elevation

#2

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Bldg. #6

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north and west elevations

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9-8

Bldg's # 9&8

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East and north elevations viewed  
from the northeast

#4

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ARKANSAS STATE  
BEAUTY SUPPLY CO.

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Bldg. #13  
*West* Garrison Ave. Historic District  
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North elevation viewed from the north  
#5

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Bldg's # 18-17-16

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North and west elevations viewed from the  
the northwest  
#6

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EAGLE  
CLOTHING STORE  
STETSON HATS

STOP  
BOOTS-SHOES

GRAND RAPIDS

STOP  
EAGLE CLOTHING STORE

R-3-8

23-22

Bldg's # 24-23-22-21-20

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north elevations viewed from the southeast  
#7

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JOHNSTON  
TRANSFER STORAGE

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NORTH AMERICAN  
VAN LINES

27

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Bldg. # 27

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South elevation viewed from the south  
#8

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Bldg's #27-28-29-30

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South and east elevations viewed from the  
south east

#9

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Bldg's # 31-32-33-34

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South elevations viewed from the south

#10

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Bldg's # 35-36  
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South elevations viewed from the south  
#11

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Bldg's # 37-38-39-40-41-42

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South and east elevations viewed from  
the southeast

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Bldg. #43

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Fort Smith, Arkansas

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South and east elevation viewed from the  
southeast

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Bldg's #48-49-50

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Fort Smith, Arkansas

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South elevations viewed from the south

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Bldg. # 52

*West* Garrison Ave. Historic District

Fort Smith, Arkansas

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South and east elevations viewed from the so  
southeast

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500 Blk and down

Bldg's # 50-49-48-47-46-45-44-43-42-41

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Garrison Ave. Historic district

Fort Smith, Arkansas

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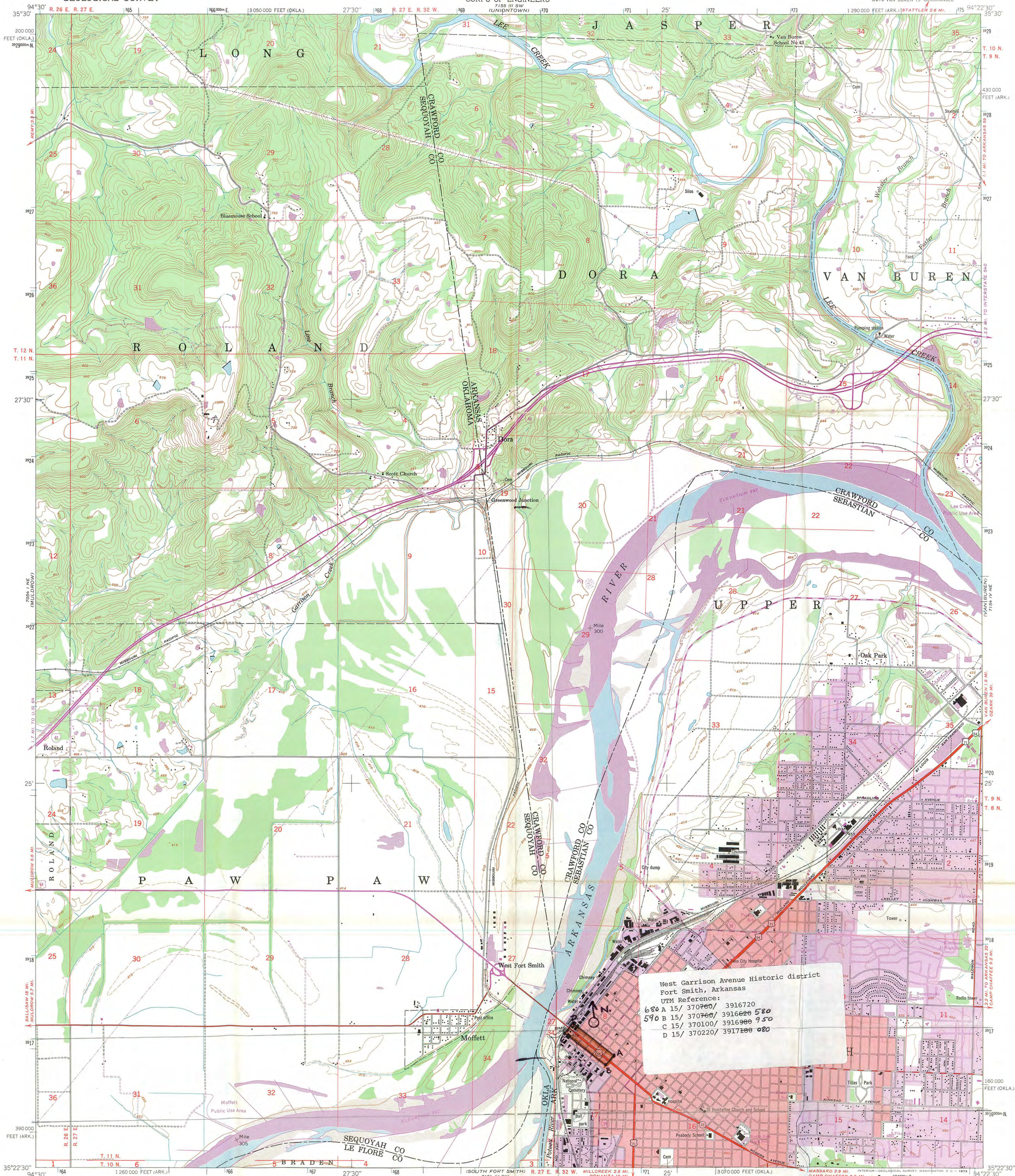
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Looking west at the south elevations on  
Garrison Ave. from the 500 block

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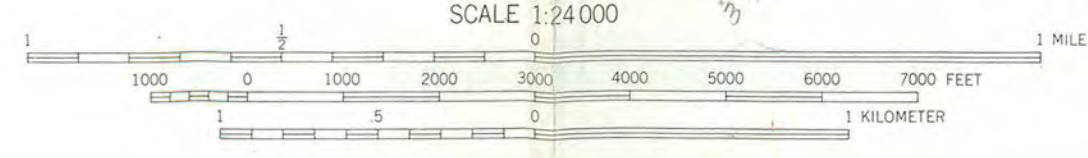
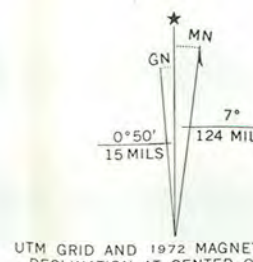
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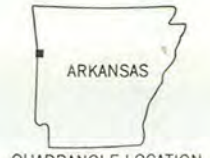


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Fort Smith, Arkansas  
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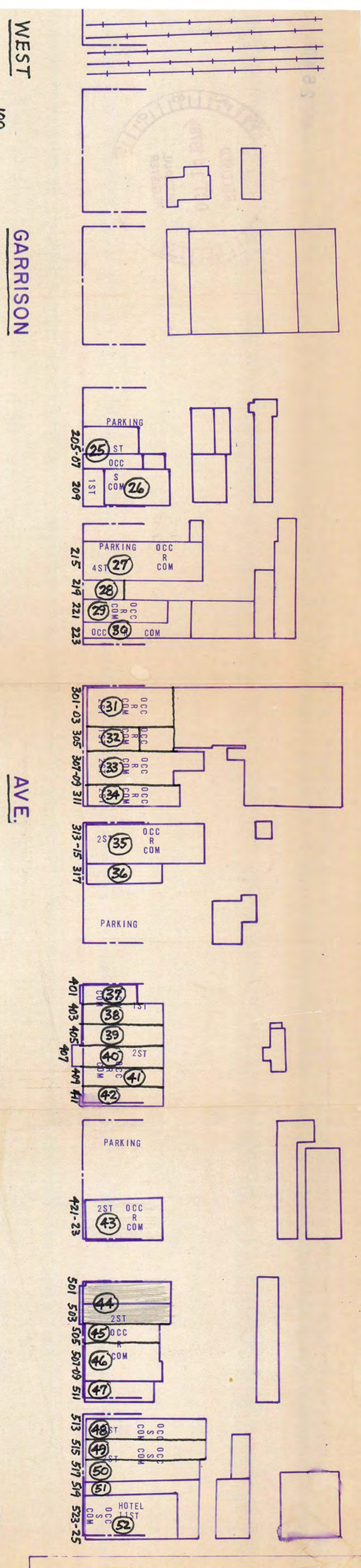
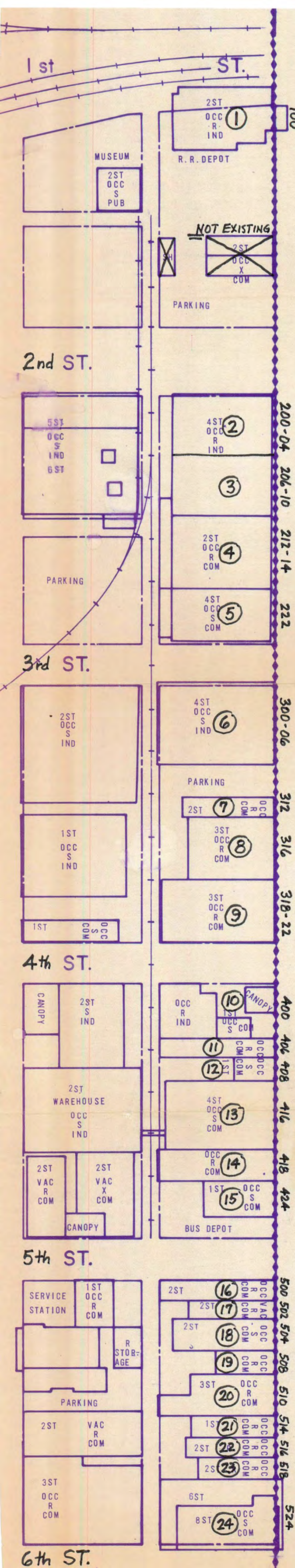
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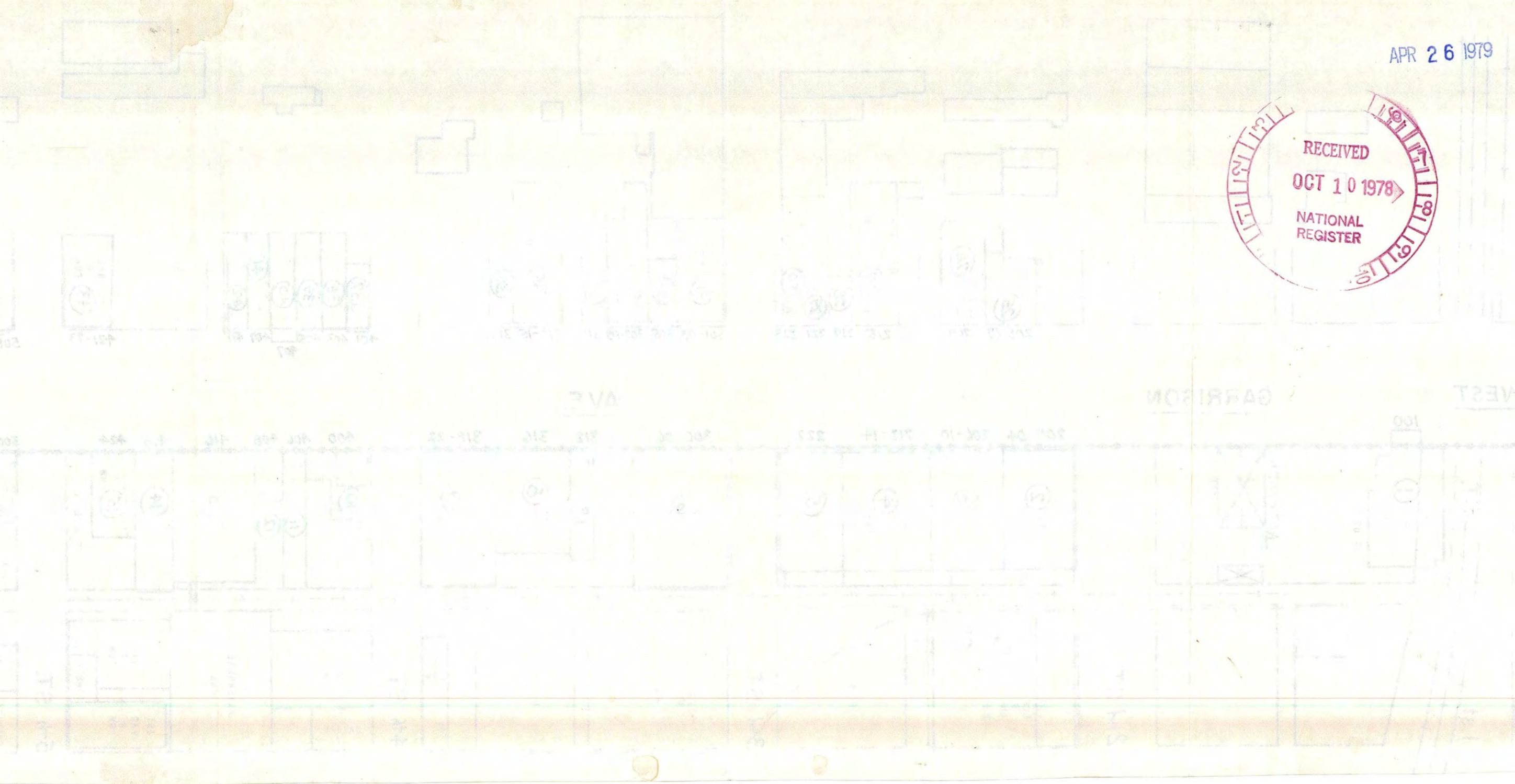
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Since the listing of this district in 1979, a devastating tornado ripped through Fort Smith's downtown area in September, of 1996 causing the destruction of several buildings, while damaging many others. Thirteen (13) buildings, originally included in the district boundaries, were destroyed and their lots now sit vacant (this includes 222 Garrison Avenue, individually listed on 01/20/78). Since the property at 222 Garrison Avenue, listed in the NR before the formation of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District, was completely destroyed by a tornado notification letters will be sent to the property owners in the ensuing months. Once the thirty-day comment period has passed, the appropriate documentation will be submitted to Washington D.C. for the "official" removal of this property from the National Register of Historic Places. Also, the property originally listed as 517 Garrison Avenue is now part of present-day 519 Garrison Avenue. In light of the above-referenced changes, the **total number of resources** now located within the 1979 district boundaries is **thirty-eight** (38).

### PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE

The period of significance is also changed so that it now extends to 1951.

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### Original "West Garrison Avenue Historic District"

NAME OF BUILDING IN ORIGINAL NOMINATION	PRESENT-DAY STREET #	STREET NAME	Former Status	Present Status	Clarifying Comments
<i>Italicizes – Denotes Name Change of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>FRISCO RAILROAD STATION</b> <i>St. Louis &amp; San Francisco Railroad Depot</i>	100	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>WILLIAMS-ECHOLS BUILDING</b> <i>Williams-Echols Dry Goods Co. Building</i>	200-204	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>SPEER HARDWARE BUILDING</b>	?	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	Was originally listed as 206-210.
<b>BERRY DRY GOODS BUILDING</b>	206-210	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion -- NC	Destroyed	Was originally listed as 212-214.
<b>JOSIAH FOSTER BUILDING</b>	222	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	Individually listed in the NR on 01/20/78, before the listing of the district.



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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>CHECKERED-MAYFLOWER BUILDING</b> <i>Reynolds – Davis Wholesale Grocers</i>	300	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C (300 – 306)	NC	This building was damaged by the tornado & all that remains is the façade.
<b>HUTCHESON SHOE STORAGE</b>	312	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>HOTEL LEFLORE</b>	316	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>ADELAIDE HALL</b> <i>W. M. Fishback Building</i>	318-322	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>STANDARD FILLING STATION</b>	400	Garrison Ave.	Linking – NC	C	
<b>HERB'S VETERIANRIAN SUPPLY</b>	406	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	Destroyed	
<b>ARKANSAS BEAUTY SUPPLY</b>	408	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	Destroyed	

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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>MURPHY-RODGERS-WADE BUILDING</b>	416	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>STEINS BUILDING</b>	418	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	Destroyed	
<b>CONTINENTAL BUS STATION</b>	424	Garrison Ave.	Incompatible Intrusion – NC	NC	
<b>HARPER BROTHERS OPERA BAR SALOON</b> <i>Harper-Reynolds Building</i>	500	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>HARLAN BUILDING</b> <i>Harper-Reynolds Liquor Co.</i>	502	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>ROBERTS BUILDING</b> <i>Manhattan Café &amp; Rooming House</i>	504-506	Garrison Ave.	Linking – NC	C	
<b>GOSPEL BOOK SHOP</b> <i>German Bank Building</i>	508	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	NC	

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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE</b> <i>Bloch Queensware Building</i>	510-512	Garrison Ave.	Linking – NC	NC	In original nomination the address was listed as 510.
<b>GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE ANNEX</b> <i>Tip-Top Western Wear</i>	514	Garrison Ave.	Incompatible Intrusion – NC	NC	
<b>TIP TOP BOOTS &amp; SHOES</b> <i>Steisberg &amp; Verfuth Cigar Co. Building</i>	516	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	NC	
<b>EAGLE STORE</b> <i>Turf Billard &amp; Pool Hall</i>	518	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	NC	
<b>FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS &amp; LOAN</b>	524	Garrison Ave.	Incompatible Intrusion – NC	NC	
<i>Moseman Scale Co. Building</i>	205	Garrison Ave.		NC	
<b>CRAFT KITCHENS INC.</b>	209	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	NC	

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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>JOHN SCHAAP BUILDING</b>	215	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>TED BEEN BUILDING</b>	219	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	Destroyed	
<b>GARMENT WAREHOUSE</b>	221	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	Destroyed	
<b>TOM TAYLOR BUILDING</b> <i>W.J. Yafee Clothing Co. Building</i>	223	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>BEN WOLF EMPORIUM</b> <i>Mayer &amp; Wolf Dry Goods Co. Building</i>	301 (301-303)	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>RIVERSIDE CAFÉ</b> <i>Barber Shop Building</i>	305	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>POLYCHROME BRICK BUILDING</b> <i>Franco Liquor Company Building</i>	308-309 (307-309)	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	

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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
MARBLE HALL BUILDING	311 (113-315)	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
THE FAIR BUILDING <i>Fair Department Store Building</i>	315 (313-315)	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
WHITE FRONT SALOON	317	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
CORLEY'S LIQUORS <i>Post Office Building</i>	401	Garrison Ave.	Compatible Intrusion – NC	C	Was originally constructed as the Post Office Building.
RAY'S SADDLERY (403) JEREMIAH'S BARBER SHOP (405) <i>Henderson Brother's Saloon &amp; Grocery</i>	403-405	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C Significant – C	C	This building was originally listed as 2 buildings (403 & 405). However, if you look at the rear of the building, it is clearly one building.
TASSO & CONSTANTINO BUILDING	407	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
KHILLING BUILDING	409	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	



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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>SNIDER &amp; DECKERS</b> <i>Morgan Drug Company Building</i>	411	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>RADIO CENTER BUILDING</b>	421	Garrison Ave.	Linking – NC	C	Originally listed with the address as 421-423; however, it is one building.
<b>GULER &amp; BRUNOLDI</b> <i>Guler &amp; Brunoldi Building</i>	501	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	Traditionally listed as one building which included the present-day Guler & Brunoldi Restaurant. However, these are two separate buildings with two separate addresses.
<b>GULER &amp; BRUNOLDI</b> <i>Guler &amp; Brunoldi Resaurant</i>	503	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	Traditionally listed as one building which included the present-day Guler & Brunoldi Building. However, these are two separate buildings with two separate addresses.
<b>OLD TOWN BUILDING</b> <i>Werner-Fox &amp; Turner Building</i>	505	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>BRACKEN &amp; GARDNER BUILDING</b> <i>Werner-Fox &amp; Turner Building</i>	507-509	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	

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<i>Name of Building in the Amended Nomination</i>					
<b>MITCHELL OFFICES BUILDING</b> <i>Cole Schmidt Building</i>	511	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	
<b>CREDIT BUREAU BUILDING</b> <i>Ayers and Company Hardware Building</i>	513	Garrison Ave.	Linking – NC	C	
<b>SAM SEXTON, JR., ATTY.</b> <i>Tucker Dude &amp; Rubber Co. Building</i>	515	Garrison Ave.	Incompatible Intrusion – NC	NC	
<b>WARD HOTEL ANNEX</b> <i>Sengal &amp; Shulte Hardware Co. Building</i>	519	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	Originally had an address of 517 West Garrison Ave. but it is now 519 West Garrison Ave..
<b>WARD HOTEL</b>	521-523	Garrison Ave.	Significant – C	C	Originally had an address of 521 West Garrison Ave. but it is now 521-523 West Garrison Ave..

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State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Catherine Matthews*  
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/26/01  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: West Garrison Avenue Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 5/04/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/19/01  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79000464

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 6/6/01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA

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DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

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

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered **APR 26 1979**

Name

Location

**West Garrison Avenue Historic District**

**Fort Smith  
Sebastian County**

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers

**Honorable David Pryor  
Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt**

**State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Joan Baldrige  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC West Garrison Avenue Historic District

AND/OR COMMON  
Same

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 100-525 Garrison Avenue

CITY, TOWN Fort Smith

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Third

STATE Arkansas

CODE  
05

COUNTY  
Sebastian

CODE  
131

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## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Multiple Ownership

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sebastian County Court House

STREET & NUMBER 100 South 6th Street

CITY, TOWN Fort Smith

STATE Arkansas

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The West Garrison Avenue Historic District comprises five blocks of the twelve-block-long Garrison Avenue. It includes the oldest surviving buildings on the Avenue which total 34 historically and architecturally significant buildings, 6 linking buildings, 7 compatible intrusions, and only 5 incompatible intrusions. This West end of the 125-foot-wide Avenue is therefore lined with a total of 52 buildings, most of which were built between 1869 and 1912.

A simple, Classic-style solid-stone building built in 1869 is the oldest building, while almost all of the other buildings are of red brick, although some of these have rubble-stone party walls that did not show. Commercial Italianate and Renaissance Architecture of the 1870's and 1880's predominate, however several Richardsonian Romanesque buildings of the 1890's are outstanding also. In addition, are several extremely handsome Classic Revival style buildings of the early 1900's. Many of the buildings are trimmed with very elaborate dentillated and bracketed galvanized iron cornices. Some have cast-iron columns, window architraves and sills as well as other ornamental detailing. Still others have ornate, corbelled brick, semi-circular or elliptical arched windows or doors with brick pilasters. The 1890's and early 1900's buildings are almost all trimmed with cut limestone used in a variety of ways.

The west end of the Avenue still appears remarkably similar to its turn-of-the-century appearance. All buildings conform to the original, uniform facade line except two newer buildings. Only two buildings are over 5 stories tall (both newer also) with the majority being only 2, 3, or 4 stories. The only substantial elements missing are eight buildings, the trolley lines in the center of the Avenue and the original street lamps.

All buildings were and still are used for commercial purposes with few vacancies. Many have been partially or completely restored on the exterior during the past four years, with an emphasis on restoring historically accurate color schemes.

Although the other end of the Avenue contains a considerable number of significant buildings also, it has suffered many more incompatible intrusions. Therefore the West end is much more distinctive, and its overall ambience is indicative of its Victorian heritage. There is no greater concentration of Victorian commercial buildings on a single avenue anywhere else in Arkansas than on West Garrison Avenue.

### Significant Buildings:

1. Frisco RR Station, 100 Garrison Ave., 1910 Classic Revival, 2 stories, cut limestone with wood portico.
2. Williams-Echols Bldg., 200-204 Garrison Ave., 1896, parapet and cornice, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
3. Speer Hardware Bldg., 206-210 Garrison Ave., 1896, parapet and cornice, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
5. Josiah Foster Bldg., 222 Garrison Ave., 1897 Richardsonian Romanesque, 4 stories, brick with cut-stone trim. (Nat'l Reg.)
6. Checkered-Mayflower Bldg., 300-06 Garrison Ave., 1912, arches, pilasters, cornice pedimented entrance, 5 stories, brick.
7. Hutcheson Shoe Storage, 312 Garrison Ave., c.1890 simple Victorian, 2 stories, brick.

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8. Hotel LeFlore, 316 Garrison Ave., 1870, blind arcade, pilasters, three stories, corbeled brick.
9. Adelaide Hall, 318-22 Garrison Ave., c. 1875, arcade, pilasters, 2½ stories, corbeled brick.
13. Murphy-Rodgers-Wade Building, 416 Garrison Ave., 1897, Roman arches, four stories, brick with cut-stone trim.
16. Harper Bros. Opera Bar Saloon, 500 Garrison Ave., c. 1887, cornice, hood molds, two stories, brick.
17. Harlan Building, 502 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, two stories, brick.
19. Gospel Book Shop, 508 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, two stories, brick.
22. Tip-Top Boots & Shoes, 516 Garrison, c. 1900, corbeled cornice, one story, brick and cut stone.
23. Eagle Store, 518 Garrison Ave., c. 1900, cornice, quoins, two stories, corbeled brick.
27. John Schaap Building, 215 Garrison Ave., 1903, arched topped windows, four stories, brick and cut stone.
28. Ted Been Building, 219 Garrison Ave., c. 1900, plain one story brick.
30. Tom Taylor Building, 223 Garrison Ave., 1906, three bays, one story, brick with cut stone trim.
31. Ben Wolf Emporium, 301-03 Garrison Ave., c. 1905, decorative parapet, two stories, brick with iron trim.
32. Riverside Cafe, 305 Garrison Ave., c. 1912, plain brick, one story.
33. Polychrome Brick Building, 307-09 Garrison Ave., c. 1912, altered windows and front, two stories, brick with cut stone.
34. Marble Hall, 311 Garrison, 1869, two stories, solid cut native stone built by E. B. Bright (Oldest building on Avenue).
35. The Fair Building, 313-15 Garrison Ave., c. 1895, iron cornice, Roman arches, altered front, two stories, brick with cut stone.
36. White Front Saloon, 317 Garrison Ave., c. 1896, stone window trim, altered front, two stories, brick.
38. Ray's Saddlery, 403 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
39. Jeremiah's Barber Shop, 405 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice, and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
40. Tasso & Constantino's, 407 Garrison Ave., 1887, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
41. Khilling Building, 409 Garrison Ave., 1881, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
42. Snider & Deckers, 411 Garrison Ave., 1881, cornice and hood molds, two stories, brick with iron trim.
44. Guler & Brunoldi Building, (Old Town), 501-03 Garrison Ave., c. 1880, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
45. Old Town Building, 505 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.

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46. Bracken & Gardner Building, 507-09 Garrison Ave., c. 1890, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
47. Mitchell Offices Building, 511 Garrison Ave., c. 1880, hood molds, cornice, two stories, brick with iron trim.
51. Ward Hotel Annex, 519 Garrison Ave., c. 1928, one story, brick with cut stone trim.
52. Ward Hotel, 523-25 Garrison Ave., 1928, Ionic pilasters, 11 stories, brick with cut stone.

Linking Buildings

10. Standard Filling Station, 400 Garrison Ave., c. 1925, Spanish Colonial Revival, one story, brick and tile.
25. Mosman Scale Comapny Building, 205-07 Garrison Ave., c. 1935, one story, brick with modest corbeling.
18. Roberts Building, 504-06 Garrison Ave., c. 1890's, Building remodeled in 1950's, two stories, brick with Art Deco Black Glass.
20. Grand Rapids Furniture, 510 Garrison Ave., c. 1890 building, remodeled in 1950's, two stories, plastered brick.
43. Radio Center Building, 421-23 Garrison Ave., c. 1890 building remodeled in 1950's, two stories, brick with aluminum sheathing.
48. Credit Bureau Building, 513 Garrison Ave., date of construction unknown, but probably 1890-1900, remodeled in 1950's., two stories, plastered brick

Compatible Intrusions

4. Berry Dry Goods Building, 212-14 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, Art Deco, two stories, brick with cut stone trim.
11. Herb's Veterinarian Supply, 406 Garrison Ave., c. 1940 simple brick, one story, brick.
12. Arkansas Beauty Supply, 408 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, one story, brick.
14. Steins Building, 418 Garrison Ave., c. 1960, one story, brick.
26. Craft Kitchens, Inc., 209 Garrison Ave., c. 1950, one story, brick.
29. Garment Warehouse, 221 Garrison Ave., c. 1940, plain brick, one story, brick.
37. Corley's Liquors, 401 Garrison Ave., Possible 19th Century Bldg. remodeled in 1940's, one story, brick and stone.



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Incompatible Intrusions

15. Continental Bus Station, 424 Garrison Avenue, c. 1960, brick, one story, brick with glass and stucco. (Site of 1880's Grand Opera House).
21. Grand Rapids Furniture Annex, 514 Garrison Ave., c. 1955 plastered brick, one story, plastered brick and glass.
24. First Federal Savings & Loan, 524 Garrison Ave., 1961, seven stories, aluminum, glass & brick.
49. Sam Sexton, Jr., Atty., 515 Garrison Ave., date of construction unknown, but 1960's style, two stories, plastered brick.
50. Ward Hotel Drive-Thru, 517 Garrison Ave., 1960's, two stories, brick with aluminum sheathing.

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"No more can our fair city be maligned by Eastern newspapers as a "frontier hick town" and "Hell on the Border" as it was in the past! The new merchantile blocks stand as a monument to the forward-thinking and progressive citizenry of Fort Smith."<sup>2</sup>

"It is in the six blocks west of Sixth Street, however, that the most notable monuments to modern progress have been made (as of 1900). The South side of the Avenue between Second and Third Streets boasts three enormous new four-story buildings in the Romanesque style, containing the Williams-Echols Dry Goods Co., and the Speer Hardware Co., and the J. Foster Wholesale Grocery Co. All these firms are doing a rousing business, supplying not only the local area, but all the new coal-mining towns in South Sebastian County, and the new Territory of Oklahoma formed from the old Indian Territory of dubious fame (c.1900). Also on the South side of the Avenue occupying nearly half of the 300 block, is the magnificent Hotel LeFlore, resting place of many distinguished visitors to our city, and boasting a handsome lobby lighted with gilded mirrors and electric lamps throughout. The hotel houses also a fine restaurant, and makes use of the grand Adelaide Hall ballroom in the Kannady Block (300 block, South side Garrison Ave.). Further east, still on the South side, is the magnificent new Richardsonian building housing the W.J. Murphy Saddlery and Harness Manufactory, of whom it is said "half the west rides on Murphy saddles." A twin of this great building next door to it houses the Rodgers-Wade Furniture Company. And of course on the corner of Fifth and Garrison is the city's crowning glory, the beautiful Grand Opera House, with its magnificent columned entry-way. Inside the walls of this magnificent citadel of culture, the eye is amazed by enormous murals depicting scenes from Shakespear. The Opera House has offered, and continues to offer, some of the greatest names in entertainment for the edification of this city's cultured citizenry. The South side of the Avenue is lined further, between these great new landmarks, with numerous handsome and sturdy small brick buildings containing all kinds of shops and stores, some with boarding rooms above so that workmen, clerks and businessmen can live in handy comfort nearby their places of employment. There are several lunchrooms and dining places, a grocery store, a meat market, several tailors and shoemakers, and the Harper Brothers Opera Bar and the Joseph Kohler Saloon, handsomely furnished retreats of gentlemen of the Avenue."<sup>3</sup>

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Garrison Avenue, a twelve block grand thoroughfare, was laid out by City Founder, John Rogers in 1838, and is the main street of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The town of Fort Smith was built around the first military fort on the Great Southwestern Frontier. It was, from the beginning, a merchant town, full of storehouses and suppliers. It sold guns and saddles and "necessaries" to the wagon trains of westering Americans. At the gateway of the Santa Fe Trail, the town saw California Gold Rushes, great plains settlers, cattle drivers, and the Butterfield Overland Stage. Here, in the wake of the Civil War, lingering Old South traditions came together with Northern industrial enterprise on the rough edge of Indian territory and the Great West.

Many shop owners on Garrison Avenue lived on the second floor of their buildings, others lived in Boarding Hotels located often on the second and third floors of Garrison Avenue Buildings. Thus, Garrison Avenue is more than just a "main street". It was for many years the major part of the town. The east end of the Avenue was lined with private residences until the early 1900's, and at the head of the Avenue at 13th Street stands one of the oldest churches in the community. Therefore, it is the west end of Garrison Avenue that was from its beginning the "commercial" end, even though second and third floors were often used for residential purposes.

It is West Garrison Avenue that exhibits most graphically the way the town looked around the turn of the century.

"The Avenue itself is as handsome a street as (could) be seen anywhere (at the turn of the century) even in Paris, France. It is 120 feet wide, laid out in grand style half a century ago by city founder John Rogers himself, in memory of his beloved Canal Street in New Orleans. The Avenue is fully paved with hand-burned brick right down to the river side, where there is a landing for river boats not much used now (in 1900), since the several railroads in town provide much more dependable freight and passenger service, not having to concern themselves, as steamboats did, about the vagaries of river depth and sandbars."<sup>1</sup>

"These new buildings (Built in 1896-99) are the very latest style, patterned after the famous Richardsonian Romanesque designs which grace the great cities of Chicago and St. Louis. So perfectly have these structures been executed by the city's master masons and stoneworkers that it is said a visitor from Chicago stepping from a Pullman sleeping car at the railroad station would scarcely know he had left home.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrison Avenue Herald. Fort Smith, Arkansas, November 12, 1977. This facsimile of an early Fort Smith newspaper contains a detailed history of Garrison Avenue.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	115	371071610	391167210
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	950
C	115	371011010	391169810

B	115	371061610	391166210
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	115	371021210	391171810

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Vincent Robinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

City of Fort Smith

DATE

August 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

623 Garrison Avenue

TELEPHONE

501-785-2801

CITY OR TOWN

Fort Smith

STATE

Arkansas

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

*Ann Bailey* 10/3/78

TITLE

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property West Garrison Avenue Historic District  
State Ark. Working Number 10.10.78.4224

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 16  
Maps 1, sketch

*UTM incorrect*

**CONTROL**

*pl*  
*10.10.78*

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*returned for owners list.*

*Return*  
*Lebovich*  
*12/4/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back 12.8.78 Entered \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Re-submit 1.12.79



NAME OF PROPERTY West Garrison Avenue Historic District STATE Arkansas

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

**7** Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8** Statement of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9** Bibliography: \_\_\_\_\_

**10** Geographical Data -- Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM Reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**12** Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographic Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Please submit a list of property owners.

(Since no owners' list, this nomination was not reviewed)

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Delores Byers  
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-7461

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Lebovich *SL*  
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: Dec 4, 1978

# TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: *Hawson ave. HD.*

TO/FROM: *Mike Shinn*

DATE: *3-21*

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER:

*Sheffy*

DIVISION:

REPORT:

*Need a VBD*

*asked that they call us with it a serv  
certification sheet*

*asked that they call if it is going to be  
difficult to get*

*Will read converted UTM points to ~~them~~ when they call  
back*

# TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: West Haines Ave

TO/FROM: Mike Shin

DATE: 4-2-78

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: Shiffy

DIVISION:

REPORT:

- ~~have to~~
- ~~but local water or sponsor~~
- have to yet gather the VBD -  
but is going to call a local  
sponsor to see if they can't  
supply quickly

( we may have to return )  
Mike is supposed to call .



# United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20243

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32-NR

February 7, 1979

Dear Property Owner:

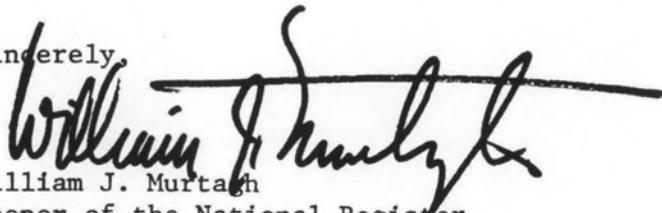
The property you own is located in a historic district that has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and the district is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether the district should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether the district should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name of the district (as shown on the address label on this letter) and property address. If you have questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don'ts for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

August Khilling  
411 Garrison Ave.  
Fort Smith, AR 72901

Re: West Garrison Ave. Hist. Dist.

Department of the Interior

Division of Cultural Resources

Washington, D.C. 20540

March 6, 1979

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**MAR 06 1979**

DATE RECD \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL SENT

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

6/1/79 J.S.



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WEST GARRISON AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT 10-24-78

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL WIRING

BOILER AND FLAME CONTROL SERVICE

10 3-21-79 HOLD

# Khilling Industrial Electric Co.

August M. Khilling

- ANYTHING ELECTRICAL -  
1315 <sup>SO 11TH</sup> ~~FOWAN~~ AVENUE - PHONE SU 2-1064  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS 72901

2-20-1979

Dr. William J. Murtazh  
Keeper Of The National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department Of The Interior  
Pension Building  
440 G Street  
Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM)

Reply-Reference H32-NR  
Ref: West Garrison Ave. Historical District, Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. William J. Murtazh

In receipt of your letter of February 7, 1979 & general information about the National Register Program, I am (and have been for a number of years) very interested in this program.

I have three buildings which have been restored at 407, 409 and 411 garrison avenue, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. We basically restored these <sup>PLAZA</sup> under the guide line outlined in your literature, worked in conjunction with the city & state historian Mr. John Robinson.

These buildings have been restored on the outside to their original 1890'S appearance colors & all, and have been re-done inside-now used as businesses, offices, storage & my private apartment. They are structurally sound, covered well by insurance & finance by local finance co. & banks.

We will be pleased to be listed on the National Register Program.

Sincerely Yours

*August M. Khilling*  
August M. Khilling  
1315 So 11th St.  
Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

AMK/hs

411 garrison ave building - August M. Khilling  
409 garrison ave building

407 garrison ave building - August M. Khilling  
Doug Silmon

(ALL 25' X 90' 2 STORY)

NAME OF PROPERTY West Gausser Avenue STATE Arkansas

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: 3-21-79

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: 4-21-79  
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: Mike Shinn - Arkansas Shp O

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

VBD - Rec: 4/10/79

Shinn  
Reviewer

DUBIE 12/31

listed  
4-26-79

Shunk  
12-31-79

JAN - 7 1980

Sebastian C.

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Mr. Eddie N. Christian  
Wiggins, Christian & Garner  
602 First Federal Building  
Post Office Box 1725  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 79202

Dear Mr. Christian:

By letter of October 11, 1979, the Acting Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places notified you that the 502 Garrison Building contributes to the historic character of the West Garrison Avenue Historic District in Fort Smith. You appealed that decision in your letter dated November 12, 1979, and received in this office on November 21, 1979. This letter states that on October 5, 1979, in a conversation with Ms. Margaret Doyle of Technical Preservation Services Division you requested that your certification application be returned, because you could not comply with the Secretary's "Standard for Rehabilitation" in connection with the 502 Garrison Building.

I concur with the National Register's assessment that the 502 Garrison Building is a contributing structure in the West Garrison Avenue Historic District. However, because the National Register conducted its review without knowledge of your request of October 5, 1979, that the application be returned to you, I have overturned the Register's certification of significance.

I

Sincerely,  
/sgd./ Jerry L. Rogers

Jerry L. Rogers  
Acting Associate Director  
for Cultural Programs

cc: Ms. Joan Baldrige  
Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation  
Program, Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

bcc: Director's Reading File/Cultural Programs- JRogers  
FHR: C Dubie:ggk:343-6401:12/31/79  
BASIC FILE RETAINED IN NR

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: West Garrison Avenue Historic District  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: APR 26 1979  
 ④ county code: 131

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 100--525 Garrison Ave.  
 city / town: Fort Smith  
 vicinity of:  
 state: AR  
 county: Sebastian  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL  
 ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO  
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 3  
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑮ ACREAGE  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  
 excellent  good  fair  
 deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  unexcavated  
 altered  unaltered  reconstructed  excavated  
 original site  moved  unknown

⑰ features:  
 INTERIOR:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-4  NOT APPLICABLE-7  
 EXTERIOR:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-5  NOT APPLICABLE-8  
 ENVIRONS:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown  
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO  
 ⑳ SAVED?  YES  
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  AGRICULTURE-3  ARCHITECTURE-4  ART-5  
 COMMERCE-6  COMMUNICATIONS-7  CONSERVATION-8  ECONOMICS-9  EDUCATION-10  
 ENGINEERING-11  ENTERTAINMENT-26  EXPLORATION-12  HEALTH-27  INDUSTRY-13  INVENTION-14  
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  LAW-16  LITERATURE-17  MILITARY-18  MUSIC-19  PHILOSOPHY-20  
 POLITICS/GOVT.-21  RELIGION-22  SCIENCE-23  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  
 RECREATION-28  SETTLEMENT-29  URBAN PLANNING-31  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 TRANSPORTATION-25

㉓ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉔ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:  
 CURRENTLY:  
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:  
 major alterations:  
 historic events:  
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):  
 ㉘ architect:  
 ㉙ master builder:  
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:  
 ㉜ interior decorator:  
 ㉝ artist:  
 ㉞ artisan:  
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP



Owner List for West Garrison Avenue

1. Mr. Richard Mitchell, 100 Garrison Avenue
2. J.R. Woods, 200 - 204 Garrison
3. Berry Inv. Co., 206-210 Garrison
4. " " " 212 - 214 Garrison
5. Old Fort Museum Assoc., 222 Garrison
6. Richard Griffin, 300-06 Garrison
7. W. L. Hutcheson, 1303 S. Cliff Drive
8. Wm. L. Hutcheson, " " " "
9. " " " , " " " "
10. Bill Jarman, Rt.1 Charleston Box 361
11. " "
12. " "
13. W.M. Eads Sr., 1212 Albert Pike
14. J.J. Stein (Trust), 418 Garrison
15. Ark. Bldg., Inc., 424 Garrison
16. Kemal Kutart, 1120 Lexington -
17. Virgil Bracken, 12 Berry Hill
18. Dr. M.M. Roberts, 445 N. 47th
19. Robert Westfall, 508 Garrison
20. John Reichardt, 510 Garrison
21. " " . 514 Garrison
22. Narisis Bros., 516 Garrison
23. Ted Miller. 2511 S. Dallas
24. First Federal, 524 Garrison
25. J.E. Mosman, 205 Garrison
26. Edward Cross, 209 Garrison
27. Ben Johnston, 215 Garrison
28. Martin Henley, 219 Garrison
29. Marion Henley & Gene Johnston, 221 Garrison
30. Gene Johnston. 223 Garrison
31. Gilmer Dixon, 301 Garrison
32. August Khilling, 411 Garrison
33. Charles Palmer & Carl Corley, 307-09 Garrison
34. Phil White, 311 Garrison
35. Nan Wiggins, 313-15 Garrison



36. Harry Swartz, 317 Garrison
37. Robert Westfall, 401 Garrison
38. " " , 403 Garrison
39. " " , 405 Garrison
40. Doug Silmon & August Khilling, 411 Garrison
41. August Khilling, 411 Garrison
42. August Khilling, 411 Garrison
43. Valley Corp. (Horace Boren), 423 Garrison
44. Victor Carey, 501 Garrison
45. Victor Carey, 501 Garrison
46. Virgil Bracken, 12 Berry Hill
47. Richard Mitchell, 2122 Rogers
48. Bill Sallee, 513 Garrison
49. Zisimos Catsavis, 5310 Tantis
50. Garrison Bldg, Inc., 517 Garrison
51. " " " , 519 Garrison
52. " " " , 523-25 Garrison



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The Department of  
**Arkansas  
Heritage**

Mike Huckabee, Governor  
Cathie Matthews, Director

Arkansas Arts Council  
▪  
Arkansas Natural Heritage  
Commission  
▪  
Historic Arkansas Museum  
▪  
Delta Cultural Center  
▪  
Old State House Museum



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April 26, 2001

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1849 C St. NW  
Room NC 400  
Washington DC 20240

RE: West Garrison Avenue Historic District – **Boundary Increase**  
West Garrison Avenue Historic District – **Amendment**

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the documentation for the above-referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process. We have notified John Sorrenson, who is the Historic Preservation Program Manager for the U.S. Postal Service Facilities, that a post office lies within the proposed district boundary.

We also acknowledge that 222 Garrison Avenue, which lies within the boundaries of the original historic district, is no longer extant. In the ensuing months we will notify the property owner and submit the proper documentation required to validate the removal of this property from the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:km

Enclosures

