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902 West Second		NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
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Arkansas	CODE 05	COUNTY Pulaski	CODE 119	
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BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION	
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OWNER OF PROPERTY NAME Ben McMinn STREET & NUMBER 902 West Second	of Acomic geometrics Efficiency for the			
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CONDITION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fones House was built in 1878 by one of Little Rock's leading financial figures, Daniel G. Fones. The two and one-half storey red brick structure is characteristic of Victorian Italianate architecture.

The exterior is marked by several distinguishing features. A steep gabled roof lies above the bracketed frieze. Topping the house is wrought iron cresting, sometimes referred to as a widow's walk. The door and window heads are in several different styles. A dominant window head style found on several second storey windows is the keystone arch. The windows on the first floor are predominately grouped in triplets whereas the second storey windows are found in pairs. Located on the southeast bay and east elevation is a band of decorative woodwork which marks the second storey line.

A dominant exterior feature is the two-storey bay which projects from the southeast corner of the house. The three first floor windows are covered by a single plain semi-eliptical window head. An ornately railed balcony projects from the second floor. The gable end is marked by a decorative air vent.

The facade of the house features a porch supported by bracketed posts. A second storey balcony extends across the facade and is bordered by a decorative railing. An air vent similar to the one found in the bay gable marks the gable end of the facade.

The interior of the Fones House is much less ornate than the exterior. Features of note are the carved walnut newell post with round and eliptical shaped panels located on the stairway in the foyer, and the unusual shaped ceiling medallions which ornately combine a floral and foliage pattern with inset square patterns. There are six fireplaces in the house, three on the first floor and three on the second floor. All but one of the mantels are cast iron. A walnut mantel found in the west parlor features baluster like columns with a centered foliage pattern between two panels of vertical grooves located under the mantelpiece. Found in the transom over the windows in the first floor room of the southeast bay is the original stained glass.

For approximately thirty years, Dr. Samuel T. Wallis Cull occupied the house. He resided upstairs and maintained a medical clinic on the first floor of the house. The rooms were altered to accommodate the clinic. Linoleum flooring was placed on the first floor and in removing it, the damage to the pine floor was found too extensive to be repaired. For this reason the present owner has put in parquet flooring downstairs. Upstairs the original pine flooring remains.

Exterior alterations to the house have been minimal and are concentrated on the north elevation. The lattice porch was glassed in and a second storey enclosure was added to facilitate use of the back stairway, which has also been added. The two second storey windows on the north elevation have been

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shortened. The present owner is in the process of replacing the mortar in the brick which accounts for the variance in color.

The Fones House lies on a large corner lot which is still enclosed by the original iron fence. To the rear of the house stands a two-storey rectangular shaped building which is commonly referred to as the carriage house. It is also constructed of red brick.

The Fones House remains in good condition and the present owner, Ben McMinn is restoring the exterior to near the same appearance as when Daniel G. Fones resided in the house from 1878 to 1912.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
^X _1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DATES

PERIOD

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Fones House, located at 902 West Second in Little Rock, lies primarily in two areas. Architecturally, the house presents characteristics of the Victorian Italianate style which is infrequently found in the Little Rock vicinity. In the area of commerce, the house is representative of a prosperous businessman's home during the Gilded Age in central Arkansas. Daniel G. Fones was considered one of the leading financial figures in Little Rock and the business he founded in 1859 is still operating successfully.

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The two and one-half storey Fones House is constructed of red brick. The exterior features a bracketed frieze topped by a steep gabled roof with wrought iron cresting, decorative window heads in several different styles and ornately railed balconies.

Daniel Gilbert Fones was born in Decatur, Georgia on August 19, 1837, the eldest son of Alvan T. and Adelia A. Cone Fones. His father was a native of Raleigh, North Carolina and a son of Daniel Fones. Alvan T. Fones moved to Decatur, Georgia when a young man and engaged in the tin and stone business. Adelia A. Cone, whom he married, was born in New York State in 1821. She was the daughter of Gilbert Cone, who migrated to Georgia with him family about 1828.

Alvan T. Fones died when his sons Daniel, James and Alvan were quite young, leaving the family in reduced financial circumstances. Despite his father's death, Daniel G. Fones received a common school education at Sardis Academy, a Presbyterian School near Rome, Georgia. At the age of fifteen, Daniel Fones became an apprentice to a tinsmith to help support the family. After learning the trade he relocated in 1855 to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and in 1859 moved to Little Rock. His mother and brothers followed his move to Little Rock in 1860.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Fones enlisted in the Confederate Army and his trade as a journeyman tinsmith secured for him the position of foreman of the tin shops in the ordinance division of the Trans-Mississippi Army. At the end of the war he returned to Little Rock.

Before joining the Confederate army he had formed a partnership with his brothers in 1859 known as Fones Brothers'. The business dealt in hardware,

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES Arkansas Gazette, May 29, 1912. Brock, Mrs. Edward C., "Mrs. James A. Fones" Archives, Arkansas History Commission, May 1954. McMinn, Mrs. Ben. Personal interview at Fones House, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 30, 1975. 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1ess than one acre A 1,5 5 6,59,10 3,84,520,0 ZONE VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE CODE COUNTY CODE STATE CODE COUNTY CODE II FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Sandra Taylor, Historian ORGANIZATION DATE Arkansas Historic Preservation Program 6 - 10 - 75TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER 501-371-1639 300 West Markham CITY OR TOWN STATE Arkansas Little Rock 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS: STATE NATIONAL . 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. William E. Henderson FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE DATE 6-10-75 TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

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but was primarily a tin and stone business. Later the firm incorporated and became known as the Fones Brothers' Hardware Company, which became one of the strongest wholesale hardware houses in the southwest.

Fones was president of the Fones Brothers' Hardware Company, President of the Arkansas Building and Loan Association, Vice President of the Equitable Building and Loan Association, President of the German National Bank and was associated with many other financial enterprises. He served as an alderman in Little Rock and in 1916 was elected to the Little Rock School Board.

Fones married Texanna Dustan Reaves on May 30, 1867, who died in 1893. In 1899 he was married to Mrs. James Hennegan Tucker. Fones, who had no descendants, died May 28, 1916.

The Fones House was utilized by Dr. Samuel T. Wallis Cull as a medical clinic for over thirty years. Although it was altered to accommodate the doctor's offices the house remains in good condition. Since 1968, the Fones House has been owned by a Little Rock attorney, Ben McMinn, who is in the process of restoring the exterior to its original condition.

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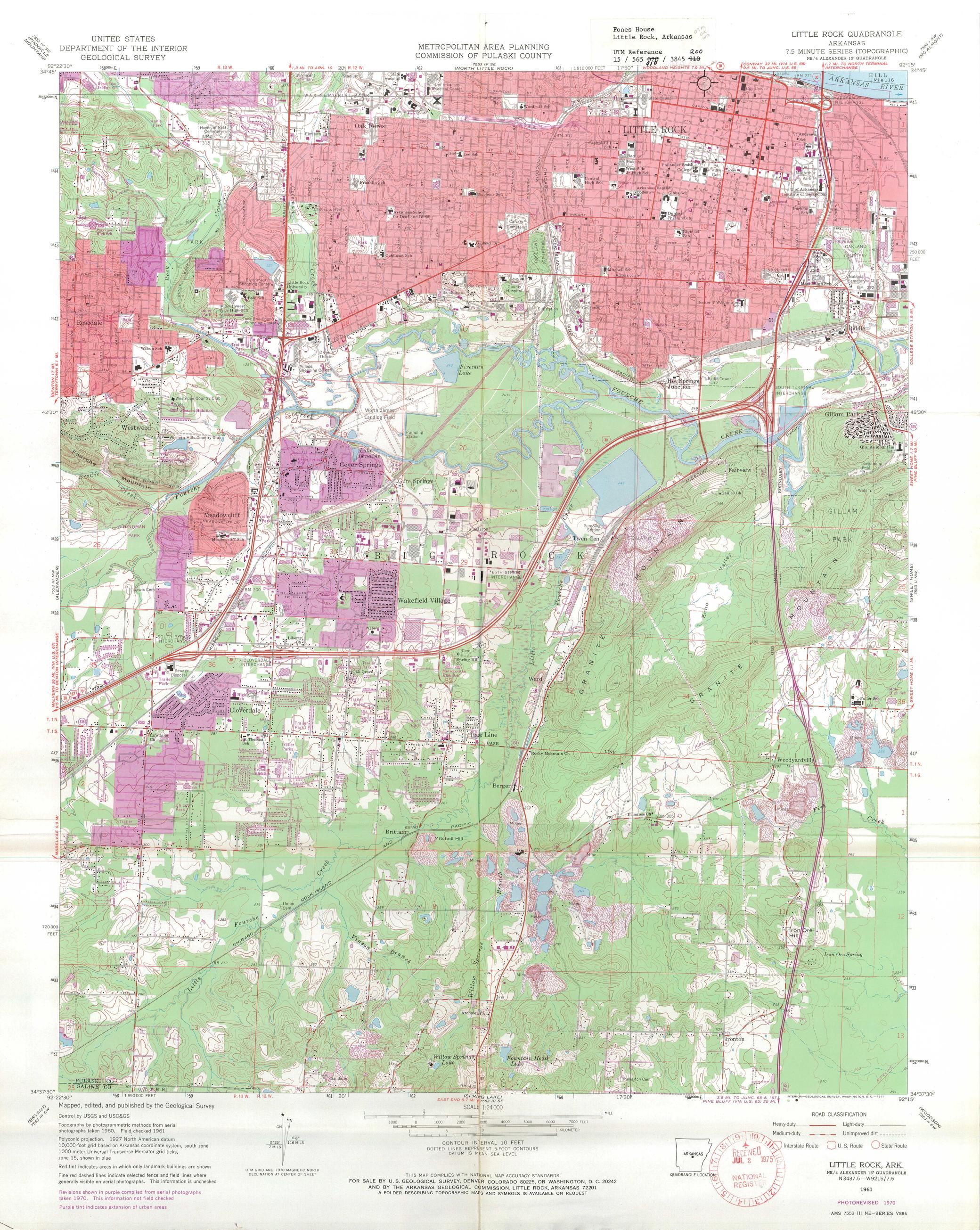
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

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Fones House

Little Rock Pulaski County

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Hon. Bill Alexander

Mon. Wilbur D. Mills

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Mr. Gene Richardson

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Department of Natural and Cultural Haritage

The Old State House

300 West Merkham

Little Rock, Arkenses 72201

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