

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For NPS use only

received SEP 5 1985

date entered OCT 3 1985

## 1. Name

historic Habicht-Cohn-Crow

and/or common Crow-Newberry

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 8th and Pine

☒ not for publication

city, town Arkadelphia

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

code 05

county Clark

code 019

## 3. Classification

## Category

☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object

## Ownership

☐ public☒ private☐ both

## Public Acquisition

☐ in process☐ being considered

N/A

## Status

☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress

## Accessible

☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no

## Present Use

☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ educational☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ museum☐ park☒ private residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ transportation☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wingfield, Jr.

street &amp; number 8th and Pine

city, town Arkadelphia

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clark County Courthouse

street &amp; number Fourth and Crittenden

city, town Arkadelphia

state Arkansas

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no N/Adate ☐ 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

### SUMMARY

✓ The Habicht-Cohn-Crow House, located at Eighth and Pine Streets, is one of the oldest structures in Arkadelphia. Built in 1870, this frame residence has a central hall plan and is two rooms deep. Predominately influenced by the Greek Revival, this finely-detailed structure is embellished with elaborate brackets and jig-sawn trim, thus eloquently revealing the eclectic nature of stylistic transitions.

### ELABORATION

Sited on an ample corner lot, the Habicht-Cohn-Crow House is picturesquely fronted by two large magnolia trees. Built by Captain Anthony E. Habicht, a Northerner reputedly influenced by The Burn in Natchez, the design of this one-story residence was strongly influenced by the Greek Revival, a style which enjoyed great popularity in Arkansas.

The original house, before any additions, consisted of two rooms of equal size on either side of a central hall. The Greek temple-fronted house is of frame construction, with weatherboard siding and a hip roof pierced by brick chimneys. The structure is supported by brick piers, between which brick infill replaces the wood lattice visible in a 1926 photograph. A belvedere, which was an original feature of the house, was removed c. 1935. Extended eaves are supported by large jig-sawn brackets. A wide simple cornice extends around the front portico and the original four elevations. Pilasters with simple caps are located at each corner of the original rectangular mass. Since its construction, several additions and alterations have occurred that reflect turn-of-the-century and early twentieth century tastes.

A gabled Greek temple-front, portico projects from the rectangular mass of the house, extending across six-eighths of the front facade. The large gabled pediment is supported by four slightly tapered paneled square columns with simple caps. Large brackets project from the wide frieze and simple cornice. A large multi-paned arched attic window is centered in the flush board-sided tympanum. Slender compound pilasters flank the attic window and three rows of jig-sawn ornament embellish the deep raking cornice. The impressive entrance has wood paneled double-doors with four-light sidelights and a five-light transom. The sidelights are flanked on either side by compound pilasters. Further enriching the classical door surround are five triglyphs above the transom and extensions of the compound pilasters beneath the transom. Large six-over-six double-hung windows with architrave trim with ancones flank the entrance. Pilasters that echo the two outer columns are positioned between the windows and the corner pilasters. Wood panels extend from the inside pilasters to the entrance.

The south side elevation, has two six-over-six double-hung windows with a decorative window head of two recessed arches. A 1900 three-sided addition extends from the southwest corner replacing the original detached kitchen. Each side of the bay has a two-over-two double-hung window. A round decorative wood vent is located in the gable end, the bottom corners of which feature elaborate wood trim.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number 7

Page 1

The rear elevation has a center screened porch between the two 1900 additions. A flat-roofed porte cochere rests on brick piers and extends from the front of the porch. An elliptical attic vent projects from the rear slope of the hip roof above the porch.

The interior of the house has pine floors, plaster walls and plaster ceilings with circular plaster medallions. Ceilings are fourteen feet high throughout. All four rooms and the hall have tall paneled baseboards, and each of the rooms has a fireplace. Though each mantelpiece design incorporates pilasters and a shelf, each of the four is detailed differently. Front and rear rooms are connected by a door located beside the fireplace. Rear rooms are connected to the two 1900 additions by doors next to the fireplaces, which are flanked on the opposite side by closets. Window surrounds duplicate those found on the exterior. The wide central hall was partitioned-off at the west end to provide space for a bathroom sometime around 1950. At the same time, the stair, which leads to the unfinished attic, was reoriented so that it is two flights with a landing rather than one long flight as originally constructed. The stair has a walnut rail, a massive turned newel post and turned-spindle banister. In 1935 the interior was redecorated, at which time several interior paneled wood doors were replaced with multi-paned glass doors.



## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1870 Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

#### SUMMARY

The Habicht-Cohn-Crow House, located in the small southeastern town of Arkadelphia, was constructed in 1870, for Captain Anthony E. Habicht, who came to the South during Reconstruction. Habicht knew there were fortunes to be made in this small community which had been established long before statehood. He is said to have asked his builder, a Mr. Gebhardt who was a Mennonite, to pattern the house after one he had seen in Natchez, Mississippi. Habicht requested a house whose predominate influence in style and form is the Greek Revival. Yet he drew upon other stylistic influences to create a residence which is clearly distinctive in comparison to others in the state.

#### ELABORATION

Captain Habicht came to Arkadelphia shortly before the Iron Mountain Railroad was completed. The coming of the railroad brought rapid growth to the community which formerly relied on the Ouachita River as a transportation outlet. Habicht left Clark County in 1875, having sold his home to M. M. Cohn, an Arkadelphia merchant who later moved to Little Rock and established the M. M. Cohn Company, a well known and highly respected specialty shop which is still in operation.

Mr. Cohn sold the residence to A. M. Crow in 1880. Crow was a native of Clark County, having been born there in 1833. During his business career, Crow was engaged in real estate. He served as agent for the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, overseeing approximately 200,000 acres. Crow represented other companies as well, including Shattuck and Hoffman of New Orleans, Jarvis Conklin Mortgage Company of Kansas City, Little Rock Trust Company, and the Southern Trust Company of Memphis.

The Crow family occupied the house for some time, Fannie Crow, the daughter of A. M. Crow, married William Gerig in 1890. Gerig, the son of Swiss immigrants, was an outstanding engineer who worked on a navigation survey of the Mississippi River. He was also Division engineer in charge of the construction of one of the four segments of the Panama Canal.

In 1915, Gerig was consulting engineer during the digging of the New York Barge Canal. Following a stint as consulting engineer for the building of the Alaskan Railway between Seward and Fairbanks, the Anchorage Daily Times said of him, "Mr. Gerig leaves tomorrow for his home in the states. He has ingratiated himself in the hearts of our people. As a railroad builder his success is a matter of history and is enviable." Gerig and his wife acquired the Habicht-Cohn-Crow House 1932. They transferred ownership in 1937 to their daughter, Mildred Gerig Newberry and her husband, Jacob. In 1971, Mrs. Newberry willed the house to her children. The Wingfield family acquired the house in 1983.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Arkadelphia, Ark.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 1 5 4 94 8 60 3 7 7 5 54 0  
Zone Easting Northing

B                                      
Zone Easting Northing

C                                    

D                                    

E                                    

F                                    

G                                    

H                                    

Verbal boundary description and justification East 5 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, 9 and 10 in block 3 of William F. Browning's Survey of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Diane Wingfield, edited by AHPP staff

organization property owner

date

street & number 8th and Pine

telephone (501) 246-6668

city or town Arkadelphia

state Arkansas

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   national    state X 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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

Delores Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

85002717

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETHabicht--Cohn--Crow House  
Clark County  
ARKANSASWorking No. SEP 5 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 10/3/85 → 10/20/85  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-3-85  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_Entered in the  
National Register

- ☐
- resubmission
- 
- ☐
- nomination by person or local government
- 
- ☐
- owner objection
- 
- ☐
- appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

## 1. Name

## 2. Location

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

## 4. Owner of Property

## 5. Location of Legal Description

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

## 7. Description

## Condition

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

## Check one

- ☐
- unaltered
- 
- ☐
- altered

## Check one

- ☐
- original site
- 
- ☐
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐
- summary paragraph
- 
- ☐
- completeness
- 
- ☐
- clarity
- 
- ☐
- alterations/integrity
- 
- ☐
- dates
- 
- ☐
- boundary selection



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_

Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Viewed from the West





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Window Detail (south elevation)





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984-- Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
1900 Kitchen addition





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Rear elevation (east)



Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Bracket Detail





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Viewed from Northwest





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Viewed from the Southeast



Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Pediment Detail





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Parlor mantel





Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Doorway





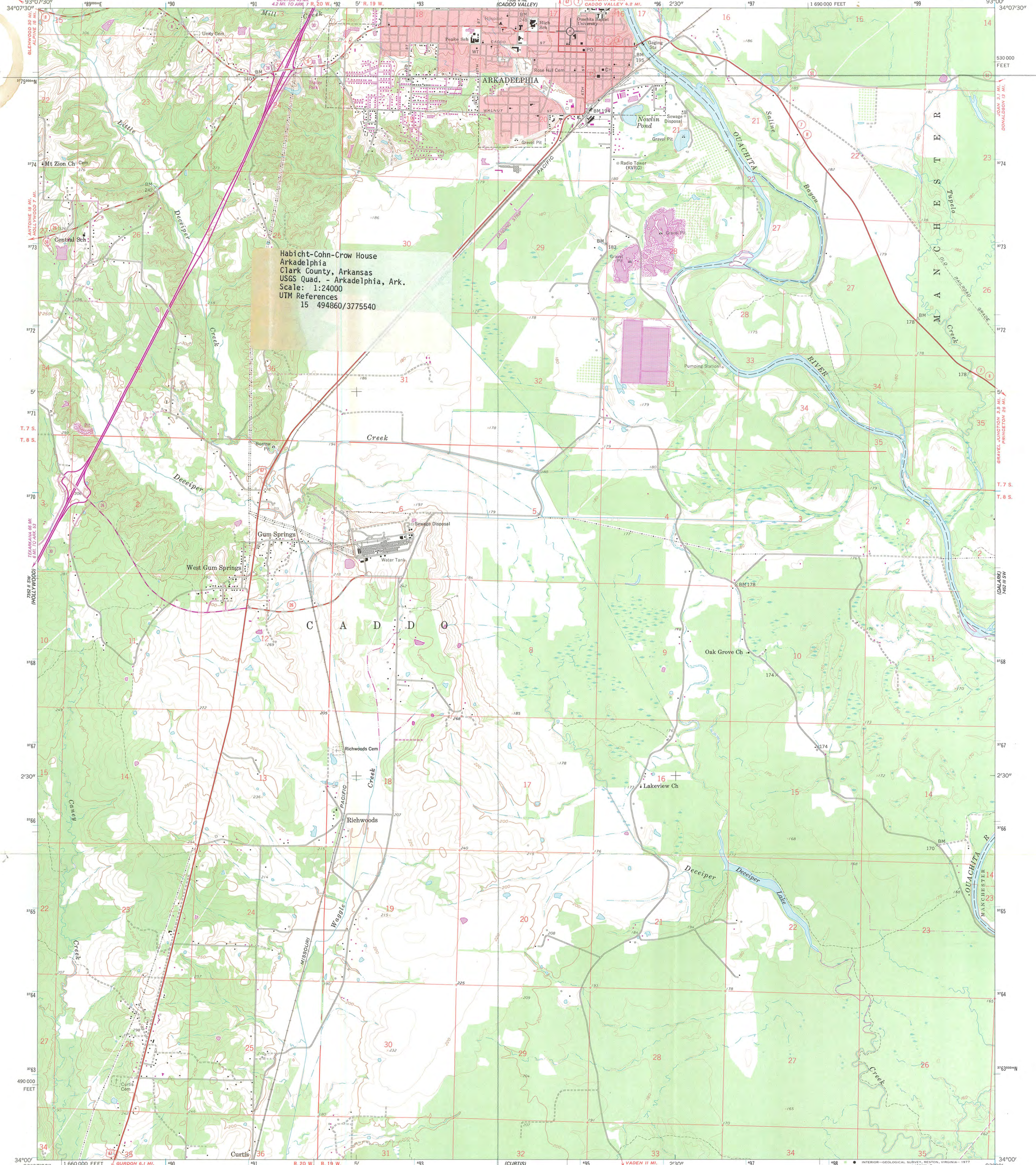
Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984-- Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Mantel



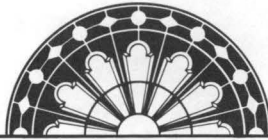


Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, Clark County  
Photographed in 1984--Negatives at AHPP  
Alice Jones, photographer  
Interior central hall









ARKANSAS  
HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
PROGRAM

August 23, 1985

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1100 "L" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Habicht-Cohn-Crow House  
Arkadelphia, AR  
Clark County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Habicht-Cohn-Crow House. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles  
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/AJ/ss

Enclosure/s



SEP 5 1985