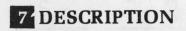
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The Baker House is a Queen Anne styled residence constructed in 1898-1899. The plan is ell-shaped with a round tower centered on the south side. The roof is gabled with a hipped section which joins the three story tower to the 2½ story house. The entrance porch which radiates out from the tower is semi-circular and is decorated in spool and spindel work supported by scroll brackets on posts which are set on capitaled wood piers. Entrance to the porch is through a "moon gate". The building has a dentiled and ogee cornice. The gable ends are pedimented and finished imbricated shingles. In each gable end is a palladian window. The third story of the tower is finished in rectangular shingles with a band of diamond shingles around the middle of the story. The tower has a ogee and dentiled cornice. Windows are one over one with stone lentils and sills. The foundation is rusticated stone.

Alterations include an addition to the west, marked by a change in brick pattern. The porch floor originally wood was replaced by concrete in the 1920's. The tower roof burned in 1922.

On the interior is a central stair. The woodwork is "curley" pine and the mantels in the first floor rooms are oak.

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BUILDER/ARCHITECT SPECIFIC DATES 1898-99

A.E. Colburn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baker House, built 1898-99, is significant for its historical associations with education and commerce in the central Arkansas town of North Little Rock. The house is primarily significant in its architectural design and features. One of the last surviving High Victorian Houses in North Little Rock, the Baker House is now significant in its uniqueness to the city.

The Baker House is a fine example of the Queen Anne Style. It's masonry construction with wood used only as decoration (see description of porch and pedeminted gables) make it somewhat unusual.

The Baker House was constructed in 1898-99 by A.E. Cogburn who was at the time the house was built in partnership with Henry Glenn, a Little Rock contractor. Although not supported by fact, an interesting story surrounds the construction of the house. It is thought that Colburn was a native of North Little Rock, but had, at some point, become quite well known in England as a jockey. In the mid 1890's Colburn is believed to have returned to North Little Rock with his accumulated earnings and in 1898 constructed one of the finest houses in North Little Rock. According to the story, Colburn was strongly discouraged from being in his newly constructed house because he was black. The abstract does indicate that Colburn sold the house in 1901. It changed ownership three additional times before it was purchased in 1916 by C.J. and Annie Baker. Baker was the school principal at Ozone, Arkansas, from 1884 to 1904. Upon moving to North Little Rock in 1904, Baker was employed as the city's school superintendant until 1906. From 1906 until 1939 Baker owned and managed a pawn shop in downtown North Little Rock. He died in 1943.

Lilliam Baker Lewis was the only child of C.J. Baker. She lived in the Baker House from 1916 to 1937. From 1969 to 1977 Mrs. Lewis returned to live in her childhood home.

The Baker House is one of the very few Victorian houses remaining in North Little Rock and had fallen into disrepair. Mrs. Lewis sold the house to the present owners in 1977 and it is now indergoing a complete rennovation. Visible from the Main Street in North Little Rock, the Baker House stands as a link to North Little Rock's vivid past.

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F. Hampton & Nancy H. Roy 2021 Main Street Little Rock, AR 72206

NATIONAL

Baker House, North Little Rock Pulaski County

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Roy:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor Smith of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely, (
Barbara wooda

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.

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