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General Description

Code:

PU-096

Congressional District: Second

Name: Retan House (Thompson TR)

Current Owner: Andrew F. Hicks

Kathleen Reynolds

Address: 2510 Broadway

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2510 Broadway

Little Rock, Arkansas County: Pulaski

Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: ca. 1915

Stylistic Influence: Prairie Style

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 566020/3842460

Acreage:

Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Retan's Addition

Block 2, Lot 10 & South 1/2 of Lot 11

Condition

Excellent Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Ruins

Unexposed

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Physical Description

Although this frame house is of modest character, it is one of Charles Thompson's most distinguished Prairie Style-influenced designs, thought to have been executed around 1915. The simple massing of the main two-story block is capped by a shallow hipped roof with very wide eaves. From it project a front porch with shallow gable roof, supported by granite piers and enclosed by a granite wall with cast stone coping, and a long one-story stucco-faced flat roof wing on the south side elevation. Emphasizing the horizontal lines of the house is a wide frieze and a band of casement windows pushed up high under the eaves of the front elevation. Below these windows opening onto the front porch are wide French doors flanked with sidelights. Both the casement windows above and the French windows below are embellished with muntins in geometric Prairie Style motifs. The house is sited on an elevated lot and set well back from the street. A range of concrete steps located to the south of the front porch leads to a paved terrace and to the principal entryway, which in typical Prairie Style fashion, is set into the side of the house and is not visible from the street.

Statement of Significance

The Retan House at 2510 Broadway was designed by Charles L. Thompson ca. 1915. The design of this house reflects the strongest Frank Lloyd Wright influence of any home the firm designed. A shallow hipped roof with wide eaves tops Concrete steps leading to the porch are set to the side and lead to the entrance which is not visible from the street. The horizontal emphasis of the house is accentuated by bands of Prairie Style windows. Elevated above street level, the Retan House is an unusually fine example of Prairie Style design in Arkansas by the Thompson firm.

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