

Survey Number LR0023Owner Charles M. Taylor, Jr.Property Name Taylor Building3 Pleasant Valley Farm Road
Address Little Rock, AR 72212

Original Name _____

Location 304 Main StreetConstruction Date c. 1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A companion to the neighboring Fulk Building, the Taylor Building is a smaller, yet similar, Romanesque Revival design. This three-story structure is load-bearing brick construction and is of ordinary late-Victorian commercial plan. Red face brick in a common bond is accented by limestone lintels, sills and capitals. The most striking feature on the Main Street facade is the finely executed series of romanesque arches atop the window bays. The 2-story columns between the multi-paned casement windows are formed with molded brick and capped with limestone panels. Just above the arches is a metal cornice with modillion blocks, and a parapet extends beyond the cornice. Especially interesting at this level are the three medallions set in square recesses. Alterations have occurred to the storefront, but the original second and third story windows, with their arched and rectangular transoms, are still intact.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charles M. Taylor was a well-known and respected Little Rock physician, and this property has been in the Taylor family from 1897 until the present. Although a definite date of construction for the Taylor Building had not been determined, it is believed that the February 1900 fire that destroyed the neighboring Fulk Building probably devastated the original Taylor structure as well. The most prominent retail establishment to occupy this building after its reconstruction was the M. M. Cohn Company, an Arkansas department store, which leased the Taylor Building from 1906 until moving into its new building at 510 Main in 1940. Currently unoccupied, the Taylor Building, along with the Fulk Building, provides modern-day Little Rock with a glimpse of the handsome, late Victorian buildings Main Street must have boasted at the turn of the century.

Verbal Boundary Description North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, Block 76, Original CityAcreage Less than oneQuadrangle Name Little Rock, ArkansasQuadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15Easting 566725Northing 3844895NOV 13 1986
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Little Rock Main Street MRA
State Pulaski County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Albert Pike Memorial
Temple

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

Date/Signature

11/13/86
William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/86

2. Rose Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

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3. Fulk Building

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for Keeper

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4. Gus Blass Department
Store

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for Keeper

Attest

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5. Taylor Building

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for Keeper

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6. St. Andrews Catholic
Cathedral

Substantive Review

for Keeper

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7. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

11/13/86
William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/86

8. Worthen Bank Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

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William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/86

9. Donaghey Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWR OBJECTION

10. State Bank Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWR OBJECTION

86003123

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Taylor Building (Little Rock Main Street MRA)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 1 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 11/1/86 - 11/15/86

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-73-86

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments: *This Romanesque Revival Building typifies the ~~type~~ late Victorian Buildings which once lined Main Street. Once occupied by the M.M. Cohn Company, an Arkansas department store of some prominence*

Recom./Criteria Accept - A, C

Reviewer Noble

Discipline Historian

Date 11/7/86

see continuation sheet

Nomination 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

- ☐ 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 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: _____



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Little Rock Main Street MRA
Little Rock, Pulaski Co.
Photographed by Sarah Brown, 1985
Negatives on file at AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000028