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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas	
COUNTY: Hempstead	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 716.05.0001	DATE 6/3/71

1. NAME

COMMON:

(Grandison D.) Royston House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

Located on Alexander Street 200 feet southwest of

STREET AND NUMBER: Columbus Street (Ark. St. Highway 47) and Approx. 450
feet southeast of Old Military Rd. (Ark. St. Highway 195)

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Hempstead

CODE

057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Hempstead County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Hope

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Division of Fine Arts, Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

001

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COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☒ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built circa 1830 by General Grandison D. Royston, this fine old home reflects characteristics of the Greek Revival style.

The original plan, 55'-4" wide and 50'-10" deep consisted of four rooms, two on each side of a spacious central hall. Between each pair of siderooms is a back to back double fireplace. A shed roof porchlike structure was later added on the back (south) facade, housing a kitchen.

A prominent construction feature, 10" x 10" solid, hand hewn sills rest on brick and stone piers and support the sawn stud walls and floor joists. Underpinning between perimeter piers on the north facade is wood diamond lattice work. The exterior is finished with horizontal beveled siding and corner boards, the architrave and frieze are flat boards with cornices boxed.

The roof is medium hipped, currently covered with composition shingles. In 1934, an Historic American Buildings Survey indicated roofing material as corrugated iron with formed metal ridges. The gabled roof of the entrance porch ends in a Greek Revival pediment supported by four square, tapered columns with moulded capitals and square plinth.

Double hung window sashes contain 6 x 6 lights, flat board side surrounds carrying an entablatured head piece. The windows are shuttered with louvered blinds.

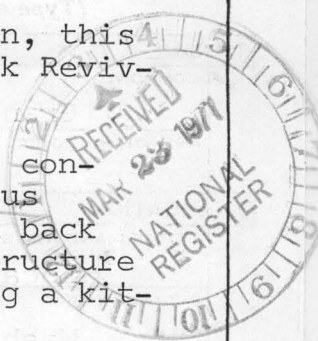
There are two main chimneys single stacked units one offset left, one offset right, inside ended, running bond brick construction with corbeled caps.

The single entrance door with six raised panels is set within an architrave with flush side lights and flush transom.

To quote the Kendrew Report, Some Historic Buildings in Arkansas, Royston House:

"The Royston House is one of the finest remaining houses in this community. It is of the Greek Revival period and dates back to the 1830's. It has not been greatly altered and most of the original details are in place. It has fine proportions, large and commodious rooms with high ceilings and the central hall is a real feature of the house, giving it elegance and scale. The ownership of the house is in sympathetic hands."

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

C. 1830

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grandison D. Royston house is one of the finest extant examples of Greek Revival Style in Arkansas. This style was prevalent in Arkansas from early 1830's to early 1860's. This house may well be among the first examples of the Greek revival period and thereby responsible for establishing the trend.

General Grandison D. Royston was a significant figure in the growth and development of the State of Arkansas. His political involvement ranged from the territorial period through more than four decades as a State, both in the Union and the Confederacy.

Royston was born in Carter County, Tennessee, on December 9, 1809. He grew to manhood and was educated in that State. He read law, and was admitted to the bar in December of 1831.

On April 1, 1832, he arrived in Fayetteville, Arkansas where he attempted to establish a law practice. Apparently he was not too successful for he also taught school in order to supplement his income. In December of 1832, he moved to Washington, in Hempstead County.

Washington was located on the Southwest Trail which ran from St. Genevieve, Missouri to Fulton, Arkansas, crossing the State of Arkansas, diagonally, from northeast to southwest. This was the route of the emigrants from the United States who were moving to Texas to take up lands under the Republic of Mexico.

There were opportunities for a young lawyer in the frontier community. In 1833 he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Arkansas, and held the position till the fall of 1835 when he was chosen as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention that framed the Constitution under which Arkansas was admitted to the Union. In 1836,

H13 no HTR

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kendrew, A. Edwin, et al, Some Historic Buildings of Arkansas, Little Rock: Arkansas History Commission, 1968, MSS.

Camden News, December 21, 1937.

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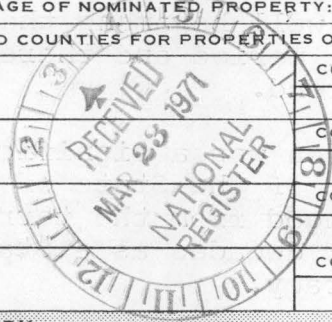
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff	
ORGANIZATION Arkansas Historical Preservation Program	DATE 2/11/71
STREET AND NUMBER: 1023 West Third Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas CODE 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name George M. Reynolds
Title State Liaison Officer

Date _____

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

Ernest A. Connerly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 21 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William Standefer
Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 9 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Arkansas	
COUNTY Hempstead	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71605-0004	DATE 6/3/71

(Number all entries)

8. SIGNIFICANCE, Continued

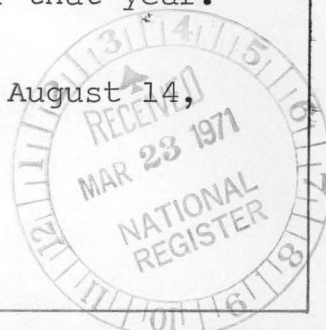
1836
he was elected Hempstead County Representative to the first Arkansas Legislature. On December 6, 1837, he was elected speaker of the House. It is interesting to note that he was elected to fill the position left vacant by the death of speaker John Wilson. Wilson had been stabbed to death by Representative John J. Anthony over a real, or fancied, affront during the course of a debate on Wolf Scalp bounties. Royston tried to stop the struggle, which was fought with Bowie knives, by shoving a chair between the two antagonists, but was unsuccessful in his efforts.

Grandison D. Royston spent most of his life in public service. Under the administration of President Tyler he was appointed United States District Attorney for Arkansas. He held this position until 1842. Royston saw no war-time service. His title of Brigadier General was acquired when he served as Militia Chief under Governor Thomas S. Drew (1844-1849). In 1858 he was sent to the Arkansas Senate to represent the counties of Hempstead, LaFayette and Pike. In this session he became the father of the Levee System and the State's Flood Control Plans.

The Civil War brought to Royston the same problems which faced other prominent southerners. He was actually a Unionist and was opposed to its dissolution. When secession was an accomplished fact, however, and the Confederate States formed, he supported the move to the best of his ability. He was elected to the Confederate Congress and served at Richmond for two years.

After the war his financial and political position was considerably altered. He resumed the practice of law in Washington, but held no political office or appointment until 1874 when he was again chosen as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of that year. He served as President of that body.

Royston died at Washington, Arkansas, on August 14, 1889. He was in his eightieth year.



(Grandison D. Roughton) Cause
Hempstead CO. 71006124

RECEIPT	PROPERTY	STATE
DATE OF RECEIPT	NO	REGISTER NUMBER
DATA PAGE	1	71.6.05.0011 6/31/71
PHOTO (S)		71.6.05.0001 6/31/71
PHOTO DESCRIP (S)		
MAP (S)	1	
MAP DESCRIPTION (S)		
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ACKNOWLEDGE		
RESUBMIT		
Betsy- could you use a verbal location description? otherwise		
HISTORIAN		
ARCHITECT		
ASST. KEEPER		
KEEPER		
ENTRY		
CHIEF, CAMP		

HABS 1934

a better location is needed. Either a CD street address or distance & direction from a main highway.



Return per Betsy's comment May 13, 1971 RH

WORKING NUMBER 3.23.71.2

NAME OF PROPERTY

Royston House

SIGNATURE

May 13, 1971

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form(s) is(are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

XXXX Insufficient locational information. Please provide either a street address or a

Comments: verbal description of distance and direction from main artery or arteries. * (See other comments)

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments:

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments:

Or Bibliography.

Acresage of nomination not given.

Comments:

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (10-301) required for each photograph/map.

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments:

Description (Item #7).

Comments:

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments:

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments:

see pt 2
of form

**** Other**

Comments: On Alexander Street 200 feet southwest of Columbus' Street (Arkansas State Highway 4) and approximately 450 feet southeast of Old Military Road (Arkansas State Highway 195)

The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.

Please return this form when the property is returned.

Thank you.

W. H. Muntz



NPS Number 71-6-05-0017

Title: Royston, Grandson

D. House

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE	
Arkansas	
COUNTY	
Hempstead	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71-6-05-0017	6/5/71

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Grandison D. Royston House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Located as shown on annexed Map

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Hempstead

CODE

057

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: J. E. Porter

DATE OF PHOTO: 1970

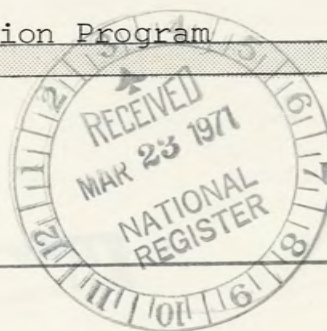
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Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front View (north)





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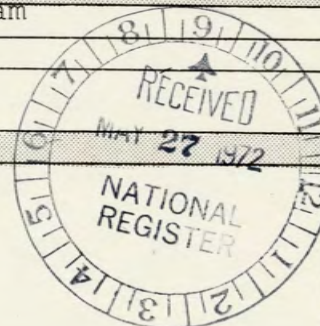
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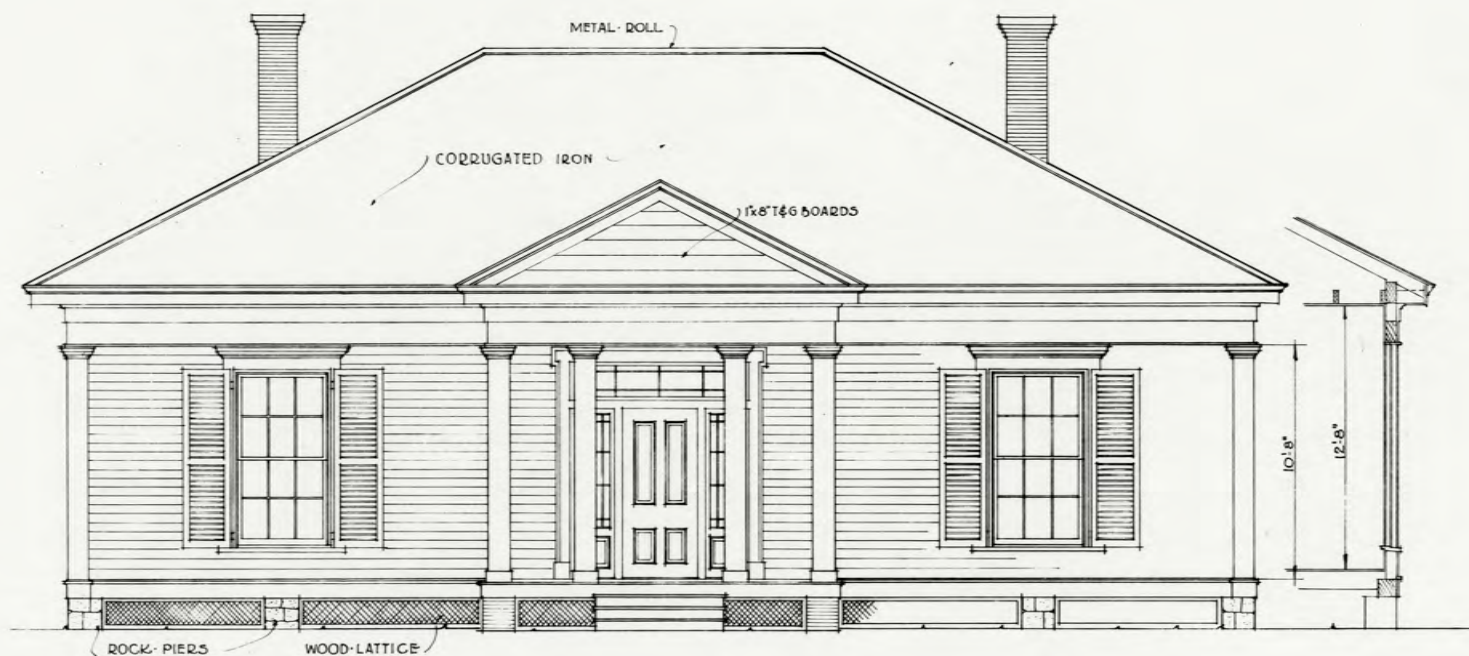
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COUNTY	
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1. NAME			
COMMON: G. D. Royston House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Washington Historic District			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Washington			
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:
Arkansas		05	Hempstead
CODE 057			
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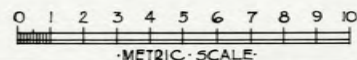
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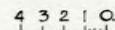


NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



METRIC SCALE



SCALE OF FEET

H.M. BLACK DEL.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS
BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN

NAME OF STRUCTURE
GRANDISON D. ROYSTON RESIDENCE
WASHINGTON HEMPSTEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS



SURVEY NO.
32-11
APRIL 2 1934

HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 2 OF 7 SHEETS

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HEMPSTED CO., ARKANSAS

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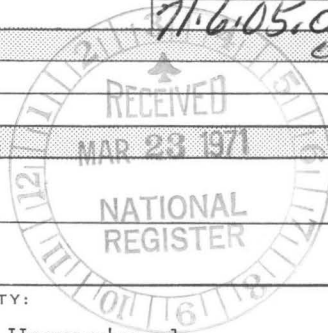
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Arkansas	
COUNTY Hempstead	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71-6-05-0001	DATE 6/3/71

1. NAME			
COMMON: Grandison D. Royston House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington			
STATE: Arkansas	CODE 05	COUNTY: Hempstead	CODE 057
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Series Washington Quadrangle Arkansas			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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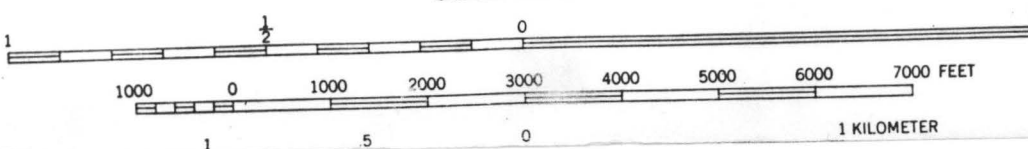
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HOPE 7.5 MI.

**INSERT
PHOTOS**

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



March 17, 1971



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
801-19th Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

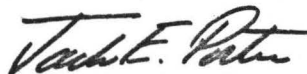
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the following properties:

Drennen-Scott Home
Garrott House
Du Bocage
Hudson-Grace-Borreson House
Grandison D. Royston House
McCollum-Chidester House
Headquarters House

These Nominations have been approved by a majority
of the State Review Committee.

Sincerely,

George M. Reynolds
State Liaison Officer

BY: 
Jack E. Porter
Administrator

JEP/hp

Attachments

MAR 22 1971

JUN 22 1971

Hempstead Co ark

Herrick
6/9/71

H30-HR

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Hon. John L. McClellan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

We are pleased to inform you that the Royston (Grandison D.) House in Hempstead County, Washington, Arkansas, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Arkansas and has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator J. W. Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Dr. George M. Reynolds, Chairman, State Review Committee, Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Director

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register

JUN 21 1971

cc: Dr. George M. Reynolds, Chairman, State Review Committee, Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Also notified: Hon. J. W. Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

cc: Director, Southeast Region

HR

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JUN 22 1971

H30-HR

Dr. George M. Reynolds
Chairman, State Review Committee
Arkansas History Commission
Old State House
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Dr. Reynolds:

We are pleased to inform you that the Royston (Grandison D.) House in
Hempstead County, Washington, Arkansas, has been placed on the National
Register of Historic Places. Senators John L. McClellan and J. W.
Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt are being informed.
A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property
owner. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received
a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosure

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cc:
HR

PDHerrick:mmm

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