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### DATA SHEET,

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Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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\* ORIGINAL SITE

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lewis Bryan Home, more commonly known as The Rebbcca Wilcox Bryan Home, was built in 1886, situated towards the east, it faces Logtown Hill Road, once a trail of many Civil War Soldiers marching back over the mountain after a contest along the Arkansas river.

No significant alterations have been made to the house since construction, except for a roof over the rear patio and updating of the kitchen area.

The Lewis Bryan House is one of Van Buren's most significant Victorian structures. Bay windows and much exterior ornamentation highlight the outside apperance of the two story construction.

The first floor is divided by a large hallway running from the main entrance to an entrance on the south side of the house. A large right angle staircase dominates the main hall while a smaller staircase of similiar design is in the south entrance hall.

Six rooms including a bath and the kitchen area are in the remainder of the downstairs. Two large porlors are off the main hall separated by double-sliding doors. These rooms contain fireplaces and orginal shutters of the construction period. Two additional rooms are located on the west side of these again separated by double-sliding doors.

The second story of the house consists of six rooms and a bath. Two of the upstairs rooms have bay windows which are symmetric with the two on the first floor.

Two of the minor details one notes of this period are the ornate hinges and extensive interior moldings found in this house. The orginal bellturn is still in use on the main entrance door.

The entire structure rests on natural stone foundation approximatly two feet above ground with a small cellar in the southwest corner. The stone for the foundation were removed from a cave less than three blocks away.

While The Bryan Home has stood in the same spot for over 91 years, the town of Van Buren has changed considerably. Once the scene of William Jennings Bryan politcal speeches, who was a Cousin of Lewis Bryan, and A peerless leader of the Democratic Party. Lewis Bryan gave his Cousin a key to the house and let him use it as his Head-quarters while in the City of Van Buren campaigning for President Of The United States. He lost the election, but was later appointed Secretary Of State by President Woodrow Wilson. Lewis Bryan, also, gave William Jennings Bryan full use of His Summer Home in Washington County, Arkansas for Rest and Relaxation while he was visiting in the city of Van Buren, Arkansas. The house now faces one of the longest highways in the United States.

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BUILDER/ARCHITECT LEWIS BRYAN

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lewis Oscar Bryan (Jan. 1, 1853-Oct. 14, 1933) was a weather land owner and local Banker.coming from Illinois as a teenager.

On August 25,1869 he helped organize in Van Buren, School District # 4, and was Principal for two years shortly thereafter.

On December 18,1878 Lewis Bryan was married to Fannie S. Thompson A local Belle, and to that union were born five children.

In 1900 Mr. Lewis Bryan started the first Abstract Company in Van Buren, Arkansas, and this Businers stayed in the Bryan Family until sold to the present Owners in 1958.

Mr. Lewis Bryan is still known today for his extensive land and Bank holdings in and around the City of Van Buren, Arkansas as well as Bank holdings in Fort Gibson, Okla.

Mr. Lewis Bryan designed and supervised the entire construction of His House.

The Bryan Home remained in the Family until 1975, when His Daughter, Rebbeca Wilcox Bryan, at the age of 86, and having never married, passed away. Between 1886 and present only four Owners have enjoyed the dream of Lewis Bryan.

Because it has stood for so long in the City of Van Buren, The Bryan Home is probably one of the most important landmarks in the town. Additionaly, it is significant, Because of its architectural merit and because of the Political Persons who have graced its steps.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOG	RAPHICAL REFE	RENCES		
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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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Dianna Kirk

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CITY, TOWN

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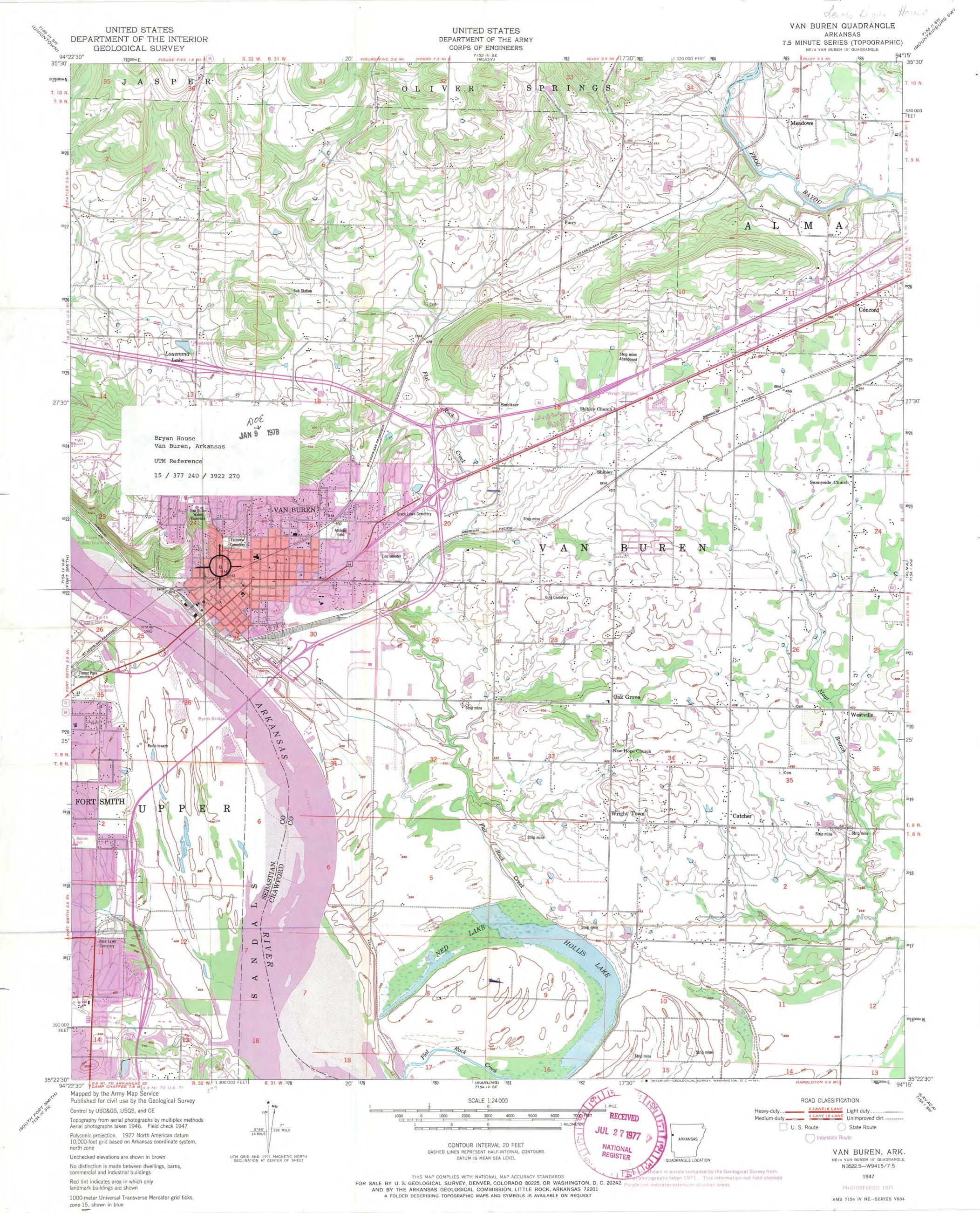
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

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May 26, 1977

# ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763 RECEIVED

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Re: Bryan House

Van Buren, Crawford County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Broyles:

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Broyles

105 Fayetteville Street

Van Buren, Arkansas

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will present the nomination of the Bryan House 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 no 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 Dianna Kirk 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 Woodara

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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

Yes

No

Comments: We believe The Bryan House should be included in the National Register of Historic Places, for the reason of the location, architectural design, and landmark for the towns people as well as visitors alike. Although this house is a private residence the doors are always open to the towns people as well as visitors from far and near so they may visit and admire the beauty of the property.

June 6, 1977

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#### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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#### Also Notified

Hon. Dale Bumpers

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Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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