

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received JAN 4 1980

date entered FEB 29 1980

**1. Name**

historic White-Baucum House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 201 South Izard Street

not for publication

city, town Little Rock

vicinity of

congressional district

Second

state Arkansas

code 05

county Pulaski

code 119

**3. Classification**

**Category**

☐ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

**Ownership**

☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

**Public Acquisition**

☐ in process  
☐ being considered

**Status**

☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress

**Accessible**

☒ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ no

**Present Use**

☐ agriculture  
☒ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military

☐ museum  
☐ park  
☐ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mehlburger Engineers, Inc.

street & number 201 South Izard Street

city, town Little Rock

vicinity of

state Arkansas 72201

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Pulaski County Courthouse

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Quapaw Quarter Association

has this property been determined eligible? ☒ yes ☐ no

date 1975

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records 308 East Eighth

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

## 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

The White-Baucum House is a two-story wood frame structure of Italianate design. Sited on a corner lot, the building is located midway between the Arkansas State Capitol and the Little Rock downtown district. It is part of a once-fashionable residential area rezoned commercial in 1954. Like several other homes in the area, it has been adapted to new uses.

The White-Baucum House is square in plan with balustraded balconies, low pyramidal roof and panelled, square columns. In addition to the characteristic brackets, the most distinctive Italianate elements of the building are the side porches, front door and half-hexagon front bay. The paired brackets (jigsaw cut scrolls with pendants) support the Classical cornice that crowns the building and enrich its dentiled frieze and ornamental panels. The main (west) elevation features a dominant entrance design consisting of a wood and stain glass front door which is set in concentric arches that form the transom and sidelights. The secondary (north) elevation has a simple, yet elegant, porch featuring an entrance framed by trefoil shaped arch with two pendants.

Windows in the original building vary between one-over-one and two-over-two lights, double hung. Shutters are decorative. In 1975 the usable space of the building was doubled with the construction of an addition on the rear (east) elevation. It was sensitively conceived and the addition is in harmony with the original construction.

The interior of the structure has been remodeled, but much of the original floor plan, baseboard, molding and doors have been retained. The six woodburning fireplaces and mantels, although remodeled, are still intact. Remodeling efforts were executed in a manner that retained the architectural character of the house through careful detailing. Relatively minor structural changes were made to adapt the structure to its new use. A partition was constructed between the parlor and the dining room. Originally double doors separated those spaces. The rear of the central hall was closed to separate the waiting area from the conference area. The doors between the front hall and front parlor were retained. A receptionist's desk was added to the hallway and was detailed to match other woodwork. The hall stair is original. The stained glass windows also appear to be original.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1869–1870

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The White-Baucum House is an architecturally significant structure with important historical associations. The building, with its strong principal entrance, dominant porches and careful detailing, is one of the earliest and best examples of Italianate architecture in the state. The home was constructed in 1869–1870 for Robert J. T. White. White was the Arkansas secretary of state at the time. In 1876 the building was sold to George F. Baucum, who entered business in Little Rock after distinguished service in the Civil War. Baucum operated a wholesale grocery business, was a cotton broker, was president of the Bank of Little Rock for a time and was one of the founders of the Board of Trade of the city. The Baucum family lived in the home until the mid-1920s. Lora B. Busick occupied the place from 1935 to 1957. After being left vacant for four years, the house was adapted to new uses. It served as the home of two restaurants, an interior design studio, a nightclub and an advertising agency until 1977 when purchased by the present owners, the engineering firm of Don Mehlburger.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lucy Marion Reaves, "Glimpses of Yesterday," Arkansas Gazette, January 19, 1936, p. 16.  
Little Rock Business Directories.  
Pulaski County Tax Assessors' records.

## 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Little Rock, Arkansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 and 2, Block 141, Original City

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Teresa G. Killion, Randy Jeffery  
Robert D. Besom, Historian

organization Ark. Historic Preservation Program

date December 10, 1979

street & number Suite 500, Continental Building

telephone 501/371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Joan Williams Bledsoe*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date December 19, 1979

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

*Bill Lebovich*

Keeper of the National Register

date February 29, 1980

Attest: *Beth Groves*

date 2/28/80

Chief of Registration

Property White - Bancum House

State Ar - Pulaski

Working Number 1-4-80 29

80000785

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 6

Maps 1

One of the earliest and best examples of Italianate architecture in the state. HISTORIAN  
Built for state's Sec. of State. The rear addition does not detract unduly from the original house. Although remodeled, the interior retains many original features. accept  
B. Grosvenor  
2/28/80

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

accept  
B. Grosvenor  
2/28/80

**BRANCH CHIEF**

agree with Bell.  
rear addition does not compromise integrity

Accept  
B. Grosvenor  
2/29/80

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered FEB 29 1980

Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_







WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

FEB 29 1980

201 South Izard Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

West elevation

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FEB 29 1980

WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

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Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

Main entrance, west elevation  
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WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

FEB 29 1980

201 South Iward Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

View from the northwest

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WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

FEB 29 1980

201 South Izard Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

North elevation of original home

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WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

FEB 29 1980

201 South Izard Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

North elevation of 1975 addition

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WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE

FEB 29 1980

201 South Izard Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Bob Dunn, July 1979

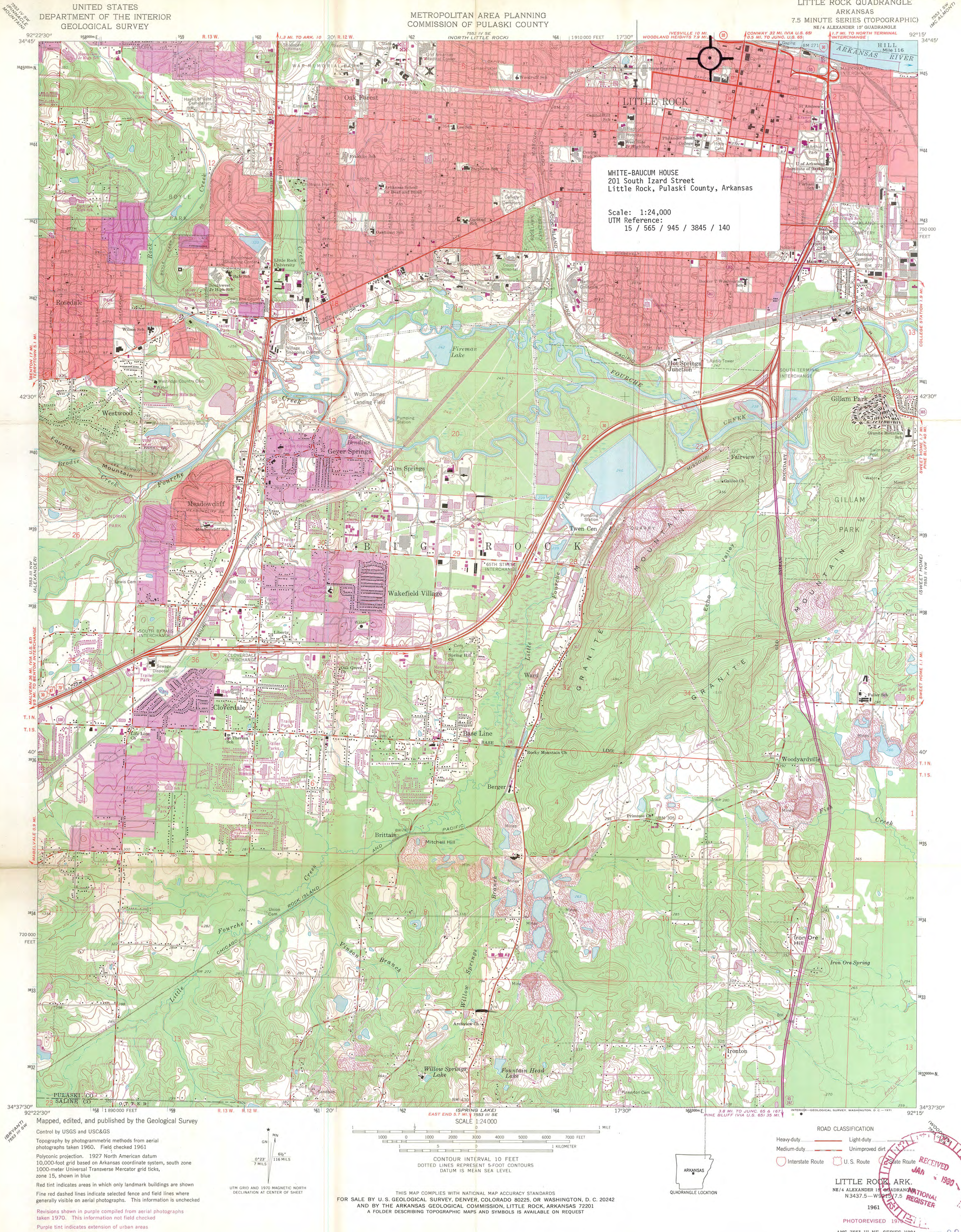
Negative location: Arkansas State Historic  
Preservation Program

South elevation of original home

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JAN 4 1980





UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COMMISSION OF PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 1/4 ALEXANDER 15' QUADRANGLE

WHITE-BAUCUM HOUSE  
201 South Izard Street  
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Scale: 1:24,000  
UTM Reference:  
15 / 565 / 945 / 3845 / 140

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1970. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty

Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

Interstate Route U.S. Route

State Route

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

NE 1/4 ALEXANDER 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3437.5 - W 9215.7

1961

PHOTOREVISED 1976

AMS 7553 III NE-SERIES V884

FEB 29 1980





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

December 19, 1979

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the nomination for the White-Baucum House, which has been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March 13, 1979 meeting.

I hereby certify that the company listed in Section 4 of the nomination is the legal owner of the property.

Sincerely,

Joan Williams Baldridge  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JWB/BB/lg

Enclosures



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE    ARKANSAS

Date Entered

FEB 29 1980

Name

Location

White-Baucum House

Little Rock  
Pulaski County

Also Notified

Honorable David H. Pryor

Honorable Dale Bumpers  
Honorable Ed Bethune

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Joan Baldrige  
Director, Arkansas Historic  
Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR

Byers/bjr    3/4/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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April 30, 1980

Ms. Beth Grosvenor  
National Register Section  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
440 "G" Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Baucum House,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Pulaski County

Dear Beth:

Please change the ownership section of the Baucum-White nomination to read Mehlburger, Tanner, Renshaw and Associates.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna DuVall  
Historic Sites Administrator  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DD/lg

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D

MAY 6 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMAL RESPONSE SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS