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MacArthur Park Historic District
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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 77000269

Property Name: MacArthur Park Historic District

County: Pulaski County State: AR

Multiple Name:

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper

 $\frac{3}{27}/13$ Date of Action

Amended Item in Nomination

This SLR is issued to make the following substantive correction:

### Section 7

The house at 900 South Commerce Street (listed in the National Register nomination as 904-908 Commerce Street) was designated as "NC" (non contributing) due to artifical siding. This was an over-stringent standard for architectural integrity in this case as the siding was applied in a manner that retained all the important exerior finishes, trim, porches, etc. Therefore, the property does contribute to the historic district.

The State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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County: Pulaski

State: AR

Date Listed: 8-24-2015

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6-2-2014 Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 5: Resource Count

The resource count is hereby amended to reflect 169 contributing buildings, 52 noncontributing buildings, 169 total contributing resources, and 83 total noncontributing resources.

Section 7: Inventory

The resource identified as PU8668, the Cumberland Tower, 1200 Commerce Street, was mistakenly identified as a contributing resource. It was constructed in the mid 1970s, and does not fit within the period of significance. It is a noncontributing resource.

The Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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therefore they do not harm the visual quality of the district. In the 1960's and early 1970's four high-rise apartment buildings were built in the district. Their size, design and overall appearance make these apartment buildings some of the few obtrusive intrusions in the neighborhood. In the early 1960's Interstate 30 intruded into the eastern portion of the MacArthur Park Historic District and not only isolated the district from a historic sister neighborhood which lies to the east of the freeway but also destroyed the continuous harmonious historic residential atmosphere. Another freeway route is planned to pass through the southern section of the MacArthur Park Historic District. Already, a two-block-wide swath of housing has been cleared for the freeway, leaving behind a tree-covered open space which is now, ironically, compatible with the aesthetic sensibilities expressed by Victorians. Several incompatible business structures are located on the periphery of the district. An expansive business district, which borders the northern and western boundaries of the MacArthur Park neighborhood, coupled with non-protective zoning and the impending freeway constitute the major threats to the present integrity of the district. While as Italian preservationist, G. C. Argon, has written "preservation is not always compatible with the growing needs of the present," it should be kept in mind that "there is no sensible contradiction between wishing to spare good buildings and being a protagonist of contemporary architecture" 8 having growth and development in an area.

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Once the historic significance of the MacArthur Park Historic District is defined, a more subtle and subjective problem arises. What are the aesthetic and atmospheric qualities that make the MacArthur Park Historic District much more than the sum of its parts? The variety found in the Greek Revival and Victorian architecture; the lush green open spaces; a scale which is human enough to invite personal involvement; and the sense of communion with an ongoing past all contribute to the district's pervasive feeling of beauty and atmosphere. It has been said that without our old neighborhoods "we are perpetual juveniles starting over and over, a people without a memory," and art critic Paul N. Ferrot believes that "for a sense of place to survive, interdependence among historic buildings is essential." Perhaps inwardly, the feeling of poetic fulfillment, which stems from the discovery of worn, brick sidewalks, venerable trees, inviting lawns, and incredibly pictu , sque homes, schools and churches, together forming a complete landscape that was created 100 years ago, adds value to the MacArthur Park Historic District. While not "draped in the majesty of centuries," as Plutarch described the temples on the acropolis, the MacArthur Park Historic District does possess a subtle refinement which only seems to accrue with the passing of years, and is, indeed, unique in the State of Arkansas.

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Value judgments concerning the overall worth of the historic properties composing the MacArthur Park Historic District are changing for the better in Little Rock. Communication has been the key factor in transforming the attitudes of private citizens and business and governmental interests from that of apathy to one of burgeoning preservation consciousness. The leading voice for historic preservation in Little Rock has been the Cuapaw Quarter Association. Formed in 1961, "the basic purpose of the Quapaw Quarter Association is to encourage restoration and preservation of architecturally significant structures." <sup>10</sup> For a number of years the Quapaw Quarter Association has publicized the preservation of historic Little Rock though its informative and well-written bi-monthly newspaper, The Quapaw guarter Chronicle. The Association also presents special plaques to buildings which exhibit cutstanding architectural or historical character. Recently, at the request of the Quapaw Quarter Association, the Little Fock City Board of Directors voted to create a city Historic District Commission with powers to establish a historic district that roughly covers the same area as the MacArthur Park Historic District.

Other civic and business organizations have demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with and to help promote historic preservation in Little Rock. For example, Little Rock Unlimited Progress, a downtown promotional organization, Old Town Properties, a private partnership investing in the area; and Neighborhood Housing Services, a partnership among federal government, city government and local private interests, are all sensitive to the goals of historic preservation. Furthermore, fully a dozen major adaptive restorations in the MacArthur Park Historic District house the offices of Little Bock professionals, most of this phenomenal activity occurring within the last two years.

Finally, individual citizens are actively conducting a large number of private restoration projects in the MacArthur Park Historic District. The size and uniqueness of the hores in the area, an interest in the historic preservation and restoration of houses, and the idea of developing a down-town community are some of the factors which have drawn dozens of "urban homesteaders" into the MacArthur Park neighborhood. 11

Intertwined with the history of 19th century Little Rock, the MacArthur Park Historic District is a residential neighborhood, unsurpassed in Arkansas for age and unbroken visual continuity. Reflecting the social patterns of earlier generations, the district is currently the scene of a new social phenomenon; it is the object of a historic preservation movement which embraces a wide variety of private, business and governmental interests. Most importantly, the virtual completeness of the MacArthur Park Historic

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The attached property, the MacArthur Park Historic District, in Pulaski County, Arkansas, reference number 77000269, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 07/25/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol. 43, No. 26, page 5171. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

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## **Missing Core Documentation**

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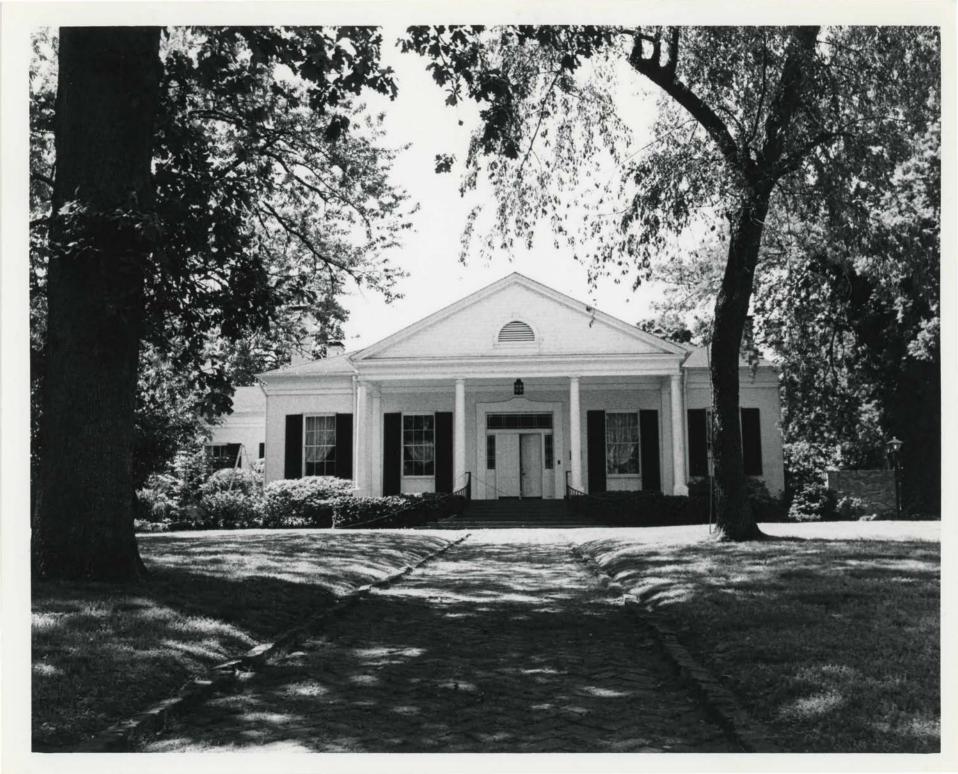
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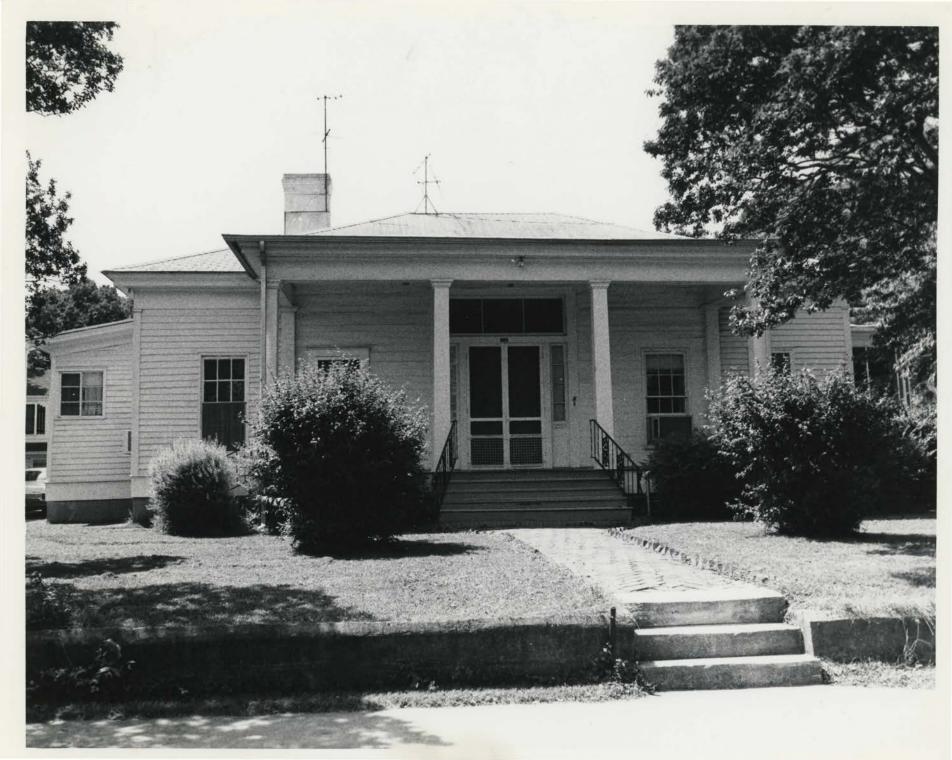
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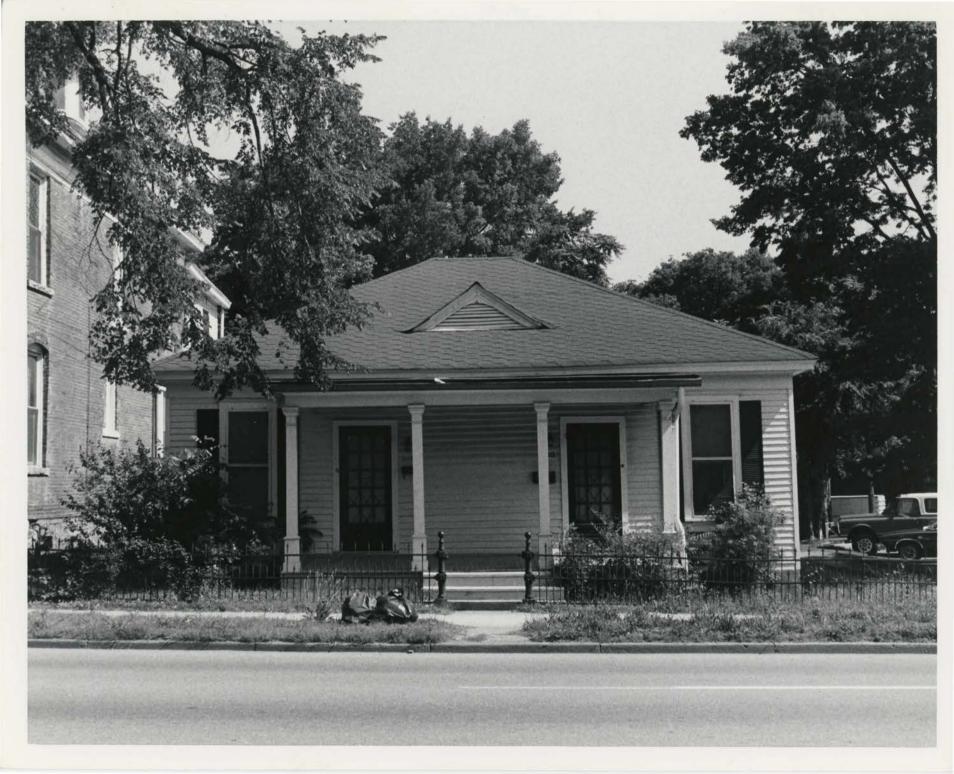
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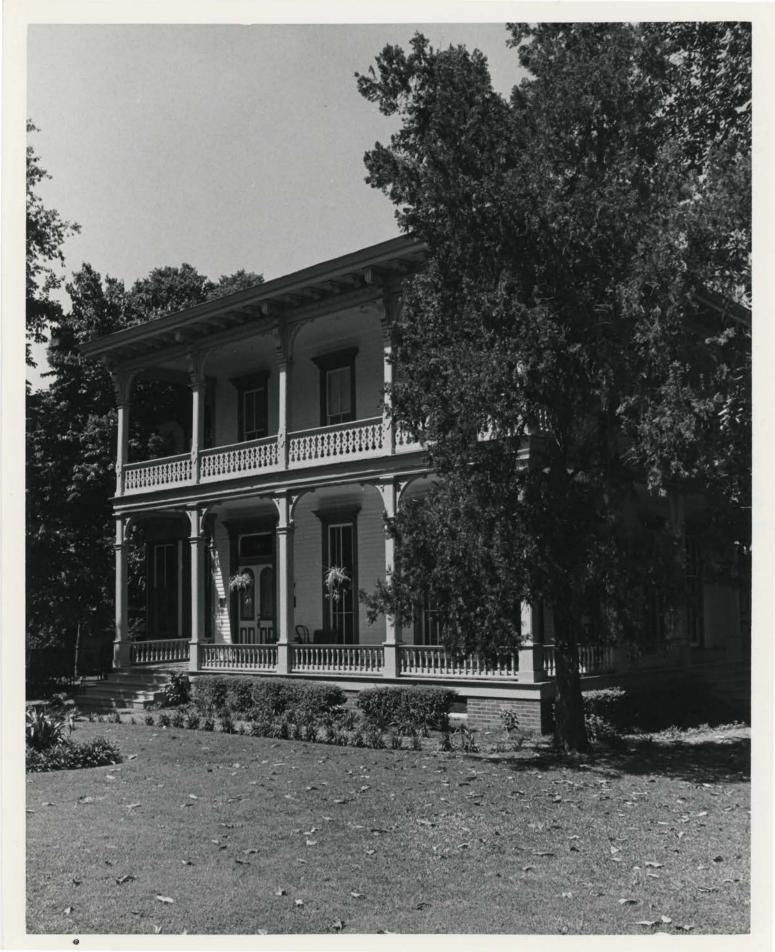
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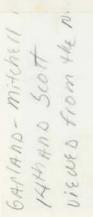
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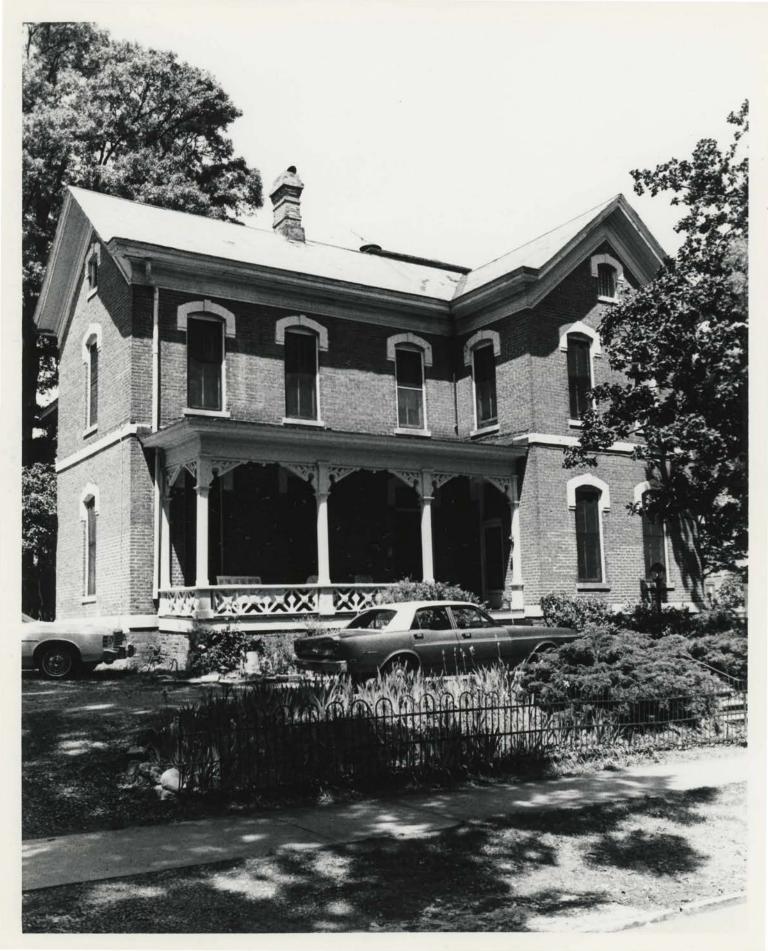


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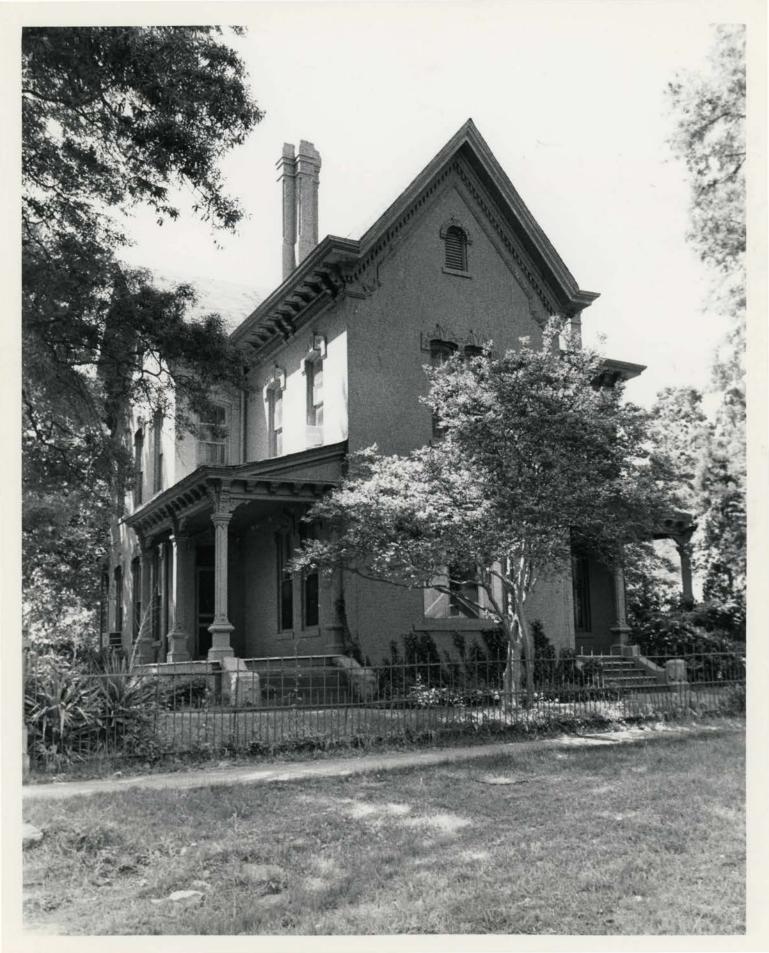
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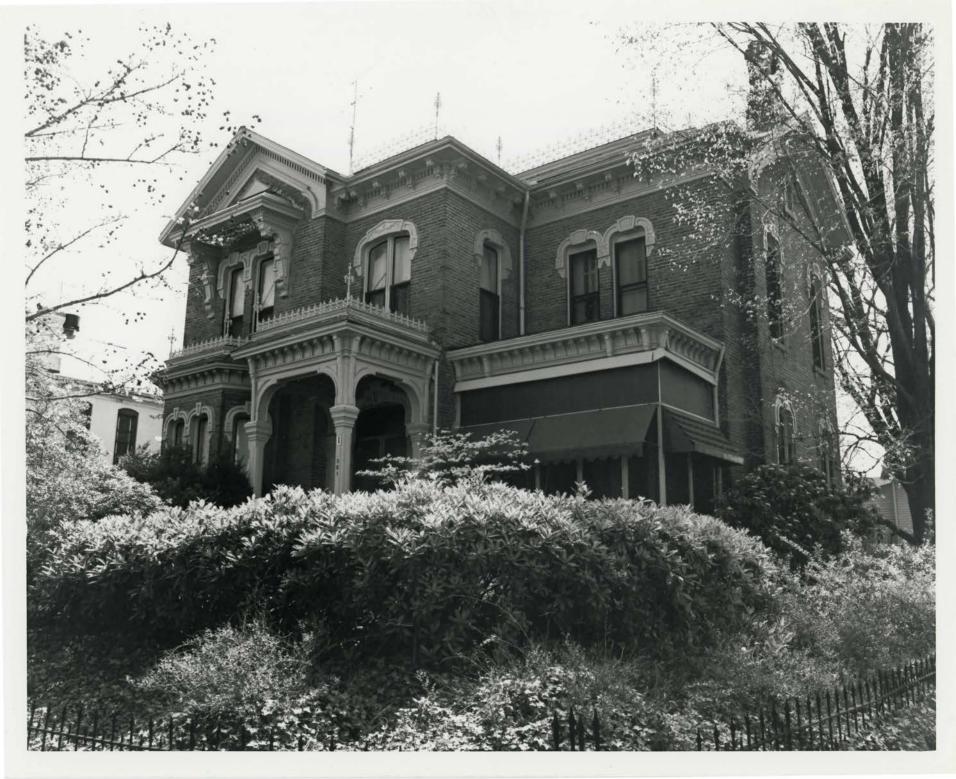
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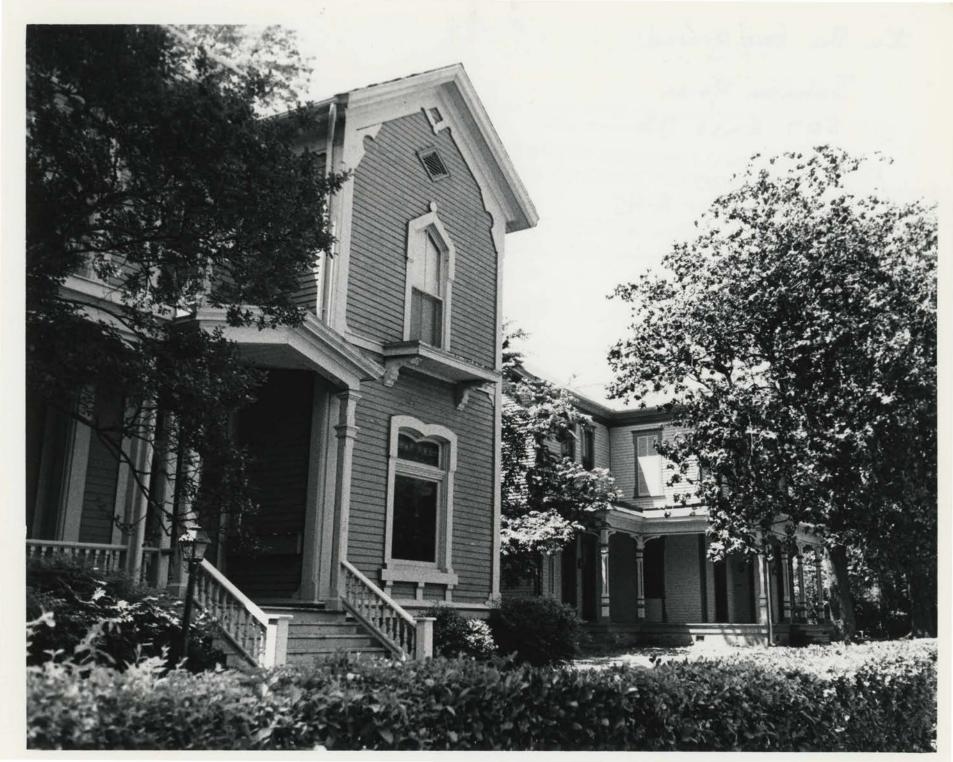
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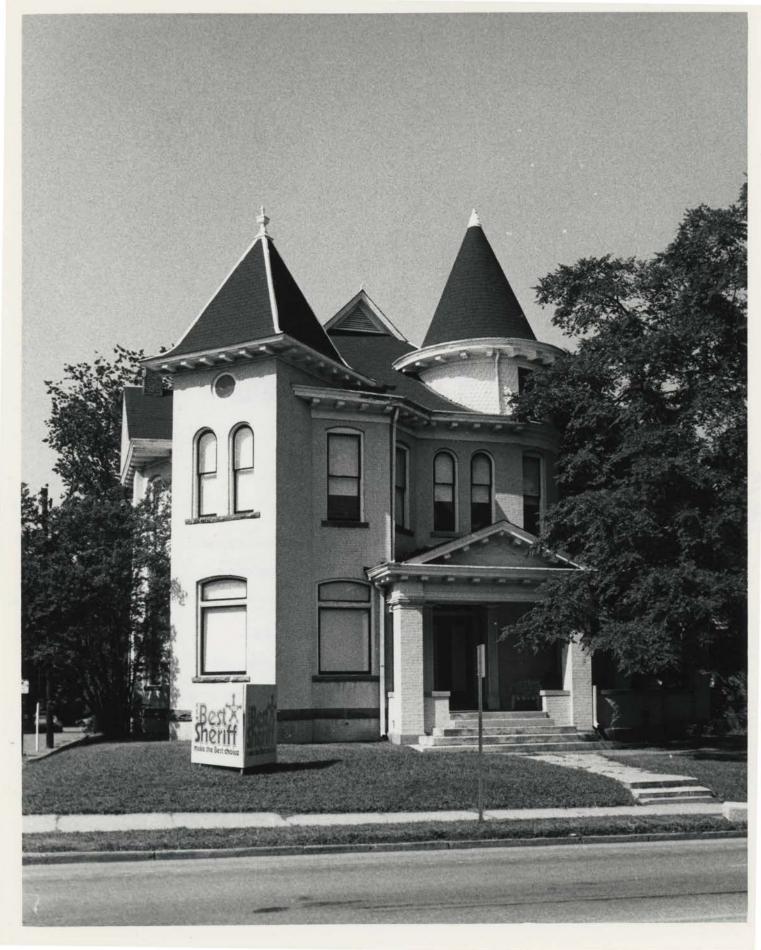


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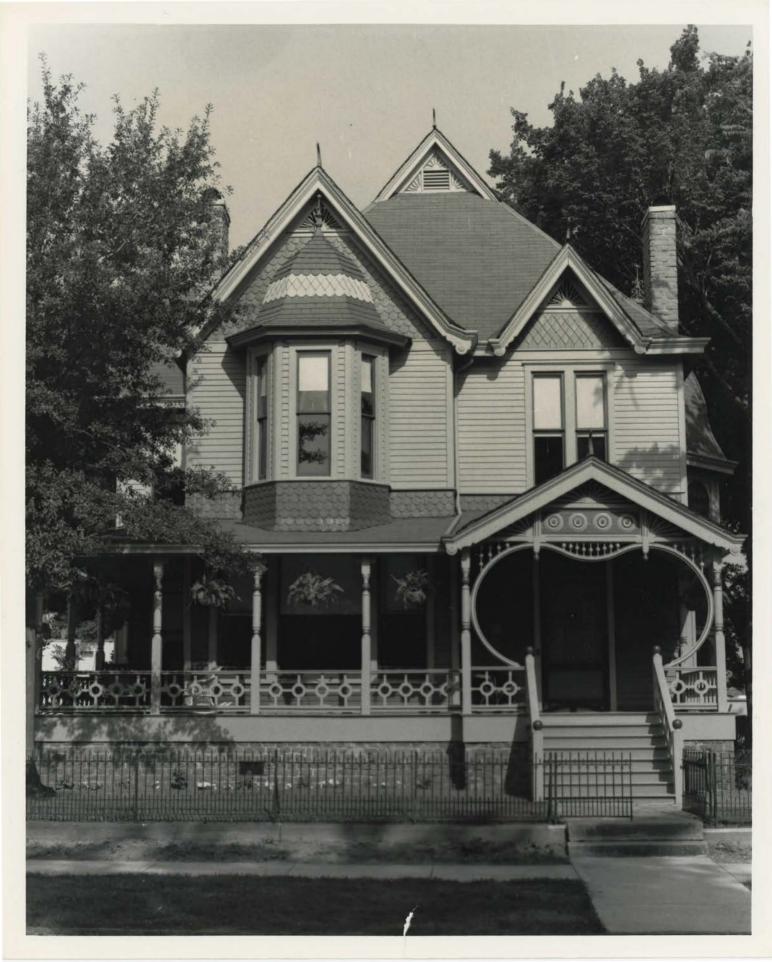
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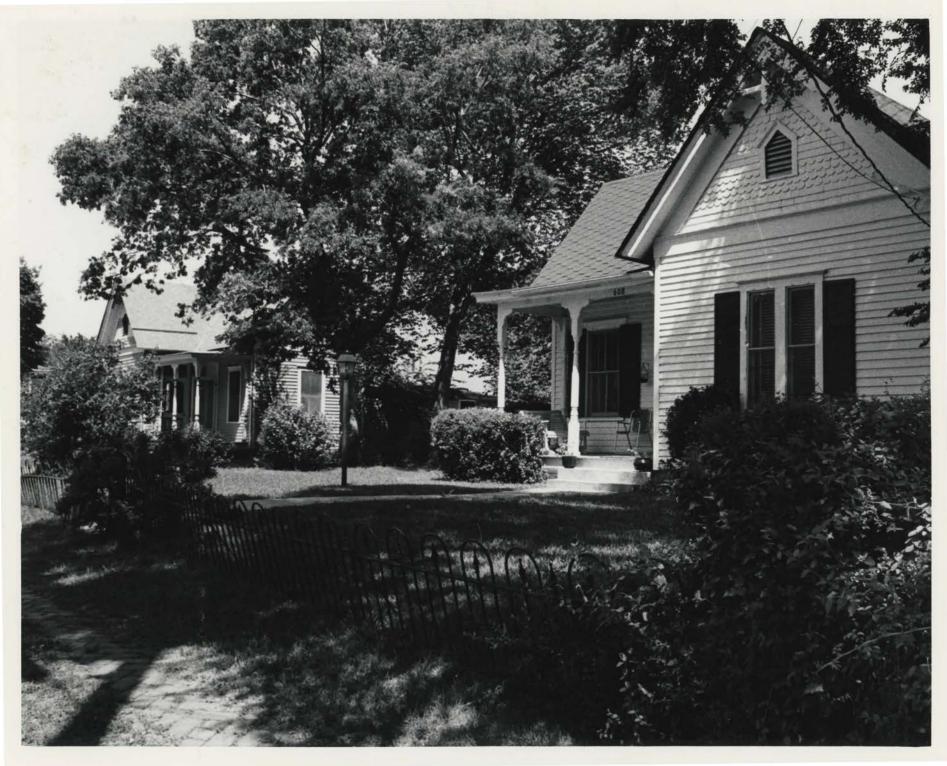
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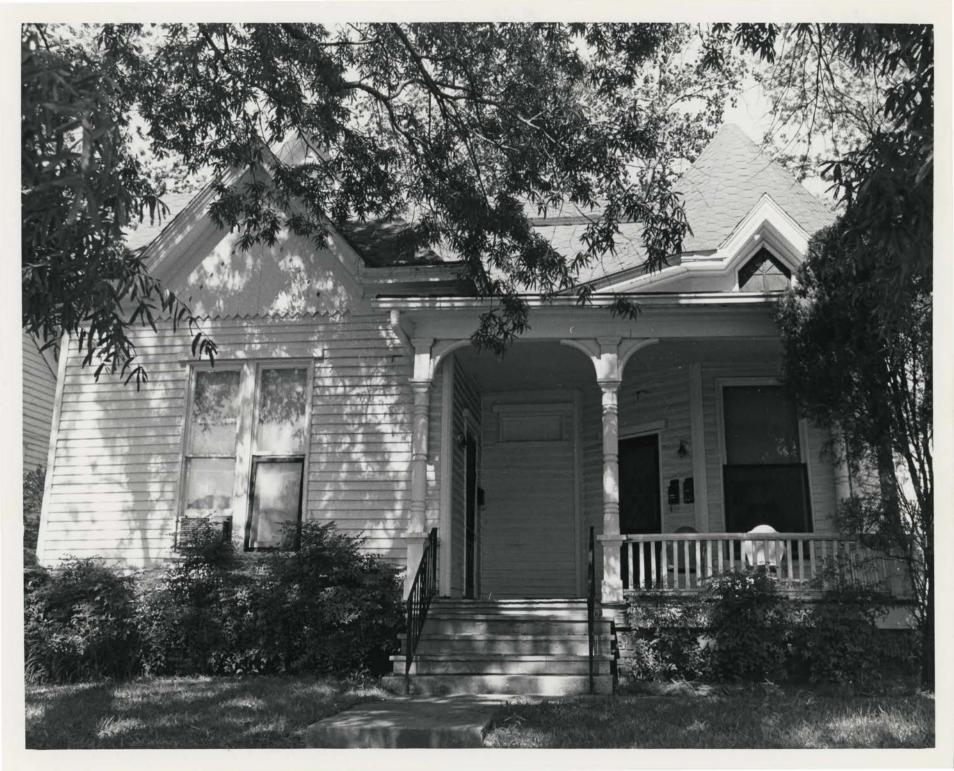
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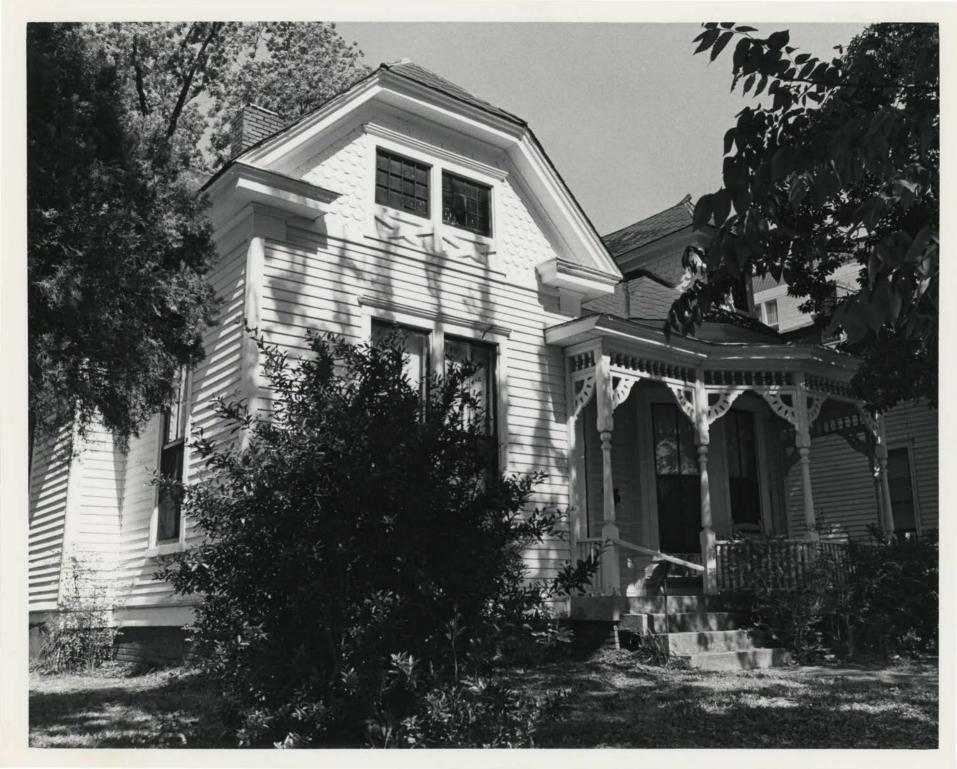
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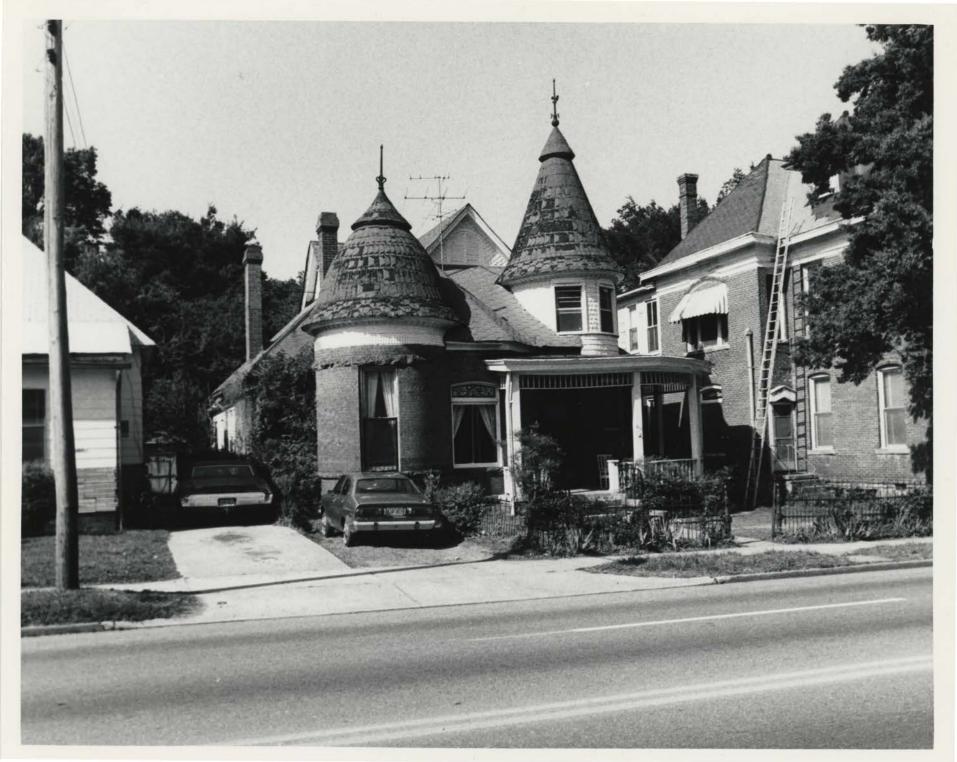
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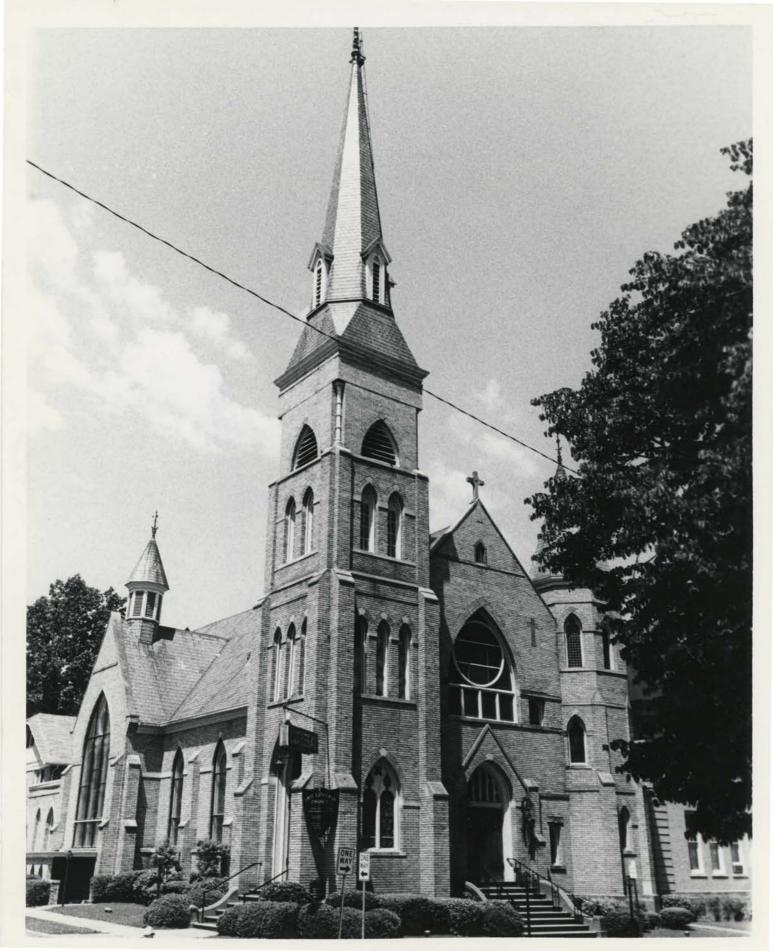
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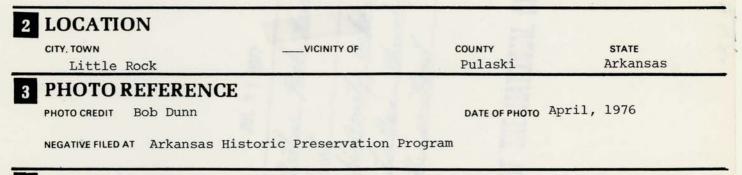
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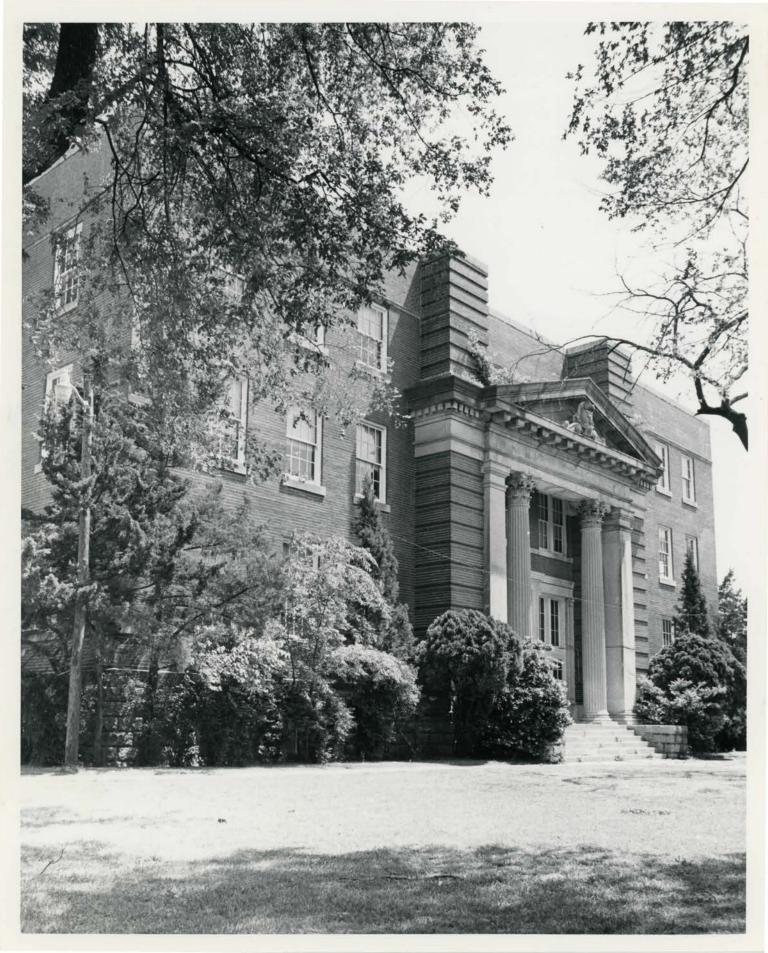
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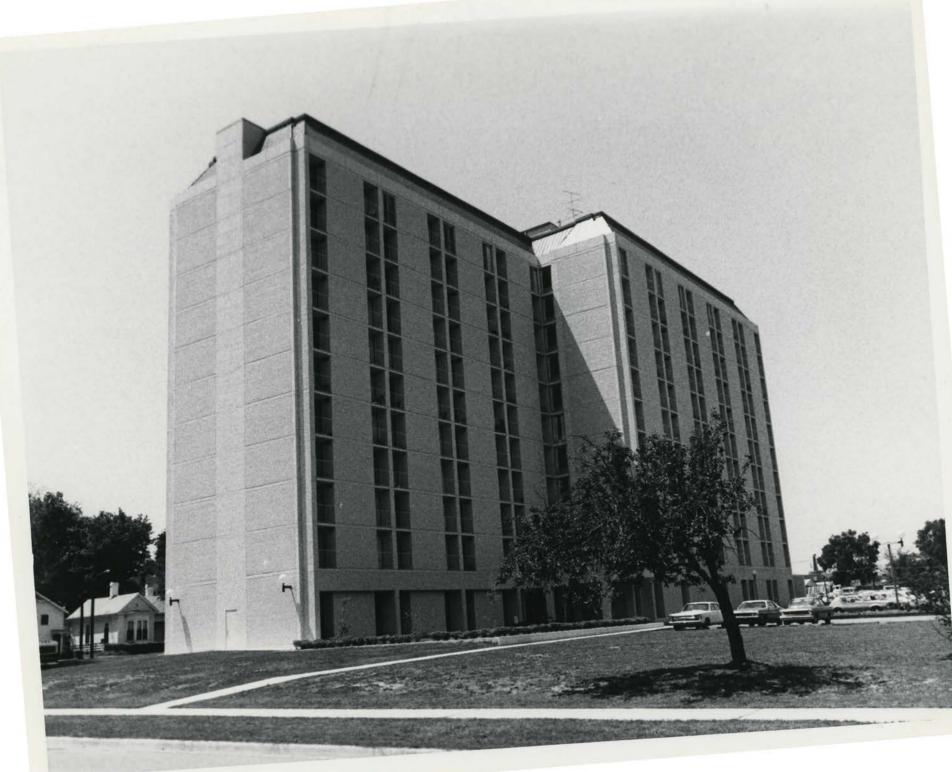
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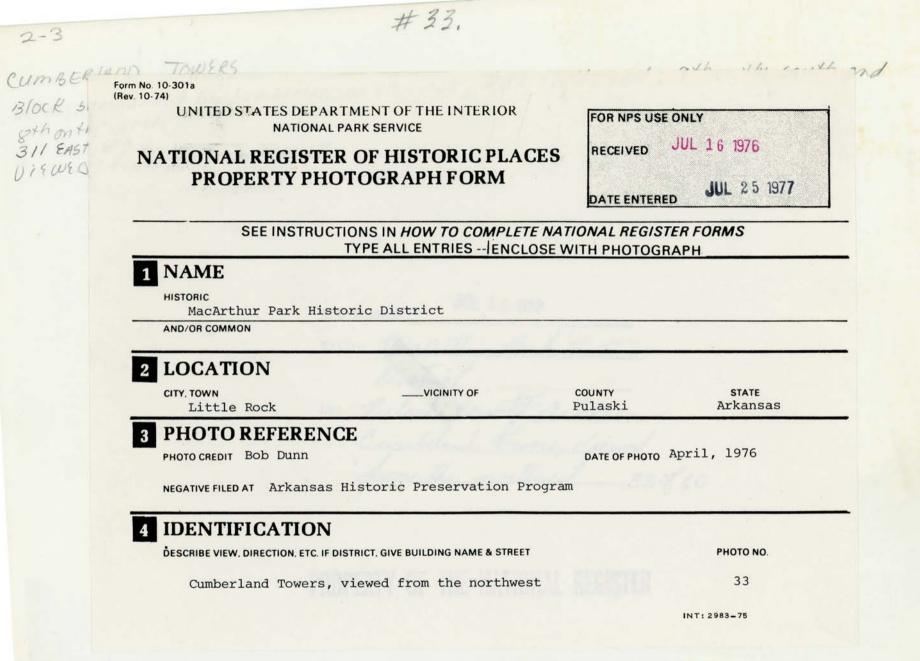
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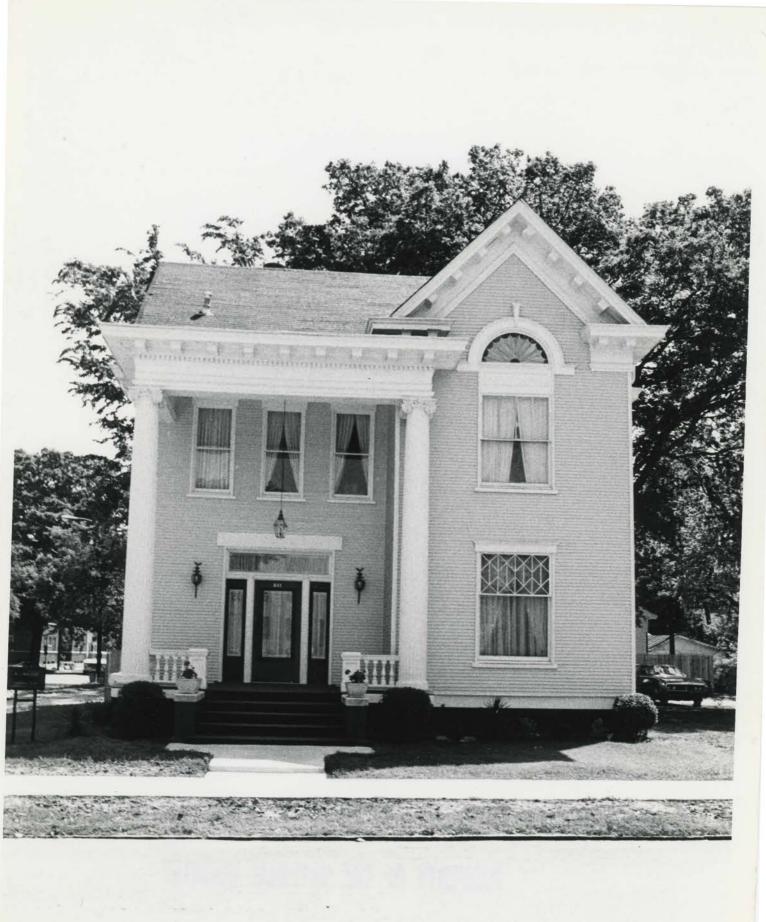
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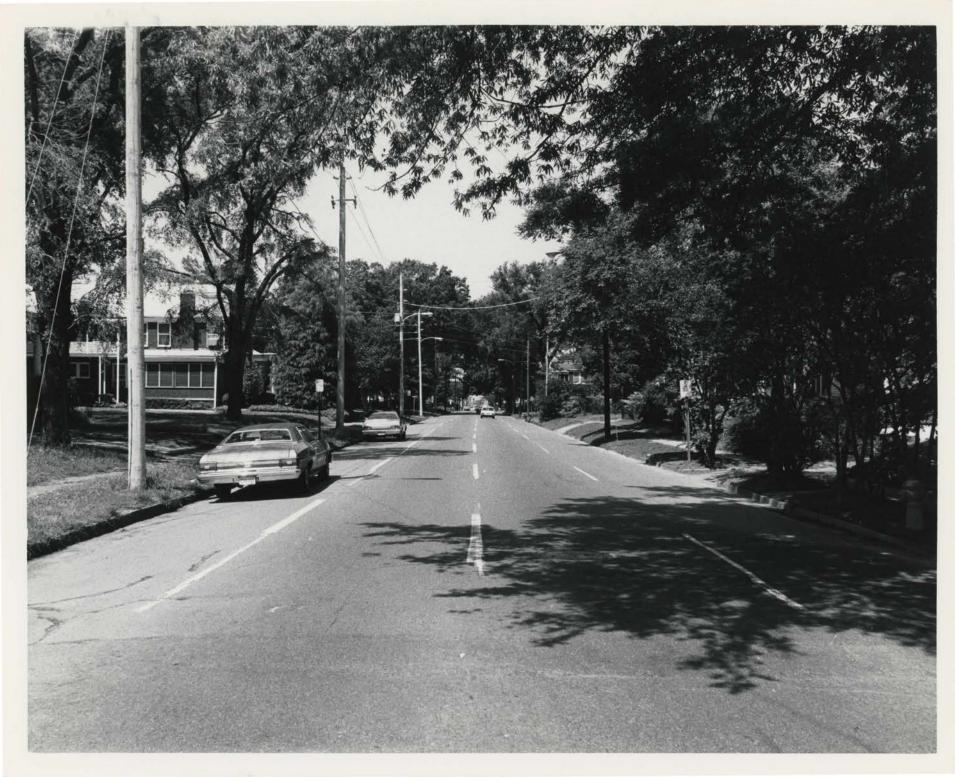
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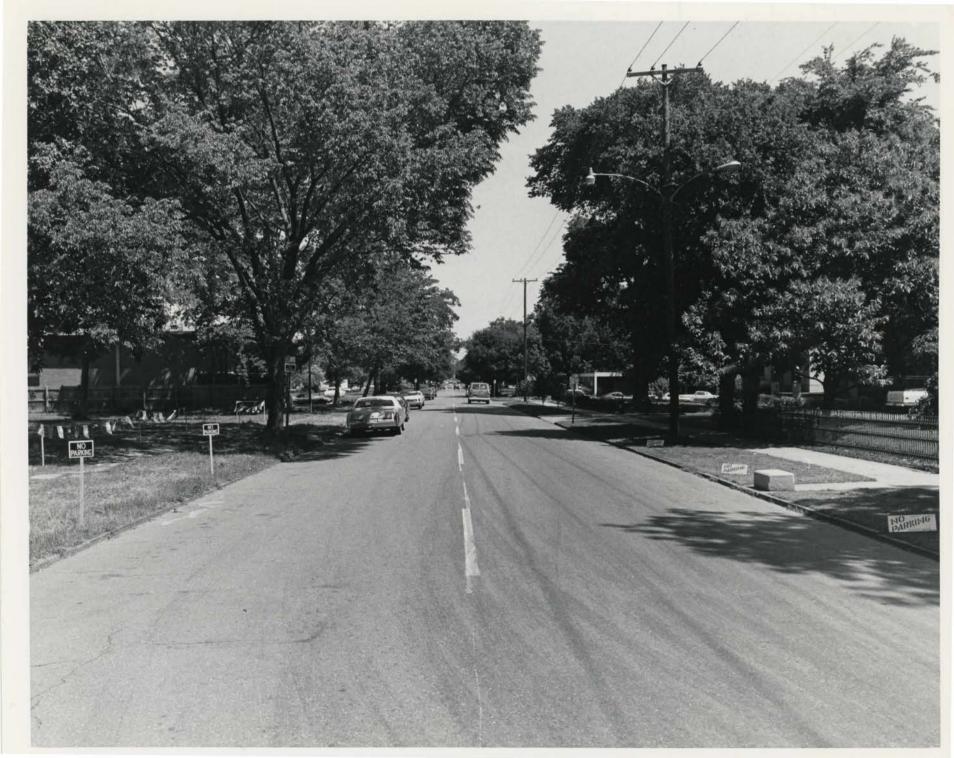
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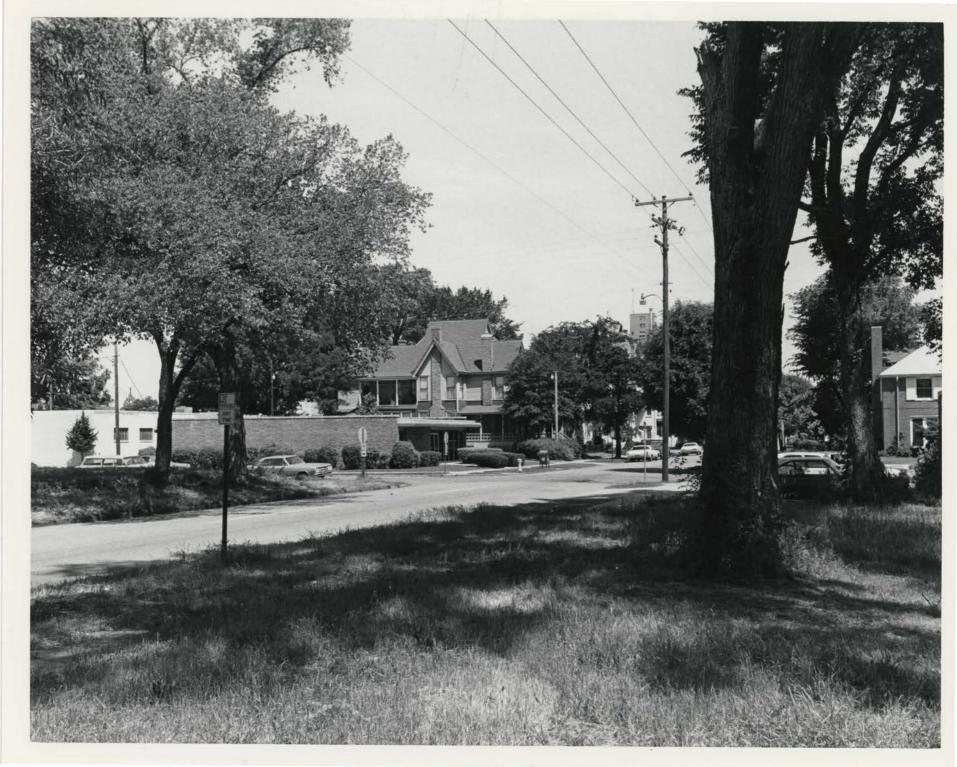
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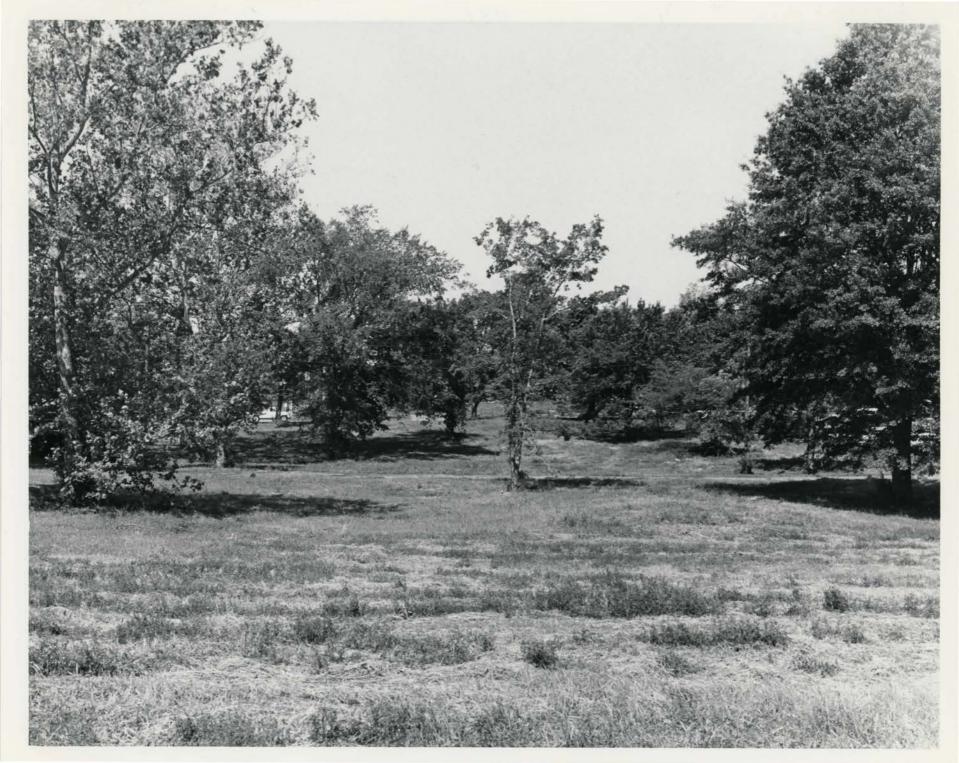
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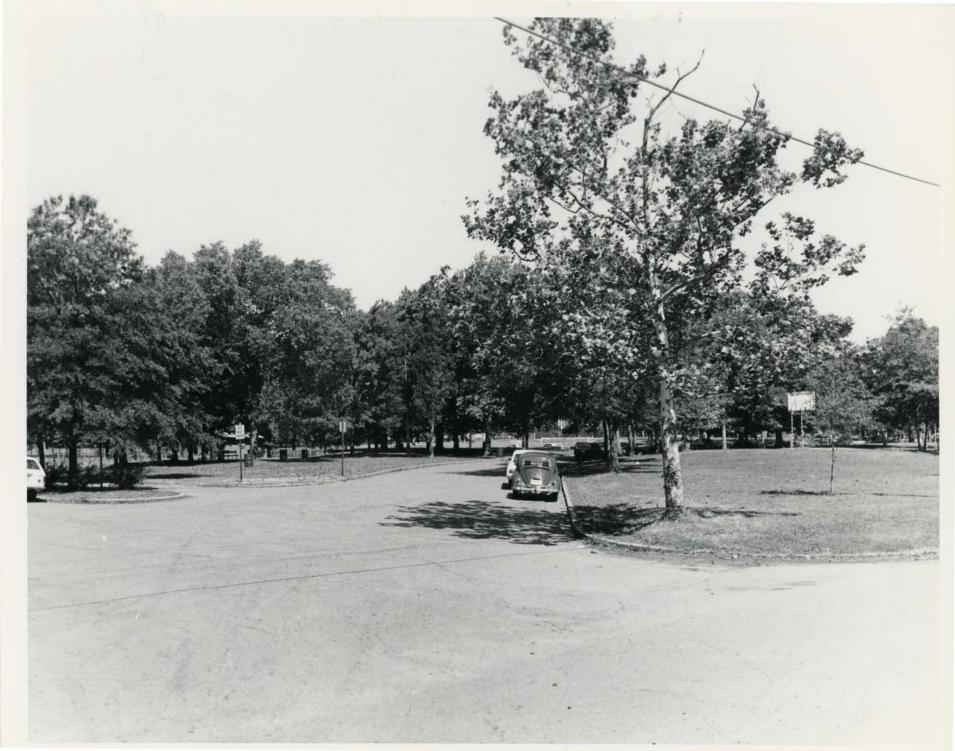
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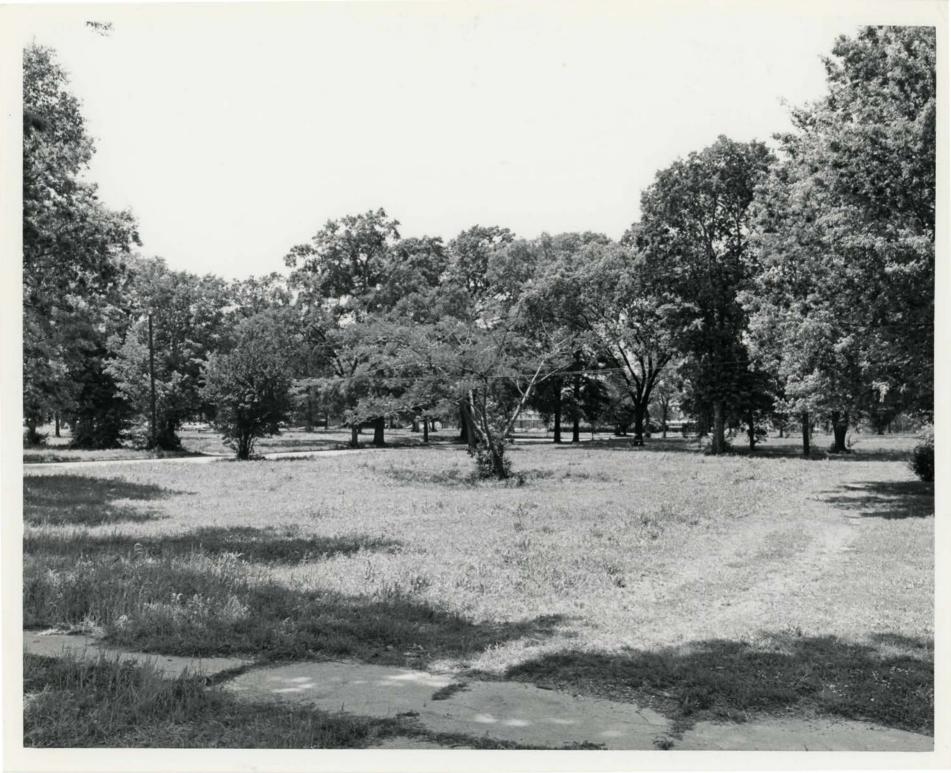
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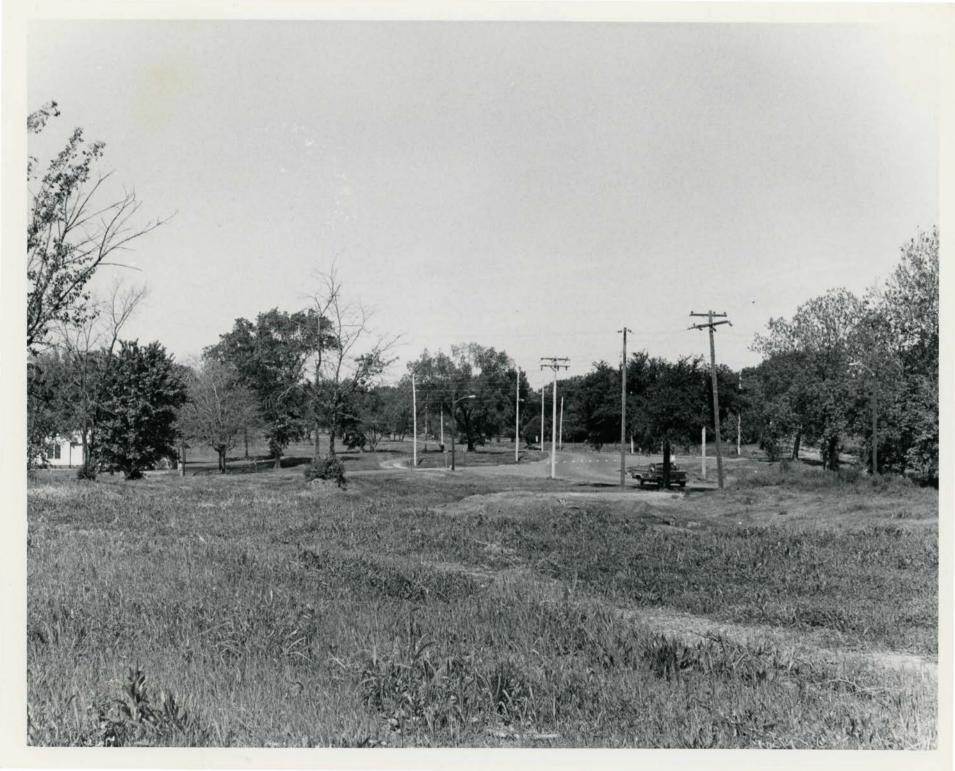
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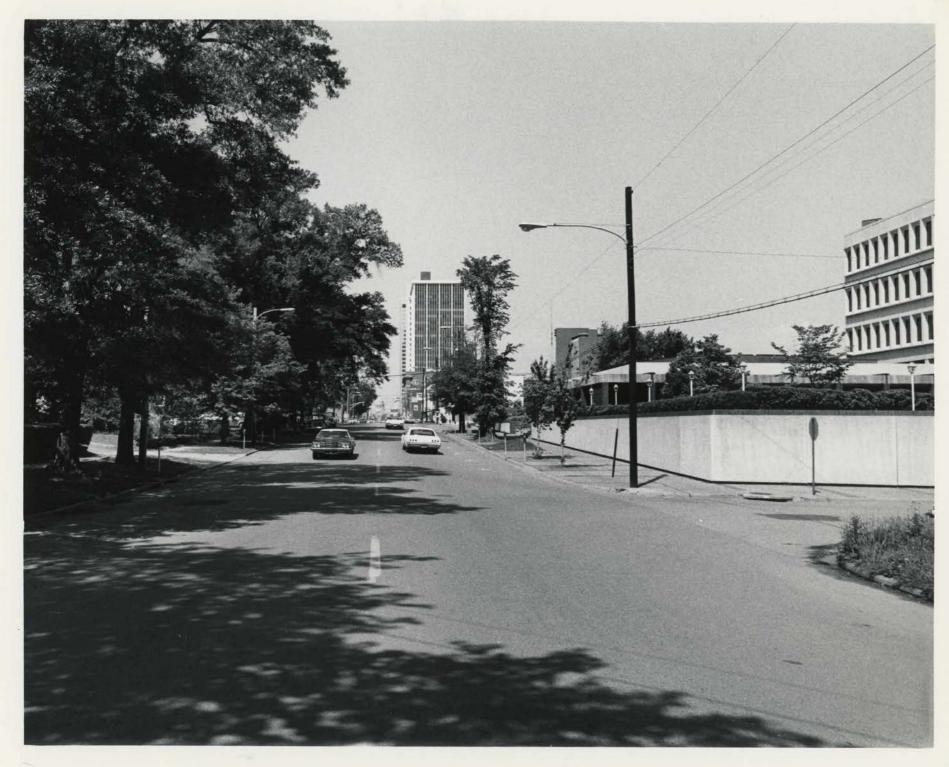
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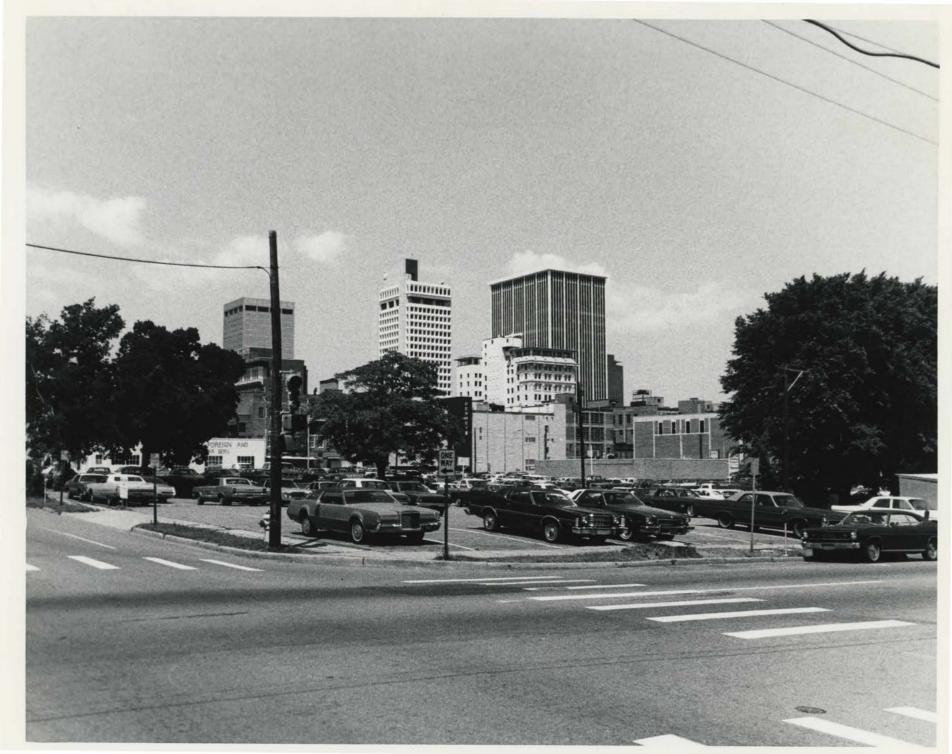
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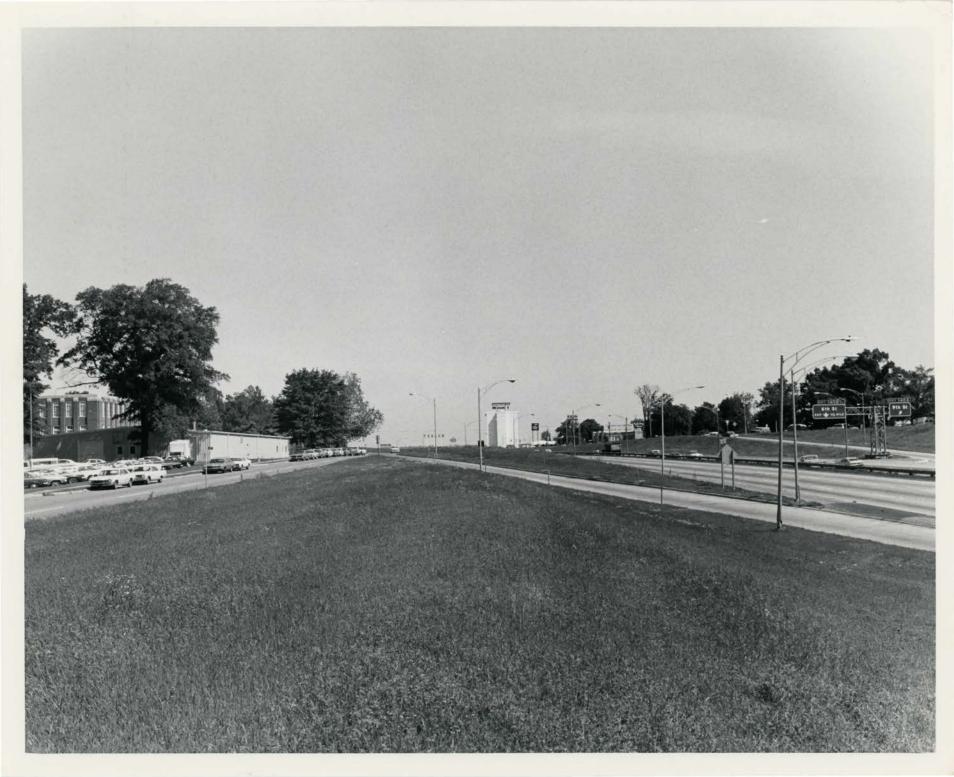
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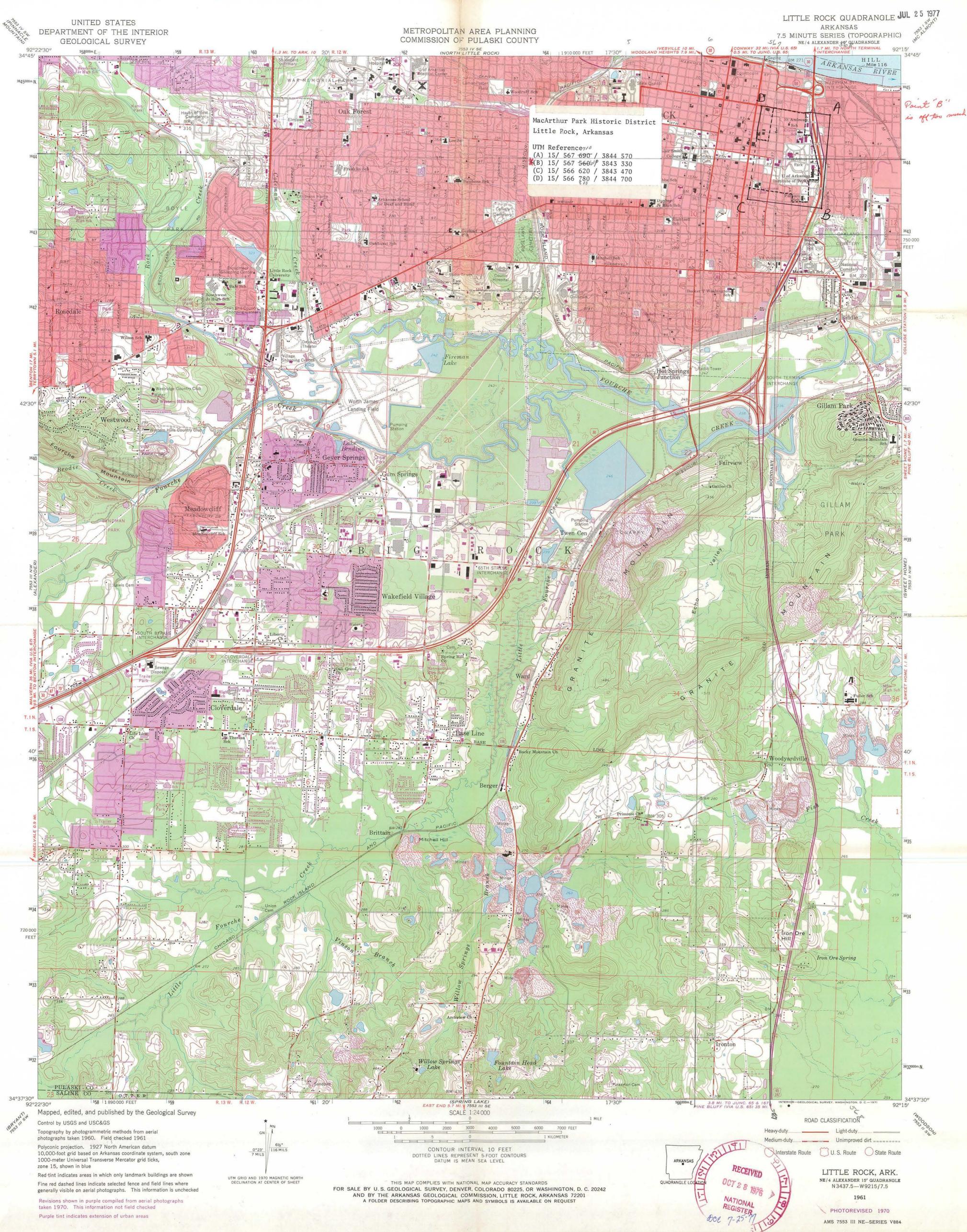
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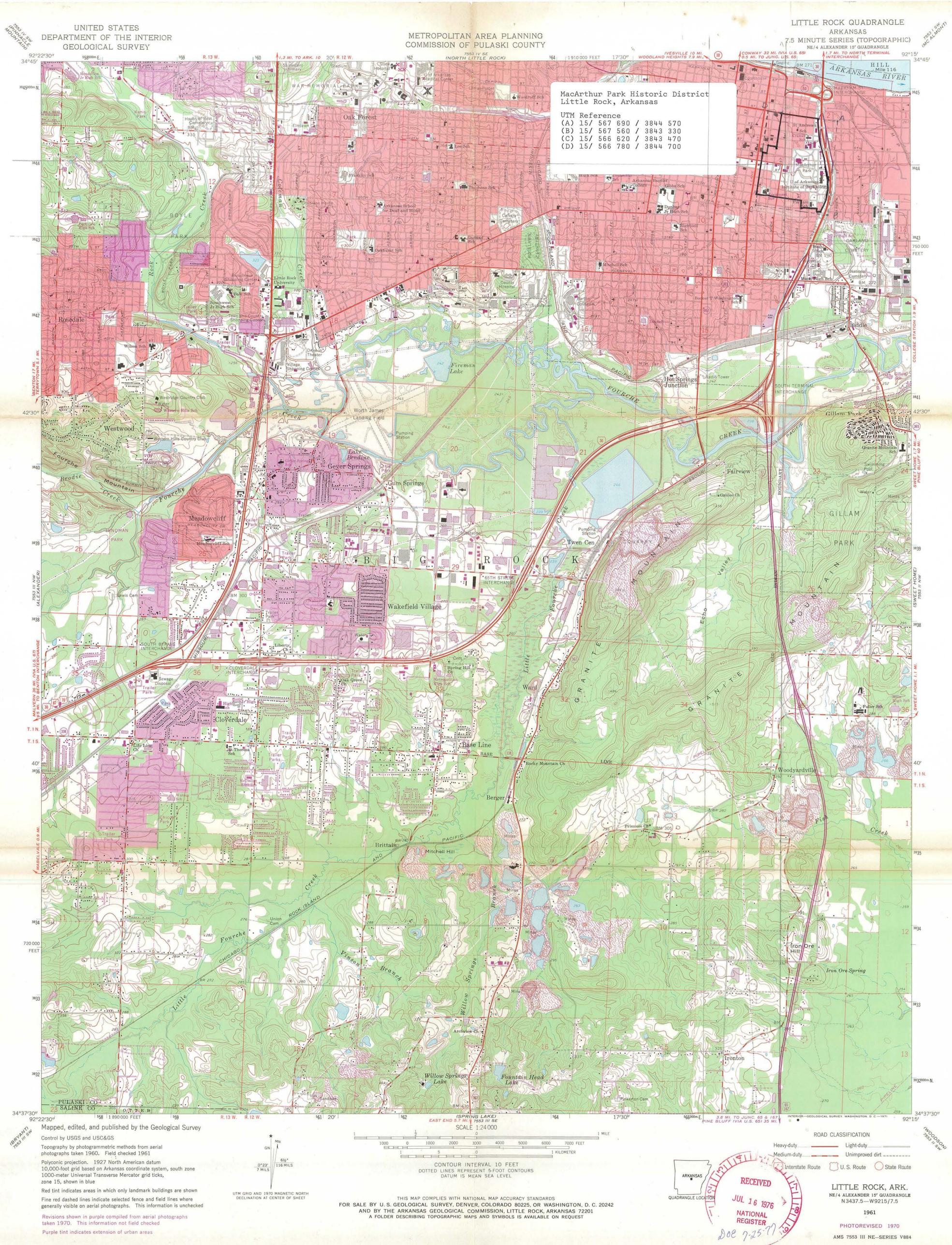
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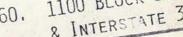
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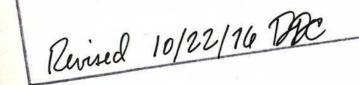
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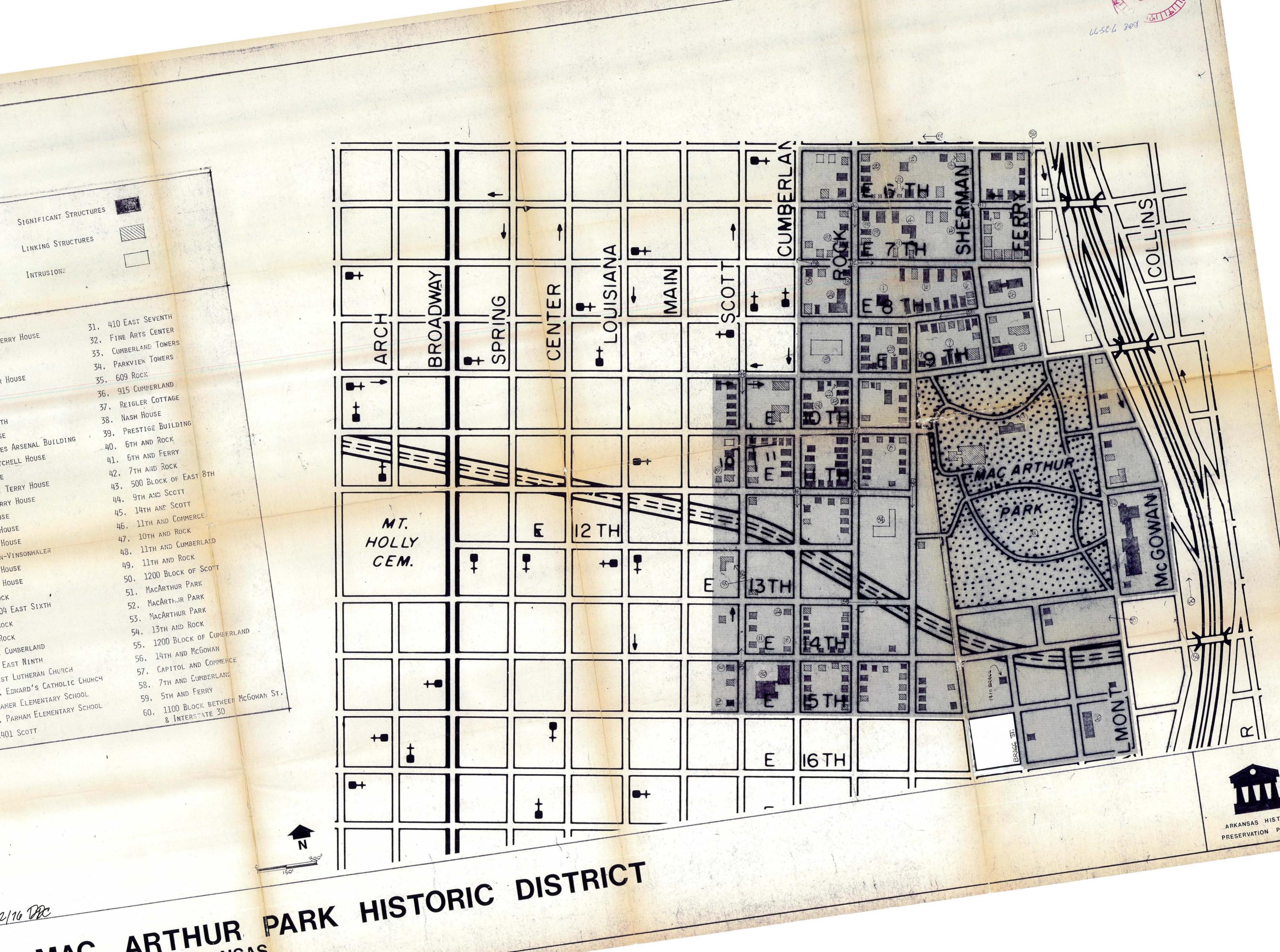
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MacArthur Park Historic District - Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The "Inventory of Historically and Architecturally Significant Structures Located Within the MacArthur Park Historic District," Item 7, pages 7 and 8 is amended to include the following:

20. Sowell Cottage (214 East 14th) transitional Greek Revival/Victorian, one story, frame construction; c. 1868. This cottage originally served as a farm house prior to increased development of the area in the 1880's and 1890's when Scott and Cumberland Streets came to be considered quite fashionable. It was constructed by Jason Sowell and later occupied by Irma Culbert who married Charles Lincoln, a prominent Little Rock businessman. The house was later owned by Oscar and Katie Chisum and Joe P. and Mattie Waldenburger.

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MACARTHUR PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT AMMENDMENT

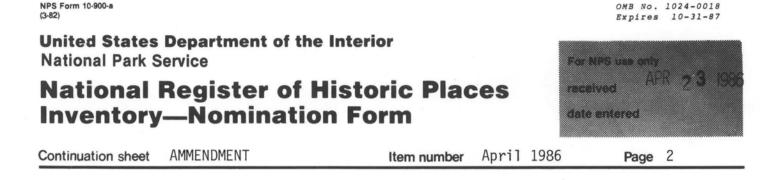
This document is intended to ammend the MacArthur Park Historic District, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places 7-25-77. The ammendment was prepared in accordance with the National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 8.

The existing MacArthur Park Historic District nomination fails to sufficiently discuss the significant types and periods of contributing properties located within the district boundaries. Only a small number of properties are discussed individually, and these, for the most part, are individually eligible. The nomination does not include a contributing/non-contributing list and discusses, in general terms, more than these two categories. The use of such terms as "pivotal", "linking", "compatible intrusion" and "incompatible intrusion", rather than the currently accepted contributing and non-contributing classifications has resulted in an ambiguous document difficult to interpret and utilize.

The second paragraph of Part 7, Description, inaccurately suggests that 175 of the 300 properties within the district are contributing. In truth, the district is an extremely cohesive area that reflects more than one significant period of activity. This collection of buildings, which possesses a high degree of integrity, reflects the changes in architectural taste and social/economic standing of its residents.

Despite the fact that the period of significance is shown as being "1800-1899" and 1900-", little discussion of the twentieth century is included in the nomination. Significant structures, many of which date from after 1900, are located within the district and contribute to the understanding of its history and development. While the major strength of the district lies in its nineteenth century development, later structures which are compatible in scale and materials and are significant examples of a type or style, demonstrate the continued evolution and popularity of this downtown residential neighborhood. While Item 7, page five, states "Linking structures within the MacArthur Park Historic District generally fall into the 1870-1890 period.", a number of later residential structures exist and contribute to the district's sense of time and place.

Though the first paragraph of Part 8, Significance, implies that the district experienced no significant building activity or change after the antebellum and Victorian periods, such is not the case. The MacArthur Park neighborhood continued, during the early part of the twentieth century, to be an area significant in the history of the development of Little Rock. As the city prospered and grew during the first three decades of the twentieth century, this important downtown



MACARTHUR PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT AMMENDMENT, continued

neighborhood adapted to meet the needs of this growth. A thriving downtown commercial district and the rapid increase in population, combined with the rising popularity of new suburban residential areas, demanded a change in the traditional land use patterns of MacArthur Park. From c. 1895-1915 this neighborhood experienced once again, a wave of new construction. The majority of this construction took the form of single family residences, most of which were considerably smaller and less elaborate than those built before the turn of the century. These houses are generally found interspersed between the large Queen Anne and Italinate residences.

Though many of the nineteenth century residences were originally situated on several city lots, eventually most of these unbuilt lots were sold. The selling of this land, allowed for the subsequent construction of residences.

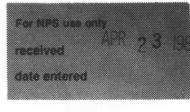
The majority of structures described in the nomination are examples of nineteenth century architectural styles. While these properties are the foundation of the district, Colonial Revival and Craftsman residences dating after the turn of the century contribute to the district's sense of time and place and historical evolution. These later residences, which are compatible in size, scale, design, materials and location, are reflective of the continued evolution of the oldest residential neighborhood in Little Rock and its stabilization in the twentieth century.

The nomination gives some consideration to non-residential structures located within the district. Logically, a number of other property types, such as schools, churches and a small number of commercial buildings were built to serve the needs of this residential area of the city. Also, the advent of apartment buildings within the district is insufficiently addressed, despite the fact that the occurrance of this building type demonstrates the stable and continued residential nature of this district. In addition, a small number of garages and outbuildings remain in the district and contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the district.

The final construction phase that occurred during MacArthur Park's historic period resulted in the construction of multi-family dwellings. Most of these are in the form of two or three-story brick apartment buildings with typical architectural details. As the last paragraph of Item 9, page 4, points out "In 1920's and the 1930's several small brick, two-story apartment buildings were erected...These structures are compatible with the historic buildings in both scale and material of construction..."

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In summary, the purpose of this ammendment is to clarify the existing MacArthur Park Historic District nomination, which inadequately addresses the composition of the district. Significant construction took place through the 1930s, resulting in properties that contribute to this residential neighborhood. The apartment buildings constructed in the early twentieth century are important as early examples of a type, as well as for their role in meeting the continued though changing demand for housing in this area of Little Rock. Also, while this is a residential district, other building types were constructed in response to the needs of the residents, and thus, contribute to the accurate understanding of this district.

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Representative List of Contributing Properties:

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Churches:	St. Edwards Catholic 1st Lutheran	823 Sherman 314 E. 8th	(c. 1901) (c. 1888)
Schools:	Kramer School East Side Junior High	715 Sherman 1401 Scott	(1895) (1904)
Apartments:	Caroline Row Beverly Apartments Gladden Apartments	221 E. 10th 406 E. 7th 509 Rock 408-10 E. 9th 519 E. Capitol	<pre>(c. 1885) (c. 1925) (c. 1925) (c. 1925) (c. 1925)</pre>
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MACARTHUR PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT AMMENDMENT, continued

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby submit this ammendment to the MacArthur Park Historic District nomination and certify that this ammendment has been evaluated according to the procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer

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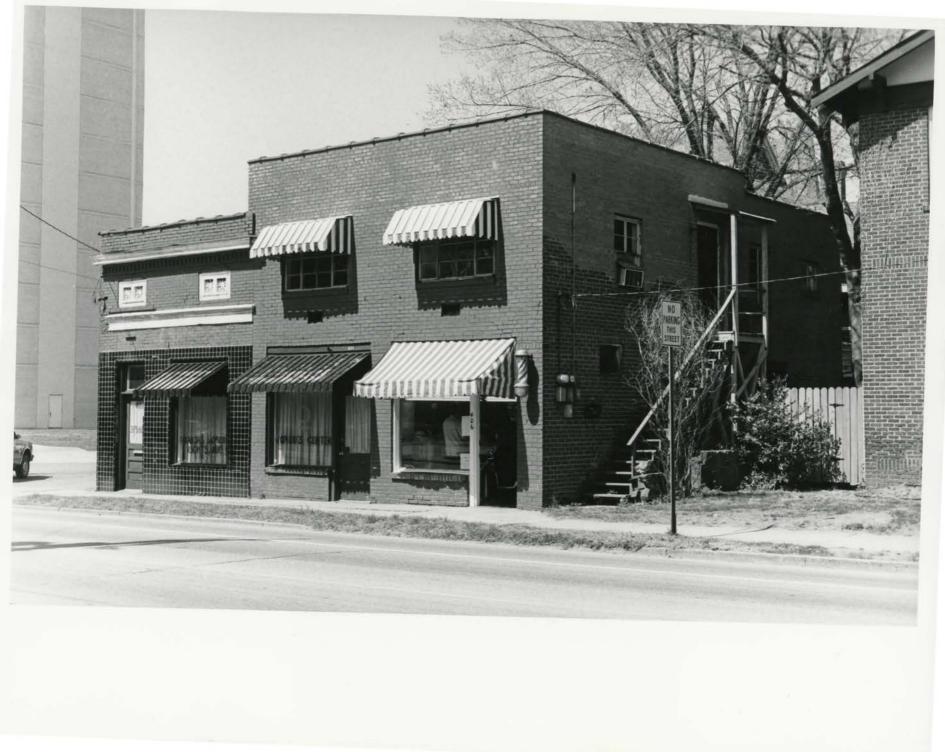
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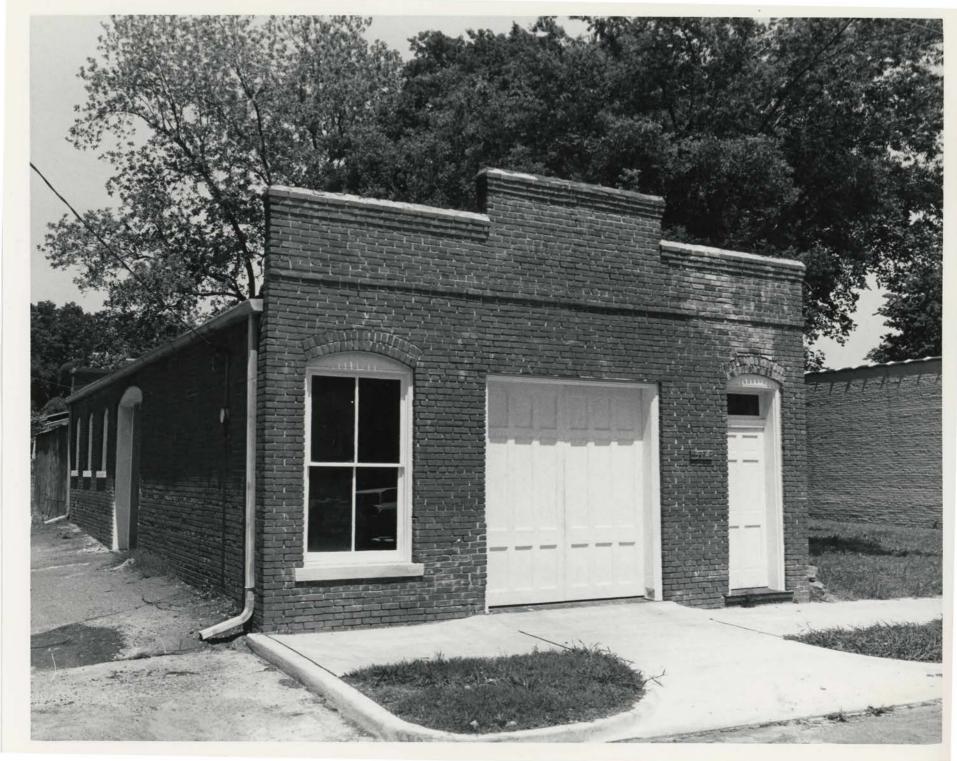
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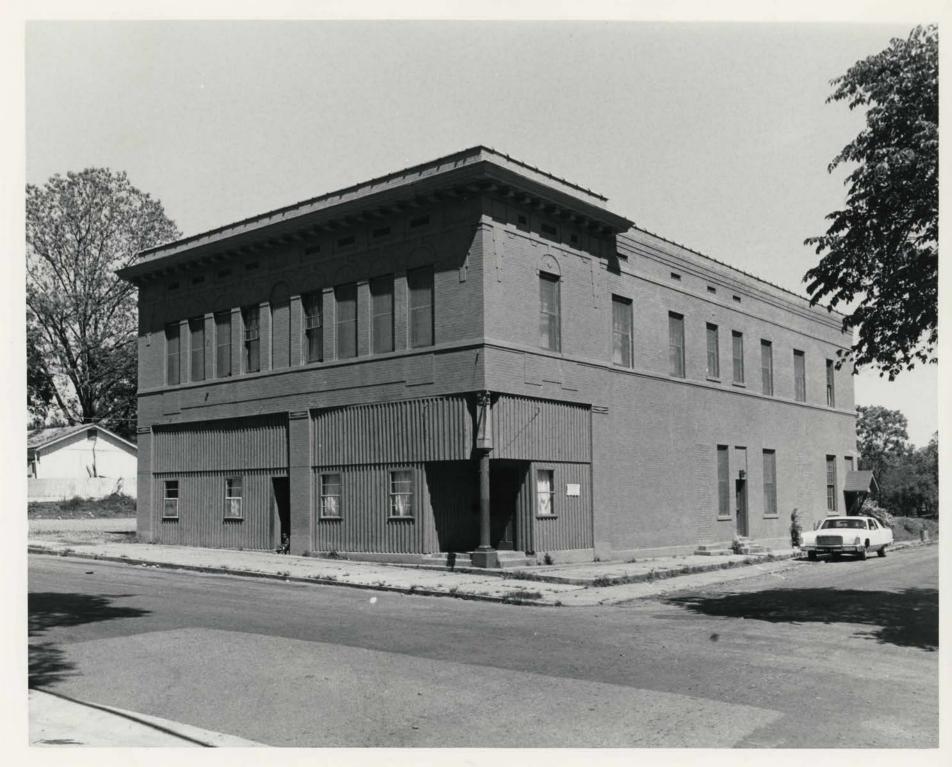
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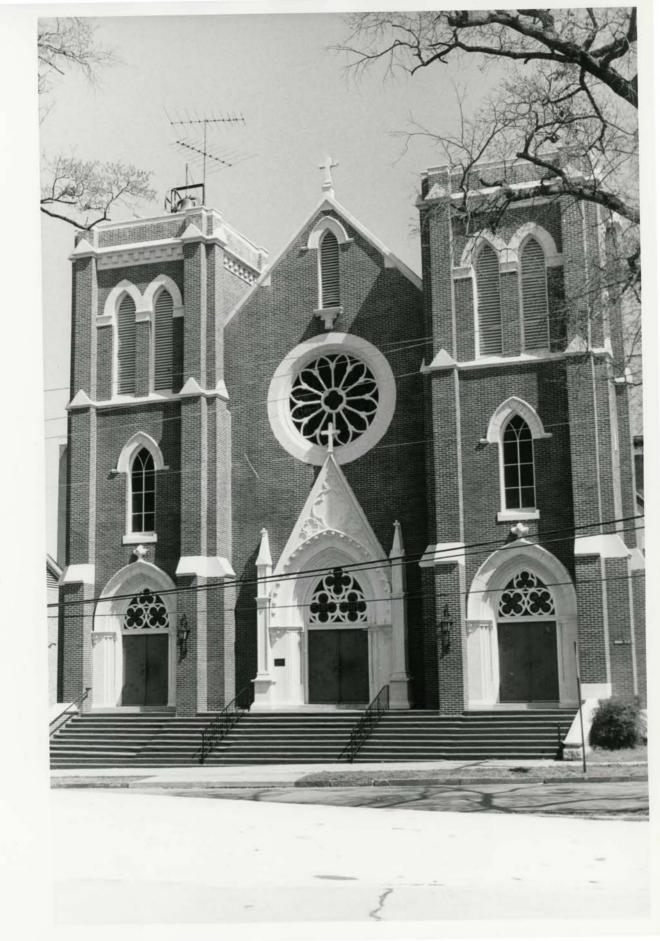
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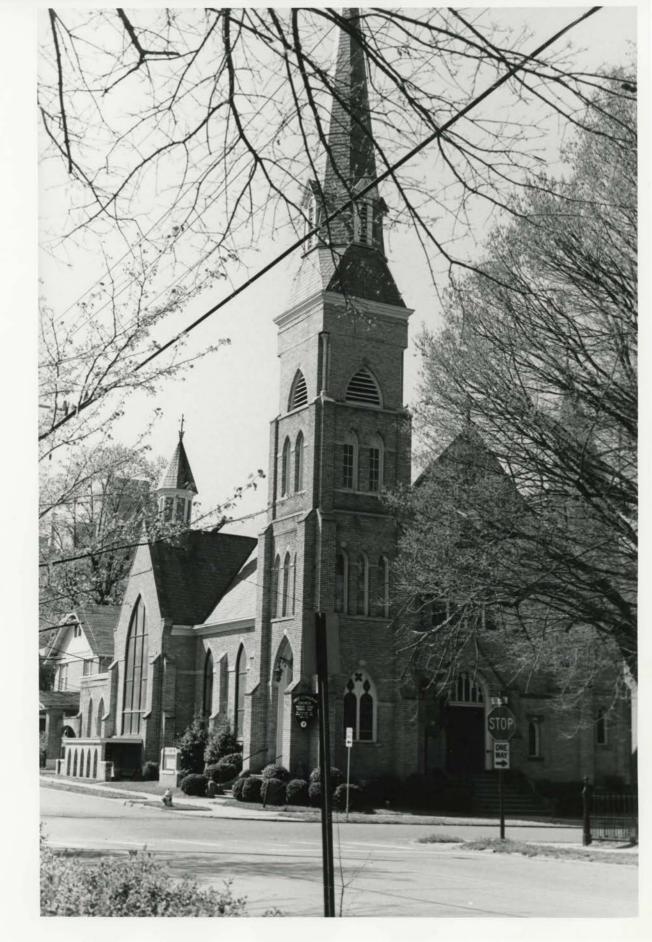
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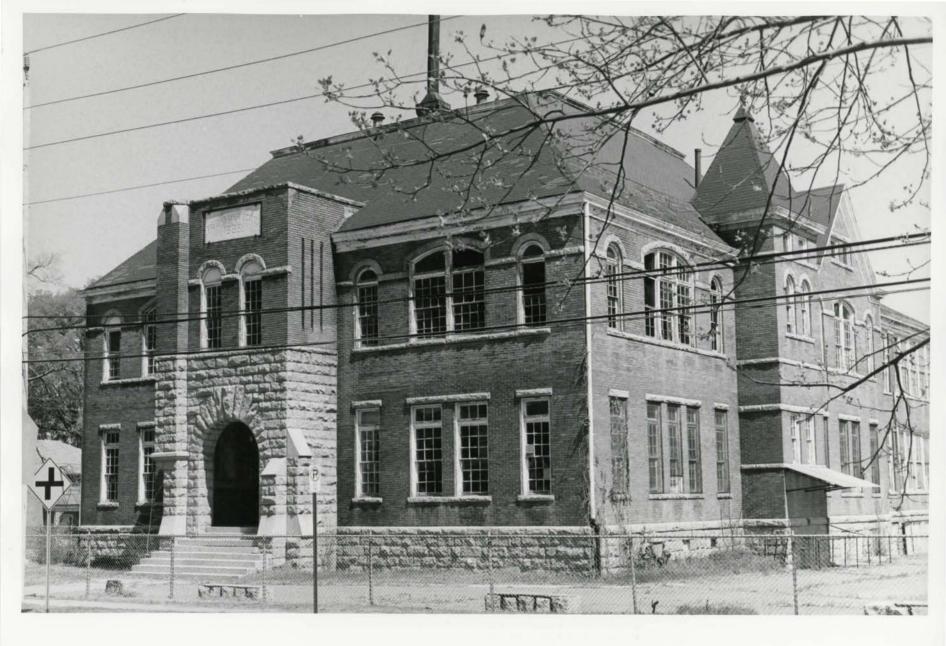
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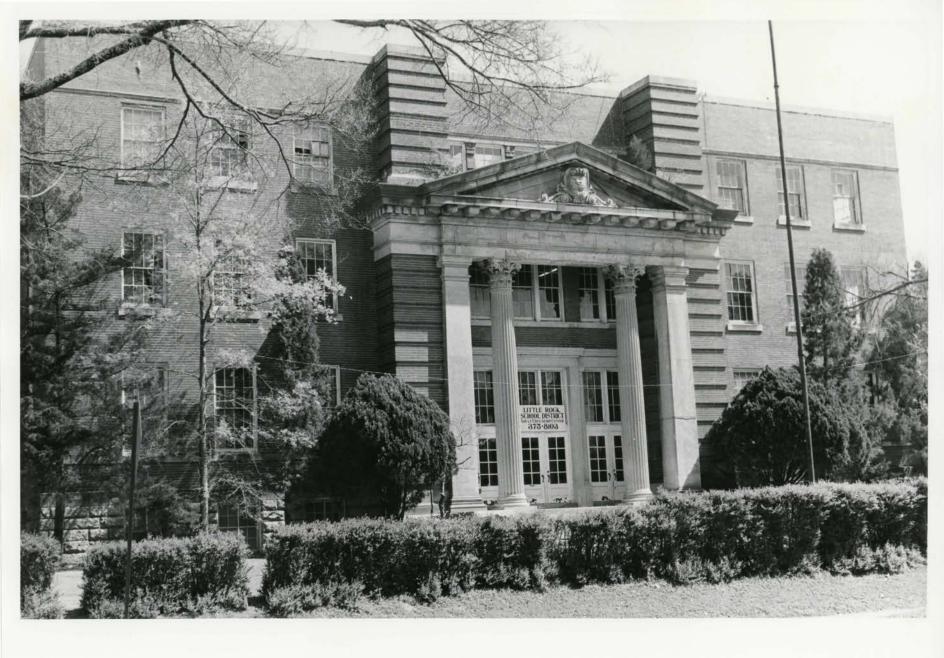
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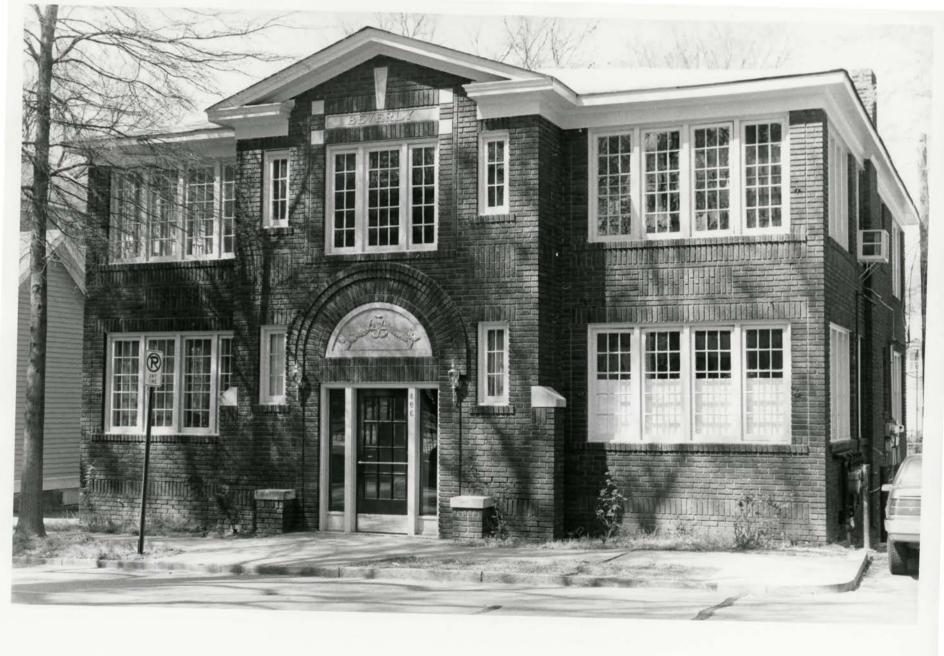
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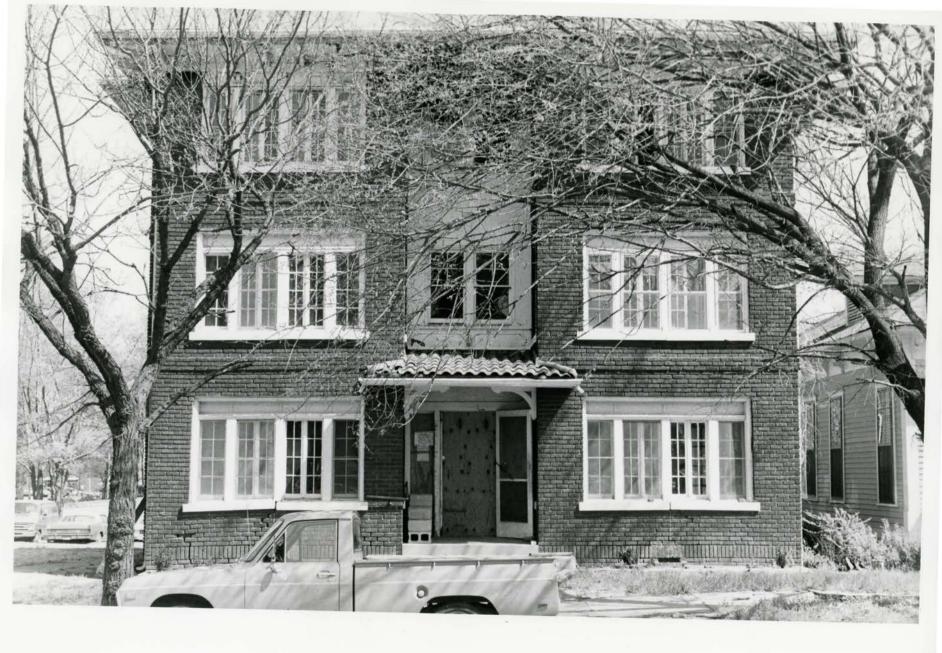
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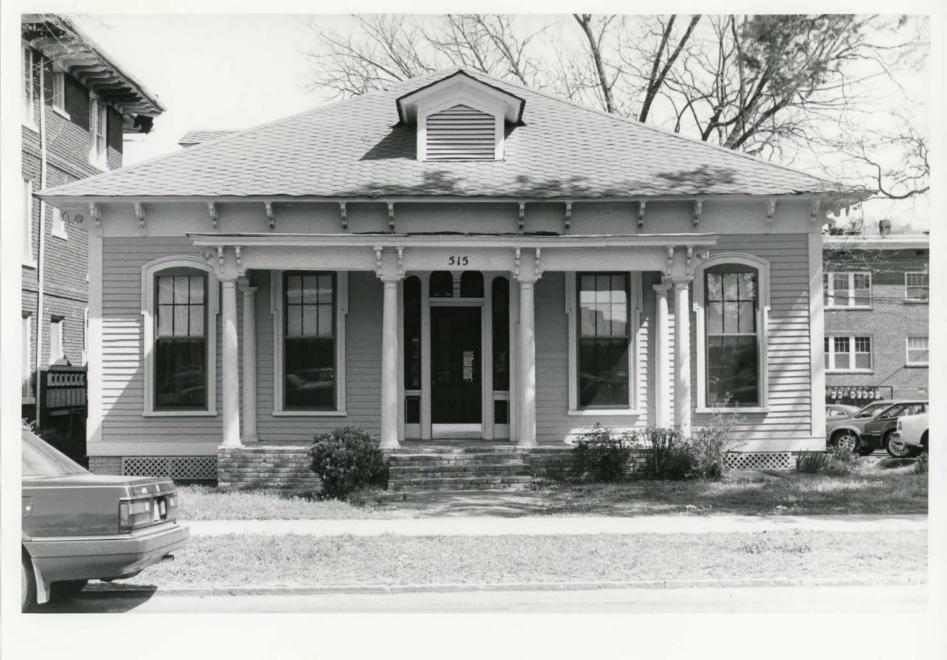
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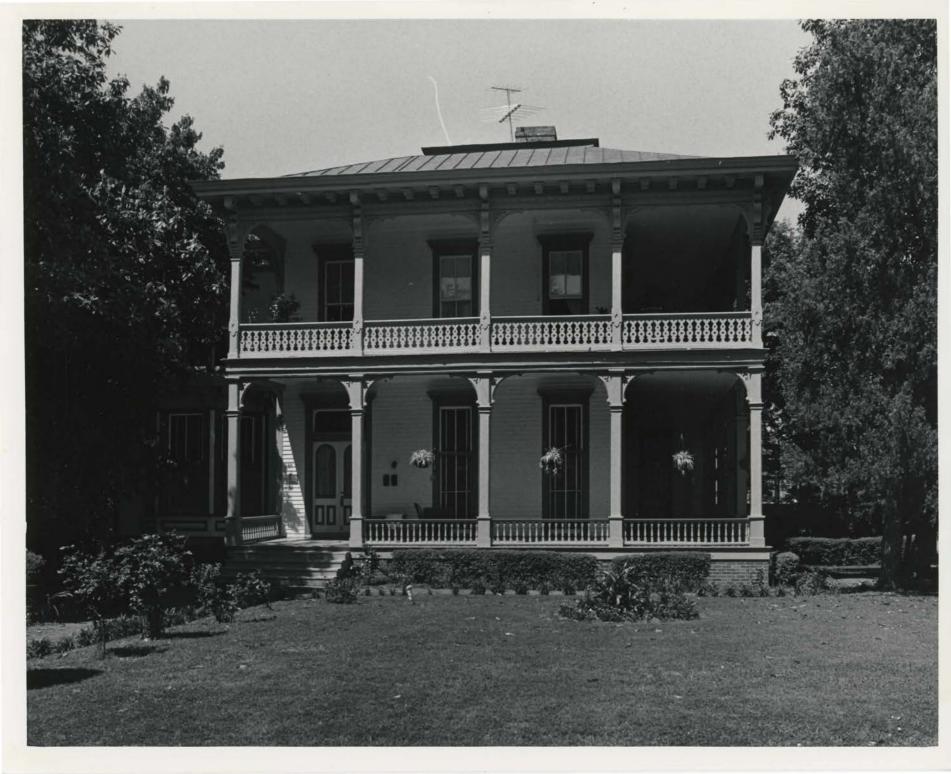
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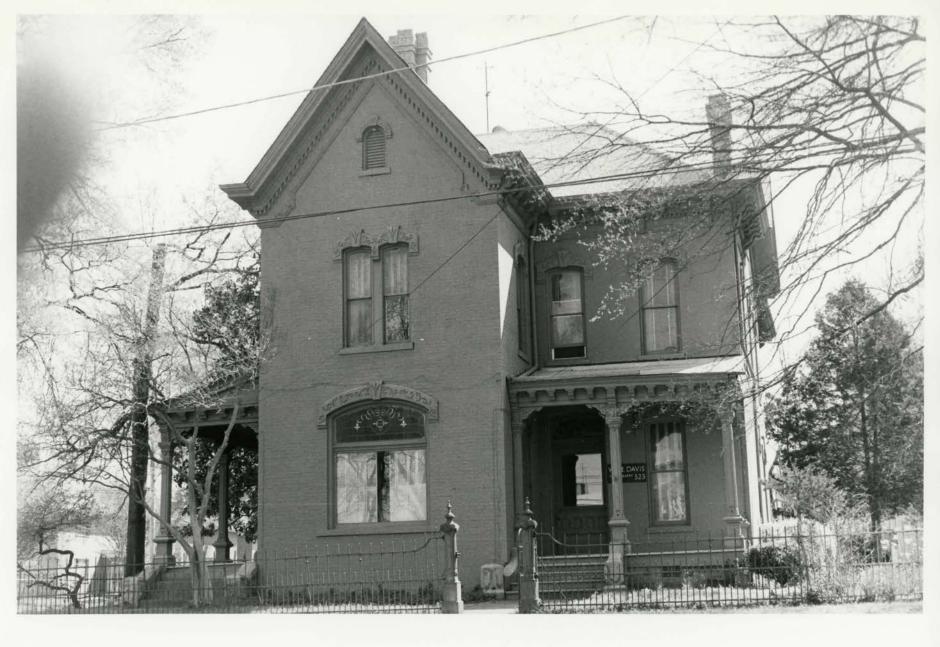
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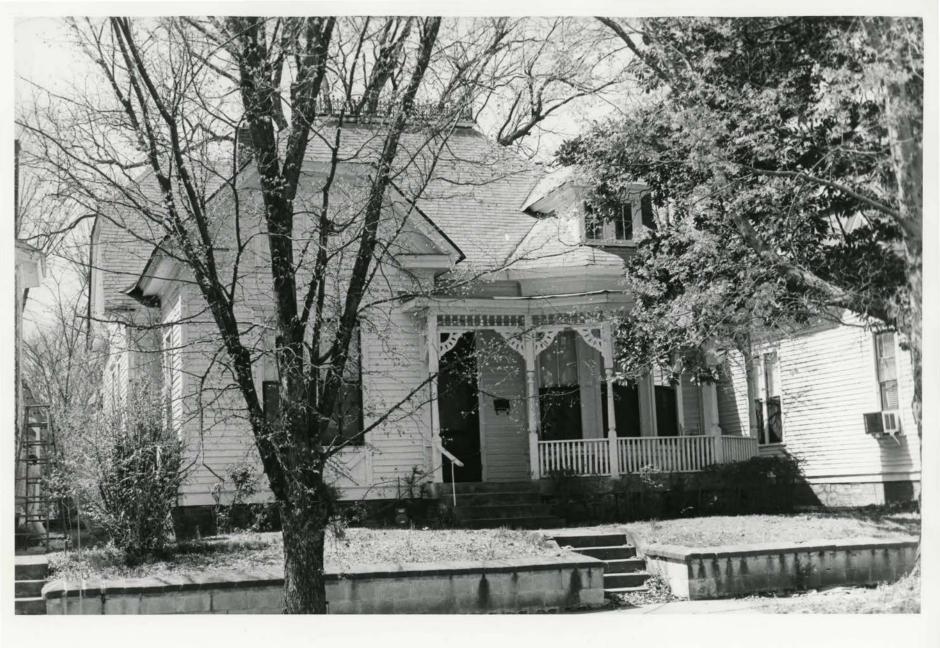
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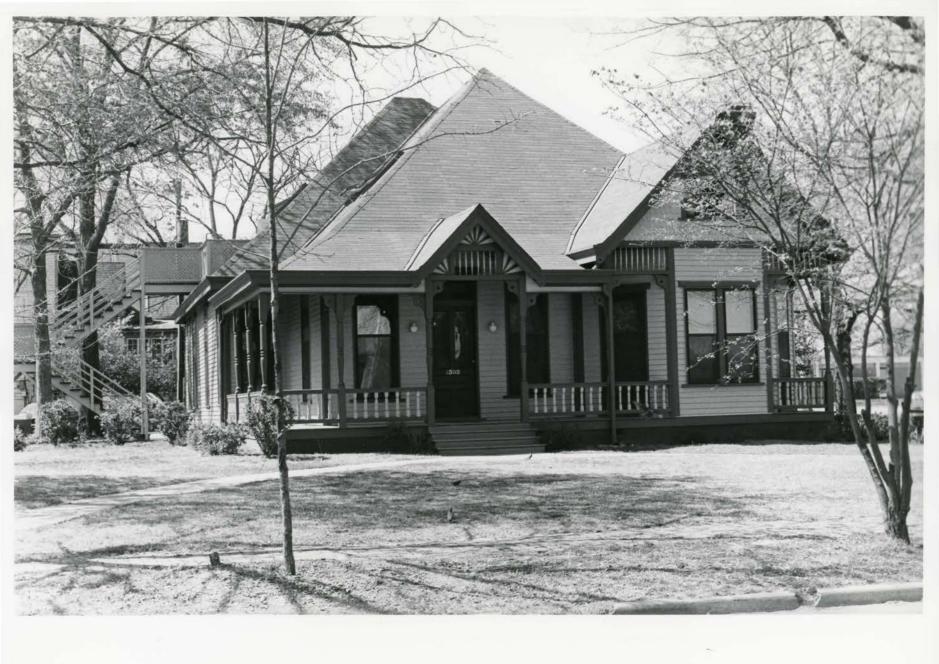
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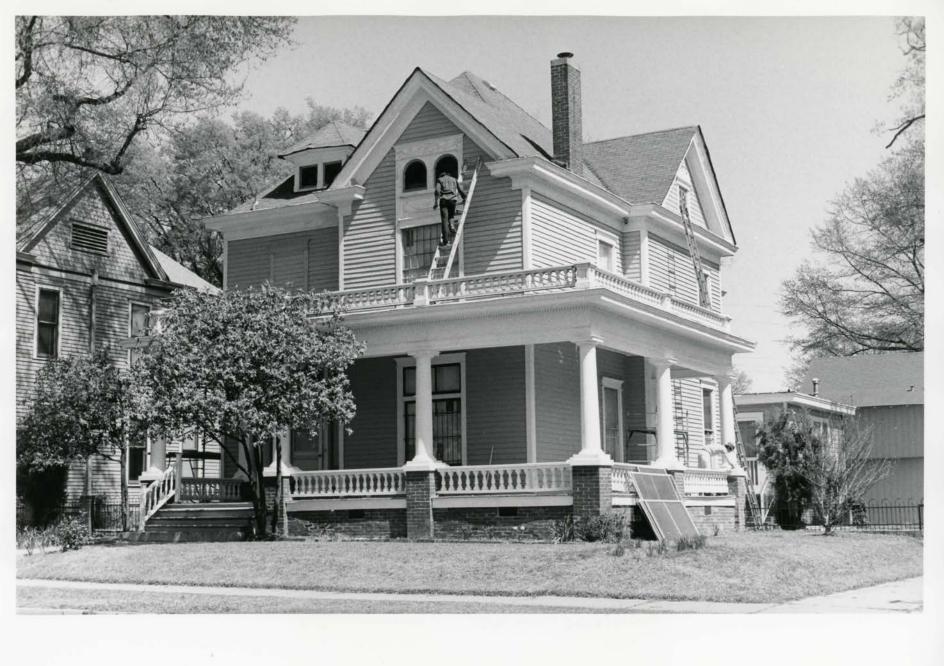


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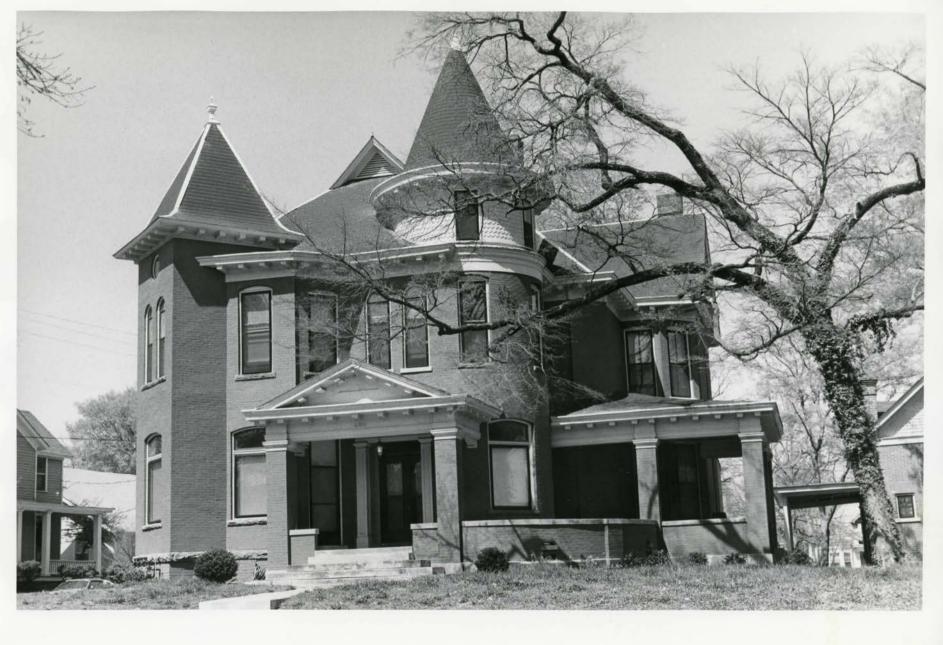
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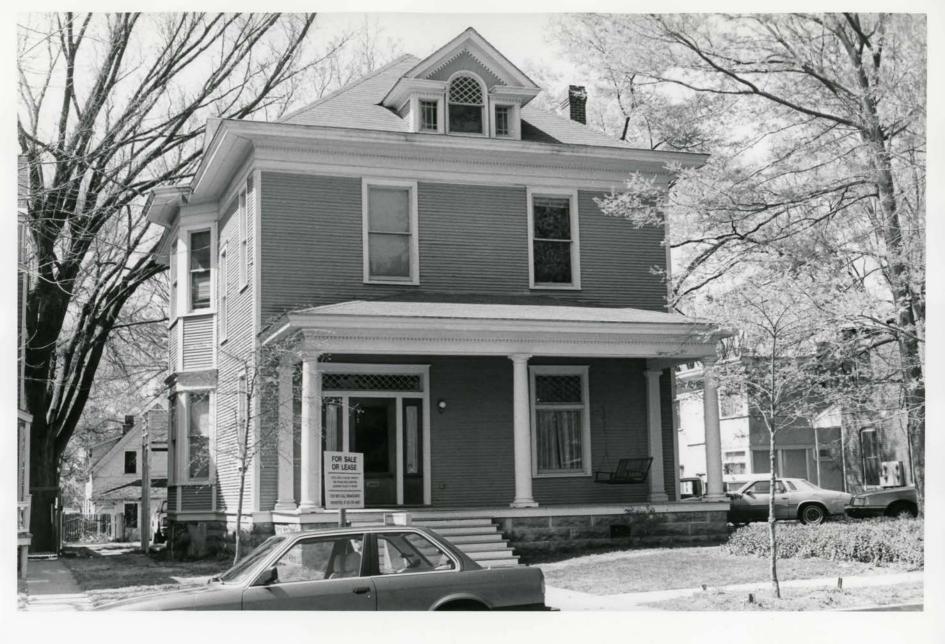
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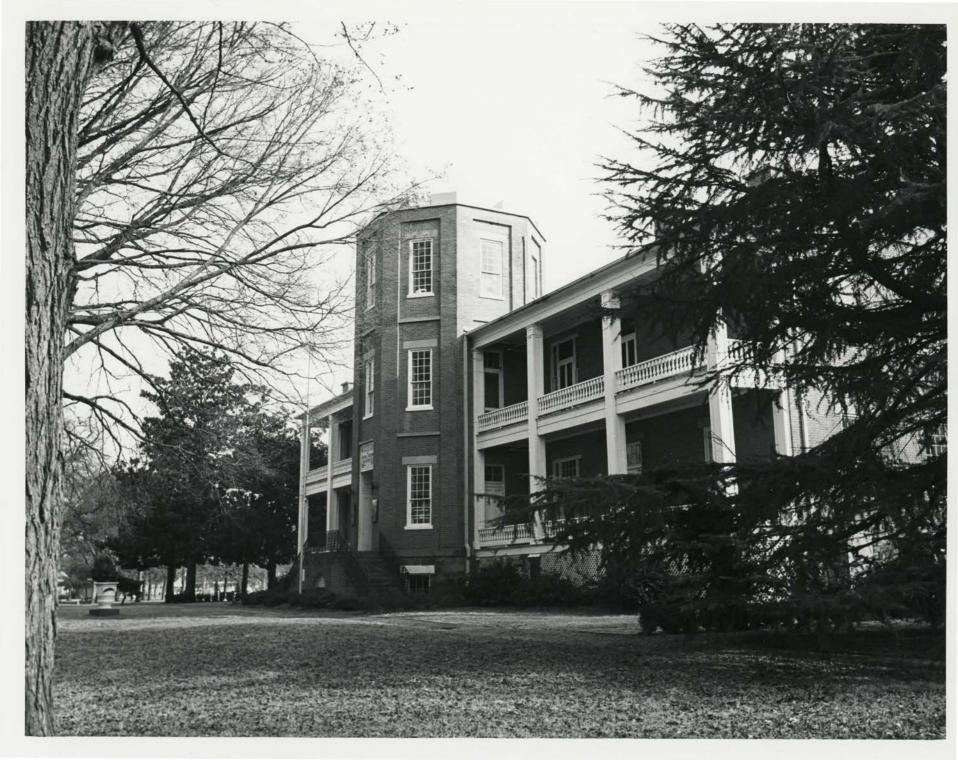
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## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2002

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The revised resource count for the MacArthur Park Historic District is:

	Contributing	Non-contributing
Buildings Sites Structures Objects	165	135
Totals	165	135

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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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In the original nomination for the MacArthur Park Historic District, the property at 419 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street was considered to be a non-contributing resource. At the time, the form of the property had been altered from its original late nineteenth-century form. In addition, non-original synthetic siding had been placed on the house. However, the property at 419 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street should be considered a contributing resource. Since the time that the nomination was completed and approved, the property has been restored through a tax credit project. Among other things, the project restored the original wood clapboard siding on the property and returned the property to its original nineteenth-century form. As a result, the building is considered to be a contributing resource in the MacArthur Park Historic District.

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY MacArthur Park Historic District NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 9/05/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/20/02 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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NOMINATOR: STATE

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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The revised resource count for the MacArthur Park Historic District is:

	Contributing	Non-contributing
Buildings Sites Structures Objects Totals	166	134

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In the original nomination for the MacArthur Park Historic District, the property at 415 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street was considered to be a non-contributing resource. At the time, non-original synthetic siding had been placed on the house, obscuring the original architectural detail of the property. However, the property at 415 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street should be considered a contributing resource. Since the time that the nomination was completed and approved, the synthetic siding on the property has been removed, exposing the original wood clapboard siding. As a result, the building is considered to be a contributing resource in the MacArthur Park Historic District.

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

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# National Register of Historic Places

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Additional Documentation: 2010

MacArthur Park Historic District Additional Documentation Name of Property Pulaski County, Arkansas

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The revised resource count for the MacArthur Park Historic District is as follows.

 Contributing
 Noncontributing

 178
 78
 buildings

 sites
 sites

 structures
 objects

 178
 78
 Total

In addition, the following ten buildings within the district are individually listed and are not included in the C/NC counts above:

Absalom Fowler House at 502 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Listed on June 4, 1973.
Pike-Fletcher-Terry House at 411 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Listed on August 21, 1972.
Trapnall Hall at 423 E. Capitol Avenue – Listed on April 13, 1973.
Curran Hall at 615 E. Capitol Avenue – Listed on January 1, 1976.
U. S. Arsenal Building at E. 9<sup>th</sup> and S. Commerce streets – Listed on July 28, 1970, and designated a National Historic Landmark on April 19, 1994.
Augustus Garland House at 1404 S. Scott Street – Listed on June 10, 1975.
Villa Marre at 1321 S. Scott Street – Listed on June 15, 1970.
William L. Terry House at 1422 S. Scott Street – Listed on January 1, 1976.
Chisum House at 1320 S. Cumberland Street – Listed on December 4, 1975.
Frederick Hanger House at 1010 S. Scott Street – Listed on March 15, 1974.

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## DESCRIPTION

This amendment seeks to add a single contributing building to the existing MacArthur Park Historic District and extend the district's period of significance from 1842-1927 to 1842-1960. The amendment will increase the number of contributing buildings within the district from 177 to 178.

The Phillips Apartments at 922-924 Cumberland Street is a two-story, eight-plex apartment building that was built c.1948. It was built in the Minimal Traditional style, and is L-shaped in plan. The building is constructed of brick and rests on a continuous cast-concrete foundation. The two sections of the building are both topped with hipped roofs covered with asphalt shingles. The main windows in the apartments are nine-over-nine, wood-framed, double-hung windows on the first floor and six-over-six, wood-framed, double-hung windows on the second floor. The building contains four apartments per floor (two in each section) with a central entrance to each part of the building between them.

## EAST FACING WING

## **Front/East Façade**

The first floor of the wing has a central wood door fenestrated with twelve panes of glass. It is flanked on each side by a small four-pane, wood-framed window, followed by two nine-over-nine, double-hung wood windows on the south and one nine-over-nine, double-hung wood window to the north. The second floor of the wing is fenestrated by four six-over-six, double-hung wood windows that are evenly spaced across the façade. Small four-pane, wood-framed windows are also located on the second floor directly above those on the first floor.

A two-story porch spans most of the façade, except for the southernmost bay. It is supported by four wood columns.

## Side/South Façade

The south façade of the wing is dominated by a large brick chimney. On the first floor, there is a pair of nine-over-nine, double-hung wood windows to the right of the chimney and a single nine-over-nine, double-hung wood window to the left of the chimney. On the second floor, there is a pair of six-over-six, double-hung wood windows to the right of the chimney and a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window to the left of the chimney and a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window to the left of the chimney and a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window to the left of the chimney.

## **Rear/West Façade**

The first floor of the west façade of the wing has three doorways in the center of the first floor leading to the different apartments. The doorways are flanked on each side by two six-over-six, double-hung wood

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windows. The second floor of the facade is fenestrated by seven six-over-six, double-hung wood windows. The roof has a large triangular dormer containing a louvered attic vent.

## Side/North Facade

Both floors of the facade are fenestrated by a pair of six-over-six, double-hung wood windows on the left and a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window on the right.

## SOUTH FACING WING

## **Front/South Facade**

The first floor of the wing has a central wood door fenestrated with twelve panes of glass. It is flanked on each side by a small four-pane, wood-framed window, followed by a pair of nine-over-nine, double-hung wood windows each side. The second floor of the wing is fenestrated by a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window in the center. It is flanked on each side by a small four-pane, wood-framed window, followed by a pair of nine-over-nine, double-hung wood windows.

A cloth awning, supported by two metal poles, shelters the entrance.

## Side/East Facade

The east facade of the wing is fenestrated on the first floor, by two nine-over-nine, double-hung wood windows. On the second floor, there are two six-over-six that fenestrate the façade.

## **Rear/North Facade**

The first floor of the north façade of the wing has three doorways in the center of the first floor leading to the different apartments. The doorways are flanked on each side by two six-over-six, double-hung wood windows. The second floor of the façade is fenestrated by seven six-over-six, double-hung wood windows. The roof has a large triangular dormer containing a louvered attic vent.

## Side/West Façade

Each floor of the west façade is fenestrated by a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window.

## **BARBECUE PIT**

The barbecue pit is located at the northwest corner of the complex, and is constructed out of fieldstone. It has some damage on the east side, and appears to be no longer in use.

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## COTTAGE

The cottage is located to the northwest of the complex, and is a frame building with wood weatherboard siding. It is built on a continuous cast-concrete foundation and is topped by a gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. On the north side, the building has a centered metal door with nine panes of glass in the top half and two rectangular panels in the bottom half. The south façade has a centered one-over-one, double-hung window. The east and west façades have no fenestration.

## Integrity

The Phillips Apartments has excellent integrity. The building retains all of its original windows and doors. The building also has no additions that obscure its original form. The area around the building also retains its residential setting from the historic period.

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SIGNIFICANCE Criteria A and C, statewide significance

In the original MacArthur Park Historic District nomination, the Phillips Apartments at 922-924 Cumberland was identified as a c.1960s-70s apartment building. However, recent research has revealed that the building was built earlier. According to the Sanborn maps for Little Rock, the building was built between 1939 and 1950. In addition, according to Little Rock city directories, the building was constructed sometime between 1947 and 1949. The 1947 city directory does not list the address, but it first appears in the 1949 directory. (A 1948 directory is not available.)

Small apartment complexes like the Phillips Apartments usually housed a wide variety of people, and the Phillips Apartments was no exception. In 1949, the first year that the building appears in the city directories, the following people resided in the building:

Apartment A:	Edmond C. and Anne Harper – Edmond sold liquors at 111 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Apartment B:	Alice S. Dixon – She managed the apartments.
Apartment C:	George A. and Wanda H. McConnell - George was a field representative for the
	Arkansas Medical and Hospital Service.
Apartment D:	Floyd H. and Roberta D. Fulkerson – Floyd was a planter.
Apartment E:	James W. and Elizabeth A. Shuffield, Jr. – James was a physician.
Apartment F:	Samuel and Lillian W. Rorex - Samuel was a lawyer with an office at 523 Pyramid
	Building.
Apartment G:	John W. Downs – John was a physician.
Apartment H:	James W. and Lillian S. Allen - James worked for Eagle Home & Building Insulators.

The construction of apartment buildings such as this was common after World War II in the neighborhoods of Little Rock. Multi-family housing was important after World War II in order to handle the housing needs of returning GI's and their families. The Phillips Apartments is just one example of these small apartment buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District. The Phillips Apartments is still used as an apartment building, and has been throughout its history.

Examples of this type of housing have been recognized in the nearby Governor's Mansion Historic District (NR listed 09/13/78, amended 09/15/88, additional documentation approved 11/22/93). By extending the period of significance of the MacArthur Park Historic District to 1960, it will be possible to recognize this period of history and development in the neighborhood.

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PULASKI COUNTY, AR

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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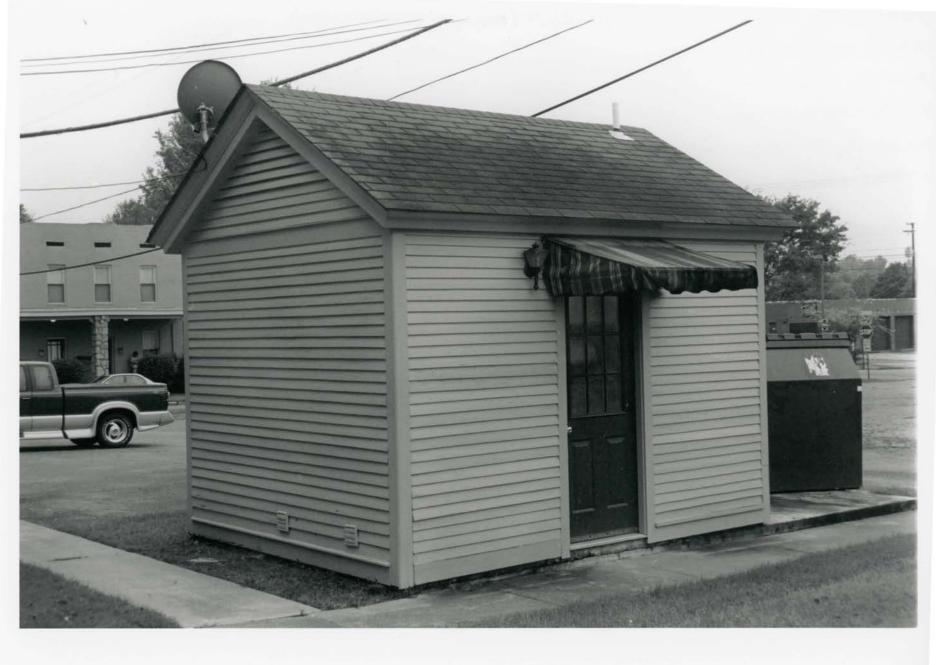


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- RALPH S. WILCOX
- SEPTEMBER 2009
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MACARTHUR PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT (PHILLIPS APARTMENTS)

- PULASKI COUNTY, AR
- RALPHS. WILLOX
- SEPTEMBER 2009
- ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR
- COTTAGE LOOKING SOUTHWEST

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY MacArthur Park Historic District NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

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TELEPHONE	DATE	1.21.2010

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# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2015

National Park Service

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## **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

United States Department of the Interior

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name MacArthur Park Historic District Additional Documentation	
other names/site number	
2. Location	_
street & number Roughly bounded by E. Capitol Avenue on the north, E. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street on the not for publication south, Ferry and McGowan on the east, Cumberland and Scott on the west	
city or town Little Rock	
state Arkansas code AR county Pulaski code 119 zip code 72202	
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources (Do not include previously lis				
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public-State isite	170	51	buildings		
public-Federal structure		32 (vacant lots)	sites		
🗌 object			structures		
			objects		
	170	82	Total		
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	Number of Contribution in the National Register		y listed		
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6. Function or Use					
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instruc	tions)			
DOMESTIC: single dwelling, multiple dwelling	DOMESTIC: single dw	elling, multiple dwelling	5		
COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store, restaurant	COMMERCE/TRADE: business, professional, restaurant specialty store				
SOCIAL: meeting hall	SOCIAL: meeting hall				
GOVERNMENT: fire station	GOVERNMENT: fire station				
EDUCATION: school, college	EDUCATION: college				
RELIGIOUS: religious facility, church school	RELIGIOUS: religious	facility, church school			
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MODERN MOVEMENT: International, Ranch, Post- Modern					

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Gideon Shryock, Charles L. Thompson, Frank Gibb, George

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

STATE

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance** 

Significant Dates

1849-1960

N/A

## 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

$\Box$	A Property is associated with events that have made
	a significant contribution to the broad patterns of
	our history.

**B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

## **Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

**B**. removed from its original location.

C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.

**D** a cemetery.

**E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

**F** a commemorative property

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

## Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

## Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- Previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- # recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

### Primary location of additional data: State Historic Preservation Office

Trapp, Richard B. Lee - architects

- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency

Architect/Builder

- Local Government
- University
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Additional Documentation Submit the following items with the completed form: Continuation Shorts						
Continuation Sheets						

Pulaski County, Arkansas

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

## Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

### **Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Multiple ownership		
street & number		telephone
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## BACKGROUND

The MacArthur Park Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 7-25-77. It was the first historic district in Little Rock listed in the National Register and one of the earliest district listings in Arkansas. Almost forty years later, MacArthur Park Historic District is a vibrant and thriving part of downtown Little Rock. Changes have occurred resulting from a variety of events including construction of a highway corridor through the middle of the district in 1985 and destruction as a result of a tornado that swept through downtown Little Rock in 1999 and subsequent new construction.

This nomination of the MacArthur Park Historic District provides an updated and expanded description of the district and its buildings. It is based on comprehensive surveys conducted in 2007 and updated in 2014. Evaluation of updated surveys by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program determined the integrity of the properties within the MacArthur Park Historic District since its original documentation in 1977.

## SUMMARY

The MacArthur Park Historic District contains the most cohesive grouping of extant historic residential buildings in Little Rock. The district's period of significance, 1840 to 1960, spans the period when development in Little Rock was expanding south from the Arkansas River to the period of its decline. The centerpiece and namesake of the district is the thirty-nine acre MacArthur Park. The large majority of the buildings in the district are residential with a few commercial buildings, three historic church buildings, and three historic school buildings. The character of the buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District is largely derived from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, with a pronounced number of buildings and one monument previously listed in the National Register of Historic Places individually or as part of the Charles L. Thompson Design Collection – A Thematic Group. One property, the Little Rock Arsenal Building is a National Historic Landmark. Of the 239 buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District, 170 (71%) contribute to the historic significance of the neighborhood. As a group, the buildings in the district retain the historic character of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century neighborhood.

## **ELABORATION**

Little Rock is located near the geographical center of Arkansas in Pulaski County on the south bank of the Arkansas River. The MacArthur Park Historic District is a predominantly residential area that encompasses portions of several additions, including the Original City of Little Rock. The district is named after its centerpiece, MacArthur Park, a thirty-nine acre park which contains the 1840 Federal style Little Rock Arsenal Building and the Arkansas Arts Center complex. The district is characterized by a typical 19<sup>th</sup> century grid street pattern on generally flat terrain.

Throughout the MacArthur Park Historic District, broad tree-lined streets are bordered by curbs and sidewalks that date primarily from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century and are constructed of concrete. The

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commercial district in downtown Little Rock is located a few blocks to the south, along the Arkansas River, and Main Street which runs one and two blocks parallel to the western boundary of the district. Interstate-30 is located on the eastern edge of the district. Interstate-630 runs at an angle through the southeast part of the historic district between E. Eleventh and E. Twelfth Street. I-630 is recessed as it runs through the historic district. Bridges over I-630 at S. Cumberland and S. Commerce connect the southern and northern portions of the district. The southern boundary of the district extends to E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The eastern boundary runs along S. Cumberland Street from E. Fifth through E. Ninth Street and S. Scott Street from E. Ninth to E. Fifteenth Street.

The district's focal point is MacArthur Park, located in the east central portion of the district. The park encompasses thirty-nine acres. The Little Rock Arsenal Building, constructed in the early 1840s is the only extant building of more than thirty constructed on the site in the 1840s by the U.S. Army. In 1936, through Works Progress Administration funding, the Museum of Fine Arts was constructed in MacArthur Park. The Arkansas Arts Center constructed a building around the original building in 1966 and a large addition in 2004. The park contains a 1.7 acre lake, playgrounds, gardens, gazebos, and walkways.

While the architectural character of the MacArthur Park Historic District predominantly derives from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, there are buildings in the district constructed as early as 1840. The historic district contains a wide variety of styles and types of buildings. The majority of the oldest extant buildings in Little Rock are contained in the boundaries of the MacArthur Park Historic District. The dominant building type in the district is residential. However there are three historic church buildings, three historic school buildings, and few historic commercial buildings scattered throughout the district.

## **Federal**

Located in MacArthur Park, the Little Rock Arsenal Building is a pivotal structure in the historic district. The two-story brick building with full basement was completed in 1840. It was designed by Virginia architect Richard B. Lee. A two-story wood porch supported by two-story wood columns spans the full width of the front (north) elevation. A three-story, octagonal tower with a crenellated top is located at the center of the north elevation of the building. Owned by the city of Little Rock, major restoration work was begun in 1942 and completed in 1950 for use as a museum. Currently the building houses the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 07-25-70, the Little Rock Arsenal was listed as a National Historic Landmark on 4-19-94.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 6-4-73, the Absalom Fowler House at 503 E. Sixth Street is a two-story brick building which combines features of Federal and Greek Revival styles. Constructed in 1840, the house features a one-story flat roof porch supported by Ionic-capped columns in the center of the north elevation. A decorative balustrade surrounds the top of the truncated hipped roof. Unusual features of the house include a wide hall which runs across the front of the interior rather than through the center and an attached wing on the west elevation that housed the kitchen and servants quarters, in place of

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traditional outbuildings. The house is now the center of the multiple-building Fowler Square Apartments, occupying a section of the block with fronts on both E. Sixth and E. Seventh Streets.

## Greek Revival

Seven houses in the MacArthur Park Historic District are Greek Revival in style. One of the most notable buildings in the district is the Pike-Fletcher-Terry House at 411 E. Seventh Street (listed in the National Register of Historic Places 8-21-72). This large, two-story Greek Revival house was constructed in 1840. A two-story portico supported by six Ionic-capped columns spans the width of the front (north) of the house. The original low hipped roof was replaced with the present steep hipped roof in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house is set back from the traditional line of housing in the block and its property extends to E. Eighth Street on the rear. The Pike-Fletcher-Terry House is has been restored and is occupied by the Arkansas Arts Center Decorative Arts Museum.

Another outstanding example of the Greek Revival style in the district is Trapnall Hall at 423 E. Capitol Avenue (Listed in the National Register of Historic Places 4-13-73). Constructed in 1843, the brick house is one-story, with a wing on the east elevation. A prominent three-bay portico covered by a gable roof is centered on the front (north) and is supported by Doric-capped columns. Owned by the State of Arkansas, Trapnall Hall is the official receiving center for the governor and is rented for public and social events.

The Walter-Curran-Bell House, locally known as Curran Hall, at 615 E. Capitol Avenue is a Greek Revival style house situated on the northern edge of the district. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places 1-1-76, it was designed by noted architect Gideon Shryock and constructed in 1842. A central portico is covered with a low, hipped roof and supported by square Doric-capped columns. A low, hipped roof covers the brick house. Owned by the City of Little Rock, Curran Hall has been restored and a two-story wing connected to the house on the rear elevation was constructed in 2002. The building houses the Little Rock Visitor Information Center and the Quapaw Quarter Association, a Little Rock non-profit dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings.

Four additional homes in the MacArthur Park Historic District were constructed in the antebellum period. The Cook House at 605 E. Sixth Street is a one-story frame building with a centered portico supported by Doric-capped columns. The Geyer House at 523 E. Seventh Street was constructed c. 1850. It is a one-story frame house featuring a flat-roofed portico supported by Doric-capped posts set into brick bases. Another early house in the district with characteristics of the Greek Revival style, is the Holtzman House #1 at 516 E. Ninth Street. This one-story frame house features the symmetrical façade with porch supported by columns typical of the Greek Revival style. Kadel Cottage at 417 E. Tenth Street, constructed c. 1859, is another one-story hipped roof house featuring a symmetrical façade with centered porch supported by Doric-capped columns. The Kadel Cottage features a bracketed cornice around the entire house.

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## Gothic Revival

Two historic church buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District represent the Gothic Revival style. They are located within three blocks of each other. The First Lutheran Church at 314 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1888. The two-story brick building features characteristics of the Gothic Revival style in its tall steeple and multiple turrets and towers. St. Edwards Catholic Church (National Register of Historic Places 12-22-82) at 823 S. Sherman Street is a two-story brick Gothic style building designed by prominent Arkansas architect Charles L. Thompson and constructed in 1901. The building exhibits architectural details typical of the Gothic Revival style in its pointed-top arched windows, turrets and tracery above entry doors.

## Italianate

Characterized by an asymmetrical or L-shaped building plan, wide eaves heavily decorated with brackets, cornices and other trim, the Italianate style is well represented in the MacArthur Park Historic District. Twelve houses are significant examples of the Italianate style while there are a number of others that have minor characteristics of the style.

Constructed in 1867, the Kempner House at 521 Rock Street is an outstanding example of a two-story frame version of the Italianate style. Designed in a traditional central-hall plan, The Kempner House is embellished by Italianate style arched windows, decorative brackets on the cornice and decorative wood porch posts.

The Garland-Mitchell House, located at 1404 S. Scott Street (Listed in the National Register of Historic Places 6-18-75), was built in 1873. It is distinguished from other Italianate homes in Little Rock by its twostory wrap-around porch which spans across the front (east) and north elevations set under the main hipped roof. Square-cut posts with curved brackets are used for support on both the first and second stories of the porch. First floor porch railings have turned balustrades while the second story porch railing has a continuous band of open cut woodwork. A bracketed cornice and frieze with dentils wraps around the house.

The most outstanding example of the Italianate style in the MacArthur Park Historic District is the Lincoln House at 301 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The two-story brick house was begun in 1872 and completed in 1878. The Lincoln House features a full range of Italianate style characteristics including a decorative cornice with brackets, tall paired segmental-arched windows with hood moldings, iron cresting on the main roof and on roofs of porches. The Lincoln House remains virtually unaltered from its original appearance.

A two-story T-shaped adaptation of the Italianate style in the district is the Mills House, at 523 E. Sixth Street. Constructed in 1883, the two-story brick house features a dentiled, bracketed cornice, segmental-arched window headers. The flat-roofed front (north) porch is supported by square wood columns with decorative wood brackets and balustrade.

Another representative of the Italianate style is the Terry-Jung House at 1422 Scott Street (National Register 1-1-76). Constructed in 1885, the house is an L-shaped, two-story frame structure with a truncated hipped

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roof and cross gables. The front gable bay features a three-part bay window on the first floor and a pair of double-hung windows with a decorative wood hood. A wide cornice is marked by decorative wood ornament and the one-story wrap-around porch is supported by cut-wood columns and features decorative wood brackets.

The two-story Welch-Cherry House at 700 S. Rock Street was constructed in 1881 for the minister of the adjacent Gothic Revival style First Lutheran Church. The L-shaped brick house features cast-stone hood moldings over the windows and decorative wood brackets and balustrade on the porch.

The Samuels-Narkinski House at 515 Rock Street is a good example of a one-story interpretation of the Italianate style. Wide bracketed cornice and arched windows frame with hipped roof.

Two apartment buildings in the district display characteristics of the Italianate style. The Caroline Row Apartments at 1002 S. Cumberland and the Brooks Apartments at 217-219 E. Tenth Street are two-story brick buildings with characteristic Italianate style arched windows.

## Second Empire

The Villa Marre at 1321 S. Scott Street was constructed in 1881. Listed in the National Register on 6-15-70, it is a two-story brick house designed in the Second Empire style with Italian influences. A distinctive, slate-covered Mansard roof and tower with iron cresting characterizes the house. The exterior of the Villa Marre is widely recognizable from its use in the television show "Designing Women" which aired from 1986 to 1993.

## Queen Anne

The Queen Anne style characterizes the MacArthur Park Historic District. The Holtzan-Vinsonhaler House at 500 E. Ninth Street was constructed in c. 1898 by W.O. Holtzman, a contractor who built several homes in downtown Little Rock. In 1906 the house was remodeled by the Vinsonhaler family and at this time the Colonial Revival porch was added. The Holtzman-Vinsonhaler House is denoted by various designs and sizes of windows, many of which are arched, and by squared and rounded turrets. The house appears much as it did in 1906.

Another significant example of the Queen Anne style in the district is the Chisum House at 1320 S. Cumberland Street. Built in 1894, the house embodies many of the characteristics typical of the Queen Anne style including irregular shaped towers, multiple gables and bays and a variety of textures on the exterior. The Chisum House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 12-4-75.

Built in 1899, the Frederick Hanger House at 1010 S. Scott is a two-story frame structure with a hipped roof. A one-story porch runs across the front (east) elevation and wraps around to the south elevation. A Japanese "moongate" arch graces the entry which is located on the north end of the porch. The exterior of the Hanger House is covered in narrow weatherboard with decorative bands of octagonal wood shingles above the front

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porch, in front gables, and around the lower portion of bay windows. The house was carefully restored to its original appearance in 1972 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 3-15-74.

The two-story house at 424 E. Sixth Street features decorative concrete block exterior walls. Constructed c. 1890, the house is distinguished by a rounded corner turret with conical roof and front second-story bay window with conical roof.

#### Folk Victorian

A number of homes in the MacArthur Park Historic District fall into the Folk Victorian category. Although simpler in form and scale, the majority of these houses feature Victorian era decoration and are modest interpretations of the elaborate Queen Anne style. Examples of the Folk Victorian style house in the MacArthur Park Historic District include 515 Rock Street which is a one-story frame house constructed c. 1870 that features decorative brackets along the cornice and arched windows. Other structures that fall into this category include the houses at 604 and 608 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Both houses are one-story frame and are characterized by scalloped shingling, decorative turned posts supporting porches and steeply-pitched gable roofs. The house is 904 Rock Street features a rounded porch on the northeast corner with turned posts, decorative brackets and spindle work. The Holtzman-Vinson-Vogler House at 412 E. Ninth Street is a one-story brick Queen Anne style featuring rounded corner turrets, elaborate stained glass windows, decorative spindlework on the wrap-around porch, and a variety of textural components.

#### Romanesque Revival

Kramer School at 715 S. Sherman Street was constructed in 1895. The two-story brick building with full basement features a prominent cut-stone entry porch with round-arched opening on the front (west) The building features a cut-stone foundation and detailing. Round-arched window tops and round and square towers characterize the building. Kramer School was renovated in 1997 using Historic Federal Tax credits for use as an apartment building.

#### Colonial Revival

The popularity of the Colonial Revival style in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century is well evidenced in the MacArthur Park Historic District. Some of the earliest examples of Colonial Revival style details are seen in a number of one and one-half story Colonial Revival style houses found in the district. These houses represent Colonial Revival style elements applied to the familiar asymmetrical Queen Anne style house form. Decorative Colonial Revival features such as Palladian, semi-circular, or oval windows in gable ends and classical columns supporting porch roofs were applied to many of these homes such as the one and one-half story house at 510 E. 8th which features an asymmetrical floor plan with steep hipped roof and front gable bay. Round Doric-capped columns support the porch. The house at 1314 S. Cumberland features a fanlight vent in its front-facing gable end. The house at 1410 S. Rock Street is another one and one-half story version of the asymmetrical Queen Anne style form detailed by Colonial Revival style elements. The house features a cross-gable roof, cut-away bay windows and round Doric-capped columns supporting the porch.

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Two-story Colonial Revival style houses followed the same transitional pattern from the Queen Anne style as smaller houses at the turn of the century. With designs increasingly turning away from the Queen Anne style in favor of the simpler Colonial Revival style two-story homes with asymmetrical floorplans and decorative features indicative of the Colonial Revival style were built in large numbers in the area contained in the MacArthur Park Historic District.

The Bracy Manning House at 620 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street is an early example of the two-story Colonial Revival style in the district. Constructed c. 1898, this two-story brick house features a prominent Palladian window on the second story and cast-stone detailing. A flat-roof front porch is supported by round Doric-capped wood columns on square bases.

The Nash Rental Houses at 409 E. Sixth and 601 Rock are two-story versions of the Colonial Revival style with emphasis on Colonial Revival detailing in their prominent front porches with two-story Ionic-capped columns. Designed by Arkansas architect Charles L. Thompson, the houses feature a prominent front-facing gable bay with fanlight window over the second story window and brackets under eaves. These houses were listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 12-22-82.

The house at 1011 S. Rock Street is a good example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style. Constructed c. 1903, the house features a front-facing gambrel roof typical of this sub-type of the Colonial Revival style. Signature Colonial Revival details are seen in the fanlight window over second-story windows and full front porch supported by round Doric-capped columns.

#### American Foursquare

Johnson Rental houses at 514, 516 and 518 E. Eighth Street are examples of the American Foursquare style house found in the MacArthur Park Historic District. These houses are two-stories with a square floorplan and covered by hipped roofs. Flat-roofed front porches are supported by round Doric-capped columns.

#### Classical Revival

The best examples of the few Classical Revival style buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District are seen in the Eastside School and Auditorium buildings. Both are two-story brick buildings with flat roofs and distinguished by two-story Classical porches. The Eastside School building was designed by Arkansas architect Frank W. Gibb and constructed in 1904. It has a two-story porch on its west elevation with dentiled pediment denoted and is supported by two-story fluted Corinthian-capped columns. The Eastside School Auditorium, designed by Arkansas architect Charles L. Thompson and constructed in 1911, features a Classical entry on the south elevation with full entablature supported by two-story round Doric-capped columns.

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Also designed by architect Charles L. Thompson, the Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church building at 712 E. Eleventh Street was constructed in 1909 and features modest Classical Revival details on its south elevation which features three bays separated by brick pilasters with cast-concrete caps, second story arched-top windows with cast concrete keystones, and a wide, cast-concrete cornice. An addition to the building was constructed in the 1960s. The building has been used for a local theater company and it currently houses a production company.

### Craftsman

The majority of the Craftsman style influence seen in the MacArthur Park Historic District is in its apartment buildings. The Rainwater Building at 510 E. Capitol Avenue, was constructed in 1914 as apartments. It is a three and one-half story brick building covered by a low-pitched tile gable roof with wide eaves. The building features horizontal emphasis indicative of the Craftsman style in its bands of casement windows.

Other two-story apartment buildings with Craftsman style influence are scattered throughout the district. Buildings such as the Beverly Apartments at 406 E. Seventh Street, the Florentine Apartments at 524, E. Sixth, and the St. Clair Apartments at 500 E. Sixth feature typical Craftsman style characteristics such as wide eaves, low-pitched rooflines, and horizontal bands of windows. These buildings were constructed in the 1920s during the height of the popularity of the Craftsman style in Little Rock.

The duplex at 1412-1414 S. Scott Street features a front-facing clipped gable roof and faux half-timbering. A full-width front porch is supported by square brick columns. The Fire Station Building at 1201 S. Commerce, constructed in 1917 features a prominent low-pitched clipped gable roof with wide eaves and extended rafter tails. The building incorporates multiple textures including stucco in faux half-timbering, brick and stone. The Baer House at 1010 S. Rock Street (Listed in the National Register 4-7-95) is a two-story single family Craftsman style house. Designed by architect Charles L. Thompson, and constructed in 1915, this house features faux half-timbering in gable ends, exposed rafter tails, and grouped windows with horizontal emphasis.

Rarely found in the MacArthur Park Historic district, a one-story brick Craftsman Bungalow is located at 722 S. Sherman Street. This 1920s brick house and features faux-half timbering in its gable ends and extended rafter tails.

### Period Houses

Very few "period houses" were constructed in the 1920s in the MacArthur Park Historic District. One example is the one-story brick house at 1301 S. Cumberland which has characteristics of the English Revival style. This house features steep roof slopes, a prominent front chimney and arched openings typical of the English Revival style.

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#### Art Deco

The University of Arkansas School of Medicine Building at 1215 McMath Avenue was constructed in 1935. The five-story brick building was designed by Arkansas architect George Trapp. Slight Art Deco style details are seen on its center entry is surrounded by cast concrete and the building features cast-concrete insets on upper walls. The building was renovated and an addition constructed in the 1990s for use by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law.

#### **Commercial**

Few early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings remain in the MacArthur Park Historic district. The building at 400-406 E. Ninth Street on the northeast corner of E. Ninth and S. Rock is a one-story brick building constructed c. 1905 facing west. The southwest corner of the building was angled in 1950 and a one and one-half story addition was constructed on the east side of the building, featuring two storefronts with plate-glass windows and single entry topped by transom windows. Residential space is located on the second story of the building.

The Kindervater Building at 407 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street is a two-story brick commercial building with flat roof while a plate glass window on the first floor is flanked by single entry doors. The building was constructed in 1921 for commercial use on the ground floor with living space on the second story. The Pritchard Grocery Store Building at 314 E. Sixth Street was constructed in the late 1930s. It is a plain one-story brick building with center entry flanked by display windows.

#### Mid-Century

Apartment buildings comprise the majority of mid-century construction in the historic district. The majority of these buildings were constructed in a Minimal Traditional style with little detailing. The Penzel Place Apartments at 623 S. Sherman and 608-612 E. Seventh Streets are two-story rectangular buildings covered with a low hipped roof. Two small hipped roof porches supported by decorative wrought-iron posts are located on the front of each of the buildings.

The Phillips Apartments at 922-924 Cumberland Street was constructed c.1948 and is an L-shaped two-story brick building with hipped roofs. Minimal Traditional in style, the siting of the building on its corner lot provides a large green space on its front.

The apartment building at 418-422 E. Fifteenth Street was built c. 1949 and is an irregular-shaped building with vernacular characteristics of the International style in its flat roof, smooth, unornamented wall surface. Metal casement windows are set flush with outer walls and have no decorative detailing. Three low-pitched hipped roof porches supported by wrought iron columns denote entry doors. Several other apartment buildings were constructed in the years immediately following World War II.

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Two mid-century commercial buildings constructed in the district in the period following World War II and 1960 include the Modern style Price Chiropractic Clinic Building at 200 E. Thirteenth Street. This building was constructed in 1955 and is one-story with low flat roof and large expanses of plate glass windows. Similar in appearance, the Oden Optical Company building at 112 E. Eleventh Street is a one-story brick building with flat roof and plate-glass windows.

A few homes were constructed in the district during the mid-century period. The house at 501 E. Seventh Street is typical of the Minimal Traditional style seen constructed throughout Little Rock in the years immediately following the end of World War II. Built c.1949, this one-story house is brick veneered with a gable roof with close-raked eaves. Wide double-hung eight-over-eight windows, vertical board in side-facing gable ends and a centered gable roof porch supported by decorative wrought-iron posts characterize this house.

The typical sprawling Ranch style house was not conducive for construction on narrow lots in downtown Little Rock. Taking advantage of a corner lot, the house at 1020 S. Commerce is a wide Ranch style form with a low hipped roof and attached carport. The house has brick veneer on the lower one-half of the house with horizontal board on the upper portion.

#### Schools

St. Edwards School is located at 815 E. Ninth Street. Constructed in the mid 1950s, this is the only one of the three school buildings in the historic district that continues to function as a school. The brick building features contemporary style rooflines and a Googie style porch roof on the front (south) elevation. A two-story brick building connected to the E. Ninth Street building was constructed at 815 S. Sherman Street in 2007.

#### Post 1960

The area contained in the MacArthur Park Historic District contains a handful of buildings constructed since its period of significance. Cumberland Towers at 311 E. Eighth and Parkview Towers and 1200 S. Commerce are both high-rise apartment buildings constructed in the 1960s. Other multi-family residential construction includes the apartment building at 1016 McGowan Street, a three-story brick building constructed for housing for students of the nearby law school in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Arkansas Arts Center complex is located in the northwestern part of MacArthur Park. The original building was constructed in 1937 for the Little Rock Museum of Fine Arts. In the early 1960s a larger building was constructed around the original Art Deco façade. Another large addition was constructed in 2004.

A pocket of commercial development at the corner of E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and McGowan Street was spurred by construction of Interstate 30. Located at the Ninth Street exit of this major corridor, a gas station, franchise

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restaurant signature building types such as a Waffle House and a Pizza Hut building are located on this eastern edge of the district.

More recent commercial building construction include the two-story brick Fish Factory Building at 1200 S. Scott Street, built in 2003, and a substation of the Little Rock Police Department, built in 2006 at 301 E. Capitol Avenue.

New single family homes in the historic district include the houses at 618 S. Rock and 617 S. Cumberland. Both of the houses are two-story brick with similar height, shape, scale, and materials as adjacent residences. The most unique recent architecture in the MacArthur Park Historic District is a result of a tornado in 1999 that tore through the southeast portion of the area. A number of vacant lots in this area have seen new construction of homes. The houses at 1414 S. Rock and 1418 S. Rock feature shotgun style form and metal roofs. The house at 324 E. Fifteenth Street is two-stories locally referred to as the "Cube House" for its square shape with flat roof. Other new construction in the southern area of the MacArthur Park Historic District as a result of the tornado includes the modern style house at 320 E. Fifteenth Street and the two-story neo-Craftsman style duplex at 1421 S. Cumberland.

Most of the buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District are in good to excellent condition. There have been several factors to which the good condition and appearance of the neighborhood can be attributed. Begun in 1961, Quapaw Quarter Association, a non-profit organization has been the advocate for historic buildings in downtown Little Rock. The area encompassed in the MacArthur Park Historic District is often referred to as the "Quapaw Quarter District". Recognizing the importance of protecting Little Rock's most significant collection of historic buildings, the city of Little Rock established a local ordinance historic district with the same boundaries of the MacArthur Park National Register District in 1981, establishing authority for design review. The Commission carefully protects the architectural character of the neighborhood surrounding MacArthur Park, giving careful consideration to all proposed changes in the district.

The MacArthur Park Historic District is distinguished as Little Rock's most concentrated collection of midto-late 19<sup>th</sup> century houses in the city. Greek Revival and Federal style buildings constructed in the 1840s and Italianate and Queen Anne style houses constructed in the latter decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century distinguish the area from other historic neighborhoods in Little Rock. The greatest period of growth represented in the MacArthur Park Historic District peaked around the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. However examples of many styles popular in first one-half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century are represented in the historic district.

#### Integrity

The buildings comprising the MacArthur Park Historic District strongly retain integrity of location, design, workmanship, materials, feeling and association. The historic district contains a number of individually

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significant buildings, but is most notable through its collective late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century appearance. Careful consideration of changes to the historic district by the Little Rock Historic District Commission has protected and enhanced the historic character of the district, while allowing for growth and new construction.

Although construction of Interstate 630 through the southeastern section of the district dramatically altered the continuity of the neighborhood, the area contained in the MacArthur Park Historic District retains much of its original appearance. Much of the original building stock remains and offers an excellent collection of popular architectural styles in the period spanning from 1840 to 1960.

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PU2870	311 E. 9 <sup>th</sup>	С
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PU2873	407 E. 9 <sup>th</sup>	С
PU2874	411 E. 9 <sup>th</sup>	NC
PU2875	415 E. 9 <sup>th</sup>	С
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PU2903	1101 S. Rock	С
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PU2906	318 E. 11 <sup>th</sup>	С
PU2907	312 E. 11 <sup>th</sup>	С
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PU2912	1301 S. Scott	С
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PU2915	214 E. 14 <sup>th</sup>	С
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PU2932	1423 S. Commerce	С
PU2933	418/422 E. 15 <sup>th</sup>	С
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PU2947	1215 McMath	С
PU2950	620 S. Ferry	С
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PU0260	113 E. 9 <sup>th</sup>	NC
PU0261	904 S. Scott	С
PU0263	914 S. Scott	С
PU0264	916 S. Scott	С
PU0273	1004 S. Scott	С
PU0274	1010 S. Scott	IL
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PU5618	617 S. Cumberland	NC
PU5619	1016 McGowan	NC
PU5620	712 E. 11 <sup>th</sup>	NC
PU5621	515 E. Capitol	NC
PU5622	301 E. Capitol	NC
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PU8661	1418 S. Rock	NC
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PU8663	324 E. 15 <sup>th</sup>	NC
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PU2930	1200 S. Scott	NC

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### SUMMARY

The MacArthur Park Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 25, 1977. Enumeration and evaluation of the individual properties within the district was not provided in the 1977 registration form. A comprehensive survey of all resources in the district was conducted in 1988 and in 2007 and edited in 2014. This nomination documents significant changes and development in the area contained in the district since 1977. The MacArthur Park Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, with state significance. The period of significance spans from 1840 to 1960.

### **ELABORATION**

Within the heart of 21st century Little Rock resides the Victorian era history of the city. The most cohesive grouping of buildings pivotal to that history is located in the MacArthur Park Historic District. This district is the oldest, most intact historic residential neighborhood in Little Rock. The district's boundaries roughly follow the city street plan of E. Capitol Avenue on the north, E. Fifteenth Street on the south, Ferry and McGowan streets on the east, and S. Scott Street and S. Cumberland streets on the west.

Composed of picturesque antebellum, Victorian-era, and early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes set along tree-shaded streets, the MacArthur Park Historic District is a visual connection to the city's history. Most of Little Rock's residential development between 1838 and 1900 is reflected in the district's buildings. Houses in the district are set close together on tree-lined streets with curbs, planting strips, and sidewalks. The centerpiece of the district is MacArthur Park, a 39-acre city-owned park, which remains the social and visual center of the neighborhood. New construction, compatible in scale and design with the older buildings for the most part, has blended with the visual continuity of the built and natural landscape in the district. The aesthetic ideals and social patterns of 19th century Little Rock are vividly represented in the buildings in the MacArthur Park Historic District.

Arkansas became a state and Little Rock its capital in 1836. That same year, the United States government began building an arsenal at the request of Little Rock residents. A thirty-acre tract on the southern edge of the small frontier town was selected for the site of the arsenal. The first building on the grounds was the Arsenal Tower Building, completed in 1840. The two-story, Federal style brick building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 7-25-70 and as a National Historic Landmark on 4-19-94, stands as one of the oldest structures in the MacArthur Park Historic District.<sup>1</sup>

The Arsenal land was traded by the United States government in 1890 for land on top of Big Rock Mountain on the north side of the Arkansas River. In 1892 the government relinquished the Arsenal land for perpetual use as a city park. The former Arsenal land became Little Rock's first public park and all of the military buildings except the Arsenal Building were removed.

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In 1942, the Little Rock Arsenal Building became the home for the Museum of Natural History and Antiquies. Also in 1942, the name of the park was changed to honor General Douglas MacArthur, had been born in the Arsenal Building in 1880. Later the building housed the Arkansas Museum of Science and History. It now houses the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History.

On the park grounds west of the Little Rock Arsenal Building, the Museum of Fine Arts was opened in 1937. The original Art Deco style facade of the Fine Arts building was incorporated into a new, expanded facility constructed to house the Arkansas Arts Center in 1963. One of the leading cultural institutions in the state, the Arts Center features a permanent collection of various works of art along with occasional special exhibitions and also offers arts education classes, a research library, as well as housing the Arkansas's Children Theater.<sup>2</sup> MacArthur Park couples the arts and education with open green spaces, dog parks, walking trails, and a fishing lake to provide the public with an unique inter-city park. In addition to creating an inviting atmosphere MacArthur Park forms the nucleus of Little Rock's most historic residential district.

The settlement of Little Rock and its choice as the state's capital was a combination of speculation, politics, and a prime geographic location. Early settlers in the central Arkansas River valley region were limited to the low-lying, swampy land on the north side of the Arkansas River. The Quapaw Nation had a standing claim on the land south of the river until 1818. Facing a declining population, the Quapaw signed a treaty with the United States in 1818 relinquishing their claim on a tract of land south of the Arkansas River and roughly east of what is now Rock Street.<sup>3</sup> The next year in 1819 the Territory of Arkansas was established and Arkansas Post, the oldest settlement west of the Mississippi River became the territorial capital. Almost immediately efforts were made to find new better capital site, closer to the center of the state and on higher ground without the flooding problems that plagued Arkansas Post.

Long before Little Rock was officially designated the capital of Arkansas Territory, speculators began laying claim to the newly opened land on the southern side of the river. Eventually two different groups of speculators claimed the same tract of prime river front acreage. Both groups platted out a city (one named Arkopolis and the other Little Rock) and even began selling lots. The two sides finally reached an agreement and the city of Arkopolis disappeared and Little Rock prevailed.<sup>4</sup> The surviving street grid followed the river's shoreline, giving the town a slightly askew east-west orientation.

By 1840, Little Rock was one of the largest towns west of the Mississippi River with a population of 1,531. It was expanding south from the river into areas included within the boundaries of the MacArthur Park Historic District. A number of large estate-size homes were constructed in the district around 1840. Two houses from large estates remain. One example is the Federal style Absalom Fowler House at 503 East Sixth (National Register 6/4/73) built by the successful lawyer and land speculator Absalom Fowler in 1840. The Pike-Fletcher-Terry House at 411 E. Seventh and listed in the National Register of Historic Places 8-21-72, is a large, two-story Greek Revival style constructed in 1840. The house has been home to two of Arkansas's most distinguished personages; Albert Pike, lawyer, poet, and Masonic philosopher, then later John Gould

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Fletcher, the only Arkansan to win a Pulitzer Prize for literature.

Frederick Trapnall, another lawyer and a politician, built Trapnall Hall (National Register 4-13-73) in 1843. The one-story Greek Revival style house was one of the earliest restorations to be undertaken in the area. Trapnall Hall serves as the official receiving hall for the Governor of Arkansas and is rented for special events and occasions.

Curran Hall, listed in the National Register 1-1-76, is a one-story, brick home built in 1842. Located at 615 E. Fifth Street, Curran Hall is another example of surviving Greek Revival design. The house fell into severe disrepair and was slated for demolition in 1996 when it was purchased by the Little Rock Visitor Information Center Foundation. After six years of careful renovation at a cost of over \$1.4 million, the house was formally opened as Little Rock's first official Visitor Information Center on May 18, 2002. Several other outstanding antebellum houses located in the district, make the MacArthur Park Historic District one of the largest concentrations of pre-Civil War buildings remaining in Arkansas.

Arkansas historian, Dr. Ira Don Richards, proposed that the growth of Little Rock before 1860 was hampered by three major economic drawbacks. "First, an efficient transportation network did not develop to serve the river city. Only small durable steamers could ply the troublesome Arkansas River, and the railroad would not come to the town until after the Civil War. The major western trails which passed through Little Rock were more apt to funnel settlers and adventurers to the fertile Red River Valley and the gold fields of California than bring in new permanent residents for the town. Secondly, the city's financial system was primitive and could not provide the capital needed for solid growth and development. Finally, the hinterland of Little Rock was largely a virgin wilderness which did little to foster the city's retail and export trade."<sup>5</sup>

These economic conditions are reflected in the antebellum structures which survive within the MacArthur Park Historic District; almost all were the homes of lawyers, men who could thrive on the political life in town and could make a profit through land investment in what essentially was a frontier region.

An indication of the dramatic growth that Little Rock experienced in the wake of the Civil War is reflected in the comparison of population figures for 1860 at 3,727 to 12,380 in 1870. The population was enlarged by an incoming tide of refugees and black freedmen. Also, many of the Union troops, who had spent time in the city during its occupation, decided to make Little Rock their new home. Easy credit, free spending and northern capital combined to create a building boom which equaled the population increase.

The first steamboat to reach Little Rock was the "Eagle" on March 19, 1822. The visit was just an unplanned stop-over on the way to deliver supplies to the Dwight Cherokee Missionary further up the Arkansas River.<sup>6</sup> But it was not until snag boats were utilized to clear the river channel that steamboat travel became practical and profitable. By the 1870s the sight of numerous steamboats moored along the Little Rock shoreline was common place. This would prove to be the last decade for the steamboat and its dominance over the

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transporting of people and freight.

More reliable transportation came to central Arkansas when the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad arrived in 1857. The tracks actually terminated opposite Little Rock on the north side of the Arkansas River. Passengers and cargo had to be ferried across the river to Little Rock. In the single month of May 1869 over one-hundred buildings, many of them brick, were under construction in Little Rock. Four years later the Arkansas River was spanned on December 1873 with the impressive Baring Cross Bridge, the city's first railway bridge. An upper deck was soon added to the bridge to accommodate wagons and foot traffic. Much of the older town disappeared during this burst of building activity and expansion. While urbanity was a product of post-war Little Rock, Charles Squier in the Little Rock City Directory of 1872 states that "the dilapidated structure of the original settler is fast giving way to spacious and lofty blocks of brick."

The population and economic booms begun in the late 1860s accelerated an expansion of the city southward. An 1871 pictorial map of Little Rock entitled "A Bird's Eye View of Little Rock" pictures impressive, Italianate style homes crowding the blocks of the MacArthur Park Historic District as far south as Ninth Street.<sup>7</sup> The economic upsurge of this period is still chronicled through the grand Italianate style homes which survive in the district.

The brick, two-story Lincoln House at 301 E. Seventh Street, begun in 1872 and completed in 1878, was built for wholesale druggist Charles Lincoln. The house features a full range of Italianate style details and is virtually unaltered. Noted architectural historian Fred Nichols believes the Second Empire architecture of the Lincoln House to be of national significance.<sup>8</sup>

The Garland-Mitchell House (National Register 6-10-75), built in 1872 at what then constituted the outskirts of Little Rock at Scott and Fourteenth streets, is an excellent example of the Italianate style "Steamboat Gothic" architecture. In addition to its picturesque architecture, the home has housed two governors of Arkansas, Augustus Garland and Charles Brough.

Numerous examples of Italianate style architecture remain in the MacArthur Park Historic District. Many are well preserved as is the case for the Lincoln House; others such as the Mills House at 526 E. Sixth Street and the Garland Mitchell House have maintained their original appearance. All of these structures recall Little Rock's post-Civil-War boom when the small-town capital of Arkansas began to offer the diversity and assume the appearance of a city.

An over-extension of the city's economic resources coupled with the nationwide financial panic of 1872 temporarily curtailed Little Rock's rapid development. However, several factors contributed to an economic upsurge which brought about even greater periods of growth and prosperity in the 1880s and 1890s. First, by the middle of the 1880s Little Rock was the hub of a railroad network which for the first time efficiently connected the city with the rest of the state and the country.

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Second, the rapid expansion of agricultural, timber and mining industries pushed back the Arkansas frontier. These rural areas began to look down the newly laid railroad tracks to Little Rock as their wholesale and distribution center. And third, while never really suited for the role of a major cotton center, Little Rock did become the nation's fourth largest inland cotton market during this period. Retail and wholesale businesses formed the backbone of the city's economy.

By the early 1880s the entire area encompassed within the boundaries of the MacArthur Park Historic District (except the arsenal grounds) was a formal grid of streets along which were clustered closely-packed Victorian homes. The scene has changed little over the past 140 years. A passage from <u>The Commercial and Statistical Review of Little Rock Arkansas</u> (1863) provides a description of residential neighborhoods in the city:

"The streets are broad and are bordered on either side with handsome shade trees, while lovely cottages and splendid residences greet the eye on every hand. The cottages are. . . nestled each among the trees and flowering plants. . . with pretty verandas and tastefully corniced gables, smiling through the leaves in bright clean dress. . . The more stately residences and their private park surroundings express the highest development of art and culture."<sup>9</sup>

This quote not only provides a picturesque description of the city's residential neighborhoods, but also makes a fundamental statement about the social patterns which existed in the neighborhoods of the MacArthur Park Historic District. Simply put, the city was still rural, but informal enough to accept the people of different classes living within the confines of one neighborhood. The scale of houses in the MacArthur Park Historic District ranges from large, two-story Queen Anne mansions to small Victorian and vernacular cottages. Occupationally, banker and baker could be found living on the same block. Socially, descendants of the town's founding fathers would live next to German immigrants and ex-Union men.<sup>10</sup> The area in the MacArthur Park Historic District, as a whole, formed a neighborhood that represented a variety of occupational and social classes.

The one-story, wood frame Cook House at 605 E. Sixth Street was erected by 1873 and is an example of a vernacular cottage with a centered Greek Revival style porch. The occupation of Mr. Cook reflects the increasing variety of services found in Little Rock as it evolved into a city—he was the town's first full-time undertaker.

One of the numerous remaining houses which date from the last quarter of the nineteenth century is the Villa Marre, individually listed in the National Register 6-15-70. It is a two-story, richly-detailed, Second Empire home, built in 1881 at 1321 Scott Street by Angelo Marre, an active member of one of Little Rock's most promising professions, saloon keeping. Today the fully restored Villa Marre is privately owned, but for many years was home to the Quapaw Quarter Association, a local historic preservation advocacy organization.

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The Robert Butler House is a small Victorian cottage at 609 Rock Street which was built by printer Robert Butler in 1888. In 1889 a magnificent Queen Anne mansion was built by cotton planter and gin owner Frederick Hanger on Scott Street. In contrast just a block away, two small rent houses were constructed at 604 and 608 East Sixth in the early 1890s. "While pivotal structures tend to survive," quoting noted preservationist Dr. William J. Murtagh, "their sense of time and place is lost if the lesser, connecting, average or anonymous historical structures are destroyed."<sup>11</sup>

The MacArthur Park Historic District experienced its maximum period of development as a residential district around the year 1900. At the same time, Little Rock was rapidly expanding to the south and west of the MacArthur Park neighborhood. The newer residential areas, such as the track housing located south of the MacArthur Park area and the large homes in the Governor's Mansion Historic District (National Register 9-13-78) being built to the west of the neighborhood surrounding MacArthur Park, were characterized by a more clear-cut delineation based along economic and class lines.

The hilly country to the west of Little Rock, known as Pulaski Heights, was opened for development in 1892, beginning the further westward expansion of the city. Eventually, the MacArthur Park neighborhood was overshadowed by new residential neighborhoods. Shifts in socio-economic patterns in downtown Little Rock in the late 1950s began an era of decline and neglect in the MacArthur Park neighborhood. As a result little development occurred in the area, although a large number of the buildings remained occupied. To survive the decline in the area, many of the large homes were divided into apartments.

Interstate-30 was constructed through Little Rock in the early 1960s. It runs north/south along the eastern portion of the MacArthur Park Historic District. Not only did the new four-lane highway isolate the MacArthur Park neighborhood from a historic sister neighborhood which lies to the east of the Interstate, but it destroyed the continuous harmonious historic residential atmosphere in the area east of MacArthur Park. Commercial development at the exits on I-30 began in the late 1960s. A small pocket of buildings constructed at the E. Ninth Street exit contains a gas station, and signature-style Waffle House and Pizza Hut.

While the neighborhood surrounding MacArthur Park has experienced major changes since 1960 through the construction of two interstate highways, the majority of its fabric remains intact. In the 1960s two high-rise apartment buildings were built in the district. Their size, design and overall appearance make these apartments some of the few out-of-scale buildings in the neighborhood.

A proposal in 1971 to rezone the blocks surrounding MacArthur Park for commercial was unsuccessful. Julius Breckling, Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation said in an article in the *Arkansas Gazette* on August 15, 1971, "MacArthur Park is one of Little Rock's most prized possessions culturally and historically. Without reservation it will increasingly become more important to our urban way of life."<sup>12</sup>

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An east/west cross town route first appeared as a concept in a master street plan and highway improvement for Little Rock in the early 1930s. However, the first contract was not awarded until 1964 and the first section of roadway was not opened until April 1969. The final section of Interstate 630 from Center Street to I-30 was dedicated and opened on September 30, 1985.<sup>13</sup> This last portion cut through the southeastern section of the MacArthur Park Historic District. Although a two-block-wide band of housing was cleared, the completion of I-630 freeway gave Little Rock a major city appearance and provided for an increase in traffic and transport capacity and efficiency, badly needed for the city's continued growth. At the same time the destruction of historic houses for the construction of a modern highway brought the historic buildings it affected increased attention to Little Rock's downtown architectural heritage. Because the MacArthur Park Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and federal funds were being used for the construction of I-630, there was consideration given to detrimental effects on the area. Through much of downtown Little Rock, I-630 is recessed below street level with corrugated concrete side panels designed to minimize traffic sound. The mitigation in construction of I-630 through the MacArthur Park Historic District marked the first use in Arkansas of the National Register of Historic Places as a tool for protection of historic resources.

Another blow to the integrity and continuity of the historic areas of downtown Little Rock came on January 23, 1999, in the form of an F-3 tornado. This storm moved through the historic residential sections of downtown Little Rock. In the MacArthur Park Historic District, the high winds destroyed and damaged homes across the southeastern edge of the district. Where possible, damaged homes were repaired and renovated. But some structures were badly damaged or there was not enough left to repair. All that remained were vacant lots, empty holes in the neighborhood.

New construction beginning in 2011 is particularly evident in the southern edge of the district where five new homes have been constructed. Four of the new homes are an eclectic modern design. Other new buildings in the district are similar in scale, materials and with elements of their surround historic buildings.

Since the MacArthur Park Historic District was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, appreciation and support for historic properties has grown in Little Rock. Communication has been the key factor in transforming the attitudes of private citizens, business, and governmental interests from that of apathy to one of burgeoning preservation consciousness. The leading voice for historic preservation in Little Rock has been the Quapaw Quarter Association, Formed in 1961, "the basic purpose of the Quapaw Quarter Association is to encourage restoration and preservation of architecturally significant structures."<sup>14</sup>

The Quapaw Quarter Association has for a number of years publicized the preservation of historic Little Rock though a newsletter, has presented special plaques to buildings which exhibit outstanding architectural or historical character and presents the annual Spring Tour in historic neighborhoods throughout Little Rock. The Little Rock City Board of Directors voted to create a local ordinance historic district with authority to establish a historic district that exactly covers the same area as the MacArthur Park Historic District National

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Register of Historic Places listing. The Commission's design review process ensures that physical changes in the district are compatible to the historic and architectural character of the buildings and historic district as a whole.

Throughout the MacArthur Park Historic District historic buildings have been adapted to house the offices of many Little Rock professionals. Individual citizens are continuously undertaking private restoration projects in the district. The size and uniqueness of the homes in the area, an interest in the historic preservation and restoration of houses, and the idea of developing a downtown community are some of the factors which have drawn dozens of "urban homesteaders" into the MacArthur Park neighborhood.<sup>15</sup> By the early 21<sup>st</sup> century the neighborhood surrounding MacArthur Park had become a thriving area and commercial and residential development continues.

The variety of architecture found in the MacArthur Park Historic District and the abundance of lush green open spaces is accessible enough to invite personal involvement. Intertwined with the history of 19th century Little Rock, the MacArthur Park Historic District physically reflects the social patterns of earlier generations and slower times.

In terms of significant historic structures, less significant but historic buildings, and important historic landscape features link the various styles and building types throughout the neighborhood, unsurpassed in Arkansas for uniqueness, age, and visual continuity.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The National Register of Historic Places registration form for the MacArthur Park Historic District, originally listed on 7-25-77, is being revised and updated under Criteria A and C with state significance. In addition to its strong sense of time and place conveyed through the wide array of architectural styles, the MacArthur Park Historic District is a significant representation of the history of the building and development of Arkansas's capital city.

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MacArthur Park Historic District Additional Documentation Name of Property Pulaski County, Arkansas County and State

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#### **UTM REFERENCES**

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the MacArthur Park Historic District begins at the intersection of E. Capitol Avenue and Ferry Street. It runs south along Ferry Street to its intersection with E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. At this point, the boundary turns and runs east along E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street to McGowan Street where it runs south along McGowan to 13<sup>th</sup> Street where it turns and runs west for one block to McMath Avenue. From 13<sup>th</sup> and McMath, the district runs south to 16<sup>th</sup> Street where it turns west for two blocks to Bragg Street. At Bragg Street the district turns north for one block to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and turns to run west from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to the alley between Scott and Main Streets. The western boundary of the district runs north along the alley between Scott and Main Streets from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. At this point the boundary turns and runs east to Cumberland Street where it then turns and runs north to E. Capitol Avenue. At E. Capitol Avenue, the boundary turns to runs east to its intersection with Ferry Street.

#### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The area that comprises the MacArthur Park Historic District contains some of the oldest extant buildings in Little Rock. The district is a cohesive group of primarily residential buildings built from the 1840s through the 1950s. The centerpiece of the district is MacArthur Park, a 39-acre city park containing the National Historic Landmark Little Rock Arsenal Building. A major interstate highway borders the district on its east and another runs through the southern portion of the area. Although these major traffic corridors have disrupted the historic continuity of some areas in the district, as a whole the MacArthur Park Historic District maintains a high degree of integrity.























































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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

March 18, 1983

Carol D. Shull Chief of Registration United States Department of the Interior National Park Service 440 "G"Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

> Sowell Cottage, 214 East 14th, Re: MacArthur Park Historic District. Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing an amendment to the MacArthur Park Historic District which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places July 25, 1977. We would like to see Sowell Cottage at 214 East 14th Street added to the list of significant structures. When the nomination was prepared six years ago, this cottage was in a great state of disrepair. In the intervening years new owners have restored the exterior. We now feel the building makes a valuable contribution to this historic district and should be included on the list with other buildings which make the same contribution.

If you have any questions about this amendment, please contact Alice Jones of my staff at (501) 371-2763.

Sincerely,

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Wilson Stiles State Historic Preservation Officer

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January 26, 1984

Ms. Carol Dubie National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 1100 L. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

> RE: Sowell Cottage -- 214 E. 14th MacArthur Park Historic District Little Rock -- Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

As we have discussed, our office needs a letter from the National Park Service acknowledging the acceptance of an amendment submitted in March, 1983, which placed the above referenced property on the list of significant structures within the MacArthur Park Historic District. I understand such a letter is not automatically sent to the state offices when a nomination is amended and I appreciate you taking the time to put such an acknowledgment together. We look forward to receiving it soon.

It has come to my attention your office has not been notified of our new address at 225 E. Markham. I am enclosing a change of address notice form so that you may update your records.

Thanks again.

Sincerel

Alice Jones National Register Coordinator

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cc: Patrick and Rebecca Smith





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Mr. Wilson Stiles Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Continental Building, Suite 500 Markham & Main Streets Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Stiles:

Ms. Alice Jones of your staff has requested formal notification of the inclusion of additional information concerning the Sowell Cottage, MacArthur Park Historic District, Pulaski County, Arkansas, in the historic district documentation.

We have reviewed this information. The cottage appears to be relatively unaltered and represents the early history of the historic district. Therefore, we have added the material to the official nomination file.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

Carol D. Shull Chief of Registration National Register of Historic Places Interagency Resources Division

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April 16, 1986

Carol D. Shull Chief of Registration United States Department of the Interior National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 1100 "L" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

#### Re: MacArthur Park Historic District Little Rock - Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review an Ammendment to the MacArthur Park Historic District nomination that was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 7/25/77. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable ammending procedures.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles State Historic Preservation Officer

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27 May 1986

Ms. Amy Schlagel US Department of the Interior National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 100 "L" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: MacArthur Park Historic District Little Rock, Pulaski Co.

Dear Amy:

Enclosed please find a copy of the MacArthur Park Historic District nomination. Should you require any additional information, just give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Julie Vosmik National Register and Survey Programs Manager

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#### MacArthur Park District Survey Contributing/Non-Contributing Structures List

Survey	# Property Name	Construction Date/Stylistic Influence	Contributing/ Non-contributing
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0001	Contractor's Licensing Bd.	c. 1970's office building	NC
0002	Curran-Bell House	1842-43 Greek Revival residence	С
0003	Bossinger House	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	С
0004	Cashion Company	c. 1980 office building	NC
0005	Assoc. General Contractors	c. 1970's commercial	NC
0006	Rainwater Apartments	c. 1915 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0007	Trapnall Hall	1843 Greek Revival residence	С
0008	Voss Apartments	c. 1900's vernacular apartment bldg.	С
0009	Whitlow Apartments	c. 1940's vernacular	NC ·
0010	American Legion Post #1	c. 1960's meeting hall	NC
)11	Paragon Printers	c. 1960's commercial bldg.	NC
7012	Bracy-Manning House	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
0013	610 E. 6th	c. 1890's Colonial Revival w/Mission Revival gable	С
0014	Bell Rent House #1	1880's cottage w/Queen Anne porch	С
0015	Bell Rent House #2	1880's cottage w/Queen Anne porch	С
0016	Florentine Apartments	c. 1920's Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0017	Caroline Apartments	c. 1920's Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0018	St. Clair Apartments	c. 1910-20 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0019	Schrader Studio	c. 1890's Queen Anne w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0020	Warren Apartments	c. 1920's vernacular apartment bldg. w/ Craftsman influences	С
0021	Eclipse Apartments	c. 1920's vernacular apartment bldg.	С
0022	Kempner House	c. 1870's Italianate residence	С
0023	Lucky <sup>1</sup> Deli	c. 1960's commercial bldg.	NC
0024	Peachtree Apartments	c. 1920's apartment bldg.	С
0025	319 E. 6th	c. 1960's apartment bldg.	NC
026	Nash House	c. 1907 Colonial Revival residence	С
J027	Associated Builders & Contractors	c. 1900's Classic Revival residence	С
0028	Seimer House	c. 1880's residence w/Italianate details	С
0029	Fowler Square Apartments	c. 1970's apartment bldg.	NC

0030	Absalom Fowler House	1840 Greek Revival residence w/ Ionic order columns	С
)31	519 E. 6th	c. 1950's residence	NC
0032	521 E. 6th	c. 1940's residence	NC
0033	Mills House	1883 Second Empire residence	С
0034	Cook-Rein House	1873 Classic Revival cottage	С
0035	607 E. 6th	c. 1920's residence	С
0036	Sheraton Inn	c. 1960's hotel	NC
0037	621 S. Cumberland	c. 1920's residence	С
0038	308 E. 7th	c. 1920's residence	С
0039	624 S. Rock	c. 1895 Colonial Revival residence w/ gambrel roof	С
0040	623 S. Rock	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
0041	Beverly Apartments	c. 1925 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0042	Penzel Place Apartments	c. 1970 apartment building	NC
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0045	Columbia Apartments 🦲	c. 1910 Colonial Revival/Craftsman apartment building	С
)46	624 Ferry	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
047	Kramer School	c. 1895 Romanesque Revival school	С
0048	Geyer House	c. 1850's Greek Revival cottage	С
0049	517 E. 7th	c. 1885 residence w/numerous alterations	NC*
0050	511 E. 7th	c. 1885 residence w/numerous alterations	NC
0051	Johnson House	1878 Queen Anne/Italianate residence	С
0052	Karcher House	1879 Queen Anne/Italianate residence	С
0053	501 E. 7th	c. 1960's residence	NC
0054	Pike-Fletcher-Terry House	1840 Greek Revival residence w/Ionic order columns	С
0055	Welch-Cherry House 🛩	1881 Italianate	С
0056	305-07-09 E. 7th	1893 Queen Anne apartments w/Craftsman porch	С
0057	Lincoln House 🖌	1872-78 Second Empire/Italianate residence	С
0058	Second Place	c. 1940's office building	NC
0059	Charter House	1879 Italianate residence	С
060	314 E. 8th	c. 1920's Craftsman residence	С
061	lst Lutheran Church V	1888 Gothic Revival church	С
062	Denison House	1906 Colonial Revival residence	С
<b></b>	510 E. 8th	c. 1885 Colonial Revival residence	С

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0064	512 E. 8th 🗸
365	Johnson House #1 🗸
366ء	Johnson House #2 🛩
0067	Johnson House #3 🛩
0068	Cumberland Towers
0069	801 Rock
0070	415 E. 8th
0071	419 E. 8th
0072	423 E. 8th
0073	507 E. 8th
0074	511 E. 8th 🗸
0075	513 E. 8th
0076	515 E. 8th
	519 E. 8th 🖌
	Litzke House 🖌
0079	801 S. Sherman
080	800 S. Ferry 2
)081	722 S. Sherman
0082	400-06 E. 9th
	408-10 E. 9th 🛩
0084	Walther House
0085	Woolford House
0086	Vinsonhaler House
0087	508 E. 9th
0088	Holtzman-Vinsonhaler-
0089	Holtzman House #2
0090	Holtzman House #1
0091	Fire Station #2
0092	St. Edward's Church
093	St. Edward's School
J094	307 E. 9th

c. 1885 Colonial Revival residence	С
c. 1910 Colonial Revival residence	С
c. 1910 Colonial Revival residence	С
c. 1910 Colonial Revival residence	С
c. 1960's multi-story apartment bldg.	NC
c. 1910 w/major alterations	NC*
c. 1886 vernacular cottage	С
c. 1886 Italianate w/English Revival porch	C
c. 1884 cottage w/some Queen Anne trim	С
c. 1903 w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	NC*
c. 1903 w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
c. 1930's w/major alterations	NC*
c. 1920's apartment building	С
c. 1910 residence	С
c. 1880's Queen Anne residence	С
c. 1900's w/Romanesque Revival porch	С
c. 1880's residence	С
c. 1886 residence remodeled in Craftsman style c. 1910	С
c. 1910-1920 commercial bldg.	С
c. 1915-20 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
c. 1880's Queen Anne residence w/porch remodeled in the Craftsman stylr	NC*
c. 1880's w/major alterations; porch remodeled in Craftsman style	NC*
c. 1890 Queen Anne residence w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
c. 1900 residence w/major alterations	NC*
c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	С
c. 1905 Colonial Revival residence	С
c. 1850's Greek Revival cottage	С
c. 1950's fire station	NC
1901 Gothic Revival church by Charles L. Thompson	С
c. 1950's school bldg.	NC
c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С

0095	311 E. 9th	c. 1920's-1930's w/alterations	NC
396	900 S. Rock	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0097	401 E. 9th	c. 1940's-1950's commercial bldg.	NC
0098	Kindervater Building	c. 1910-20 commercial building w/first floor alterations	С
0099	411 E. 9th	c. 1900-10 w/major alterations	NC
0100	415 E. 9th	c. 1903 Colonial Revival w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	NC*
0101	900 S. Commerce	c. 1890 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence	NC*
0102	Texaco Service Station	c. 1970's gas station	NC
0103	Knights of Columbus bldg.	c. 1950's meeting hall	NC
0104	SE Corner of 9th & Scott	c. 1930's-40's garage	NC
0105	113 E. 9th	c. 1895 residence w/major alterations	NC
0106	Mandlebaum House	c. 1870's residence	С
0107	Phillips Apartments	c. 1960's-70's apartment building	NC
0108	Scott House	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
0109	924-26 Rock 🛩	c. 1915-20 Craftsman residence	С
110	Park Place Apartments	c. 1910-20 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
7111	Cumberland Square Apartments	c. 1970's apartment bldg.	NC
0112	Bragg Apartments 🛩	c. 1920's apartment bldg.	С
0113	Riegler Clinic	c. 1960's office bldg.	NC
0114	1000 Scott	c. 1950's gas station	NC
0115	Bragg Apartments	c. 1920's apartment bldg.	С
0116	209-11 E. 10th 🖌	c. 1895 commercial bldg.	С
0117	215 E. 10th	c. 1905 Colonial Revival/Craftsman residence	С
0118	217-19 E. 10th	c. 1890 Second Empire residence	С
0119	Caroline Row Apartments 🛩	c. 1890's Second Empire apartment bldg.	С
0120	Altenburg House	c. 1891-92 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence	С
0121	1002 Rock	c. 1880's residence w/some Queen Anne details	NC*
0122	Ferling House	1883 Queen Anne residence	С
0123	Kadel Cottage #2	c. 1895 Classic Revival cottage	С
0124	Kadel Cottage	c. 1859 Classic Revival cottage	С
125	419 E. 10th	c. 1900-1910 residence w/major alterations	NC*

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0126	Fashion Park Cleaners	1988 commercial building	NC
2.27	315 E. 11th V	c. 1885 cottage w/altered porch	С
_28	Ber-Dud Apartments	c. 1900-1910 apartment bldg.	С
0129	1020 Commerce	c. 1950's ranch style residence	NC
0130	1)20 Rock	c. 1900's commercial bldg.	С
0131	318 E. 11th	c. 1900-1910 garage	С
0132	312 E. 11th	c. 1883 cottage w/porch remodeled in Colonial Revival style	С
0133	1023 Cumberland	c. 1907 residence	NC*
0134	Villa Marre	1881 Second Empire residence	С
0135	1301 Cumberland	c. 1885 residence w/major alterations	NC
0136	Bein House	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence	С
0137	Rozelle-Murphy House	1887 w/Colonial Revival & Craftsman additions	С
0138	Urbana Apartments	c. 1960's apartment bldg.	NC
0139	200 E. 13th	c. 1960's office bldg.	NC
0140	214 E. 14th 🛩	c. 1870's Queen Anne cottage	C .
0141	Chisum House 🗸	1894 Queen Anne/Stick style residence	С
0142	1323 Cumberland	c. 1880's Queen Anne cottage	С
J143	308 E. 14th	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
)144	314 E. 14th	c. 1895 Colonial Revival residence	C.
0145	1324 S. Rock	c. 1903 Foursquare residence	С
0146	1402 Commerce	c. 1895 Colonial Revival Foursquare residence	С
0147	413 E. 14th	c. 1910 Craftsman residence	C
0148	407 E. 14th	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence w/porch remodeled in Colonial Revival style	С
0149	403 E. 14th	c. 1886 cottage w/Colonial Revival porch	NC*
0150	1400 S. Rock	c. 1910 Craftsman residence	С
0151	311 E. 14th 🗸	c. 1910 Craftsman residence	С
0152	309 E. 14th 🗸	c. 1910 Craftsman residence	C
0153	1401 Cumberland	c. 1885 Queen Anne remodeled in Craftsman style c. 1910	С
0154	1401 Scott	c. 1900 Classic Revival school bldg.	С
0155	NE corner of 15th & Park Lane	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence	С
0156	522 E. 15th	c. 1900's commercial bldg. w/ first floor alterations	С
0157	1423 Commerce	c. 1886 residence w/alterations in Craftsman style	С

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0158	418-22 E. 15th 🛩	c. 1930's apartment bldg.	С
159	400 E. 15th	c. 1900 Colonial Revival residence	С
160	Markwell Apartments	c. 1900 Craftsman apartment building	С
0161	Mast House	c. 1899 Colonial Revival residence w/ major alterations	NC
0162	Terry-Jung House	c. 1880 Queen Anne/Stick style residence	С
0163	Garland-Mitchell House	1873 Second Empire residence w/"Steam- boat style" galleries	С
0164	Exxon Service Station	c. 1970's gas station	NC
0165	Quapaw Towers	c. 1970's multi-story apartment bldg.	NC
0166	Texaco Service Station	c. 1970's gas station	NC
0167	(skip in survey sequence)		
0168	Waffle House	c. 1960's restaurant	NC
0169	Pizza Hut	c. 1970's restaurant	NC
0170	923 McAlmont	c. 1910 residence w/alterations	NC
<b>0171</b>	733 E. 11th	c. 1920's English Revival residence	С
0172	1201 McAlmont	c. 1920's Craftsman/English Revival residence	С
0173	UA Medical Campus	c. 1920's hospital	С
174	UA Medical Campus -	c. 1910 classroom bldg.	С
175	St. Edward's Church Office	c. 1950's	NC
0176	620 Ferry 🛩	c. 1900's Colonial Revival w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0177	618 Ferry	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
0178	616 Ferry 🖌	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
0179	506 Ferry 🛩	c. 1890 residence	С
0180	921-25 McAlmont	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	С
0181	718 E. 10th	c. 1960's apartment bldg.	NC
0182	720 E. 10th	c. 1960's apartment bldg.	NC
0183	1007 McAlmont	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	С
0184	1011 McAlmont	c. 1900's residence w/alterations	NC
0185	Penzel Place Apartments	c. 1960's apartment building	NC
0186	514 Sherman	c. 1940's residence	NC
0187	716 Sherman 🖌	c. 1920's-1930's residence	С
0188	812-16 Sherman 🛩	c. 1910-1920 Craftsman residence w/ enclosed upstairs porch	С
189	1409 Commerce 🗸	c. 1895 Colonial Revival residence w/ alterations	С

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0190	1415 Commerce	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
191	1419 Commerce 🛩	c. 1886 Colonial Revival cottage w/ alterations	С
0192	1420 Commerce 🖌	c. 1900's residence	С
0193	1416 Commerce	c. 1900's w/major alterations	NC*
0194	1410 Commerce	c. 1905 Colonial Revival residence w/ enclosed Craftsman porch	NC*
0195	1016 Commerce	c. 1905 Colonial Revival residence	С
0196	1004 Commerce	c. 1910 Colonial Revival residence	С
0197	1002 Commerce	c. 1899 residence w/Queen Anne cottage w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0198	910 Commerce	c. 1903 Colonial Revival residence	NC*
0199	904-08 Commerce	c. 1890's residence w/alterations	NC*
0200	818 Commerce	c. 1890's residence w/Colonial Revival porch	С
0201	816 Commerce 📕	c. 1900's residence w/Craftsman porch	С
0202	Melmore Apartments	1924 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0203	Samuels-Narkinski House 🖌	1867 cottage w/Italianate window mouldings, brackets	С
?04	Butler House 🗸	1888 Queen Anne/Stick style residence	С
.205	619 Rock 🛩	c. 1900's Craftsman residence	С
J206	J.E. England House 🖌	c. 1890 Queen Anne residence	С
0207	815 Rock 🛏	c. 1890 Queen Anne residence	С
0208	913 Rock	c. 1960's	NC
0209	1011 Rock	c. 1903 Colonial Revival residence w/ gambrel roof	С
0210	1009 Rock 🗸	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
0211	1015 Rock	c. 1891 Queen Anne residence	С
0212	1019 Rock 🛩	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
0213	1116 Rock –	c. 1890 Queen Anne residence w/window alterations	С
0214	1112 Rock -	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0215	Gramling Rent House	1907 Colonial Revival cottage	NC*
0216	1018 Rock -	c. 1890's residence	С
0217	1014 Rock	c. 1880's residence w/enclosed porch	NC*
0218	1010 Rock	c. 1910-1920 Craftsman residence	С
219	Gramling Rent House #2	1907 Colonial Revival residence w/ window alterations	С
J220	Rock Terrace Apartments	c. 1970's apartment bldg.	NC

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0221	912-14 Rock 🖌	c. 1870's residence	С
222	908 Rock 🖌	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence	С
223	904 Rock -	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence	С
0224	620 Rock 🛩	c. 1899 Colonial Revival residence w/ Craftsman porch addition (now enclosed)	С
0225	Belding-Ellenbogen-	c. 1870's Classic Revival residence	С
0226	909 Cumberland	c. 1900's Colonial Revival residence	С
0227	Pitts House	1898 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence	C
0228	Zanone House	1896 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence	С
0229	1003-05 Cumberland	c. 1880's Colonial Revival residence w/ major alterations	NC*
0230	1015 Cumberland	c. 1880's residence w/major alterations	NC
0231	1017 ¢umberland	c. 1890's Queen Anne cottage	NC*
0232	1107 Cumberland	c. 1910 Craftsman apartment bldg.	С
0233	1305 Cumberland L	c. 1880's w/Colonial Revival porch, other alterations	С
0234	1309 Cumberland	c. 1880's Queen Anne residence remodeled in Colonial Revival style	С
n235	1311-13 Cumberland 🗸	c. 1880's residence w/Craftsman porch	С
J236	1315 Cumberland 🛩	c. 1912 residence	С
J237	1319 Cumberland 🛩	c. 1890's Queen Anne cottage	С
0238	1405 Cumberland 🛩	c. 1887 Colonial Revival residence	С
0239	Millard-Tennebaum House	c. 1886 Colonial Revival residence	С
0240	Germil House	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	С
0241	1415 Rock 🛏	c. 1923 Craftsman bungalow	С
0242	1409 Rock 🛩	c. 1880's residence w/porch remodeled in Craftsman style	С
0243	1407 Rock	c. 1905 Colonial Revival residence	С
0244	1310 Rock	c. 1900's w/major alterations	NC*
0245	1312 Rock 🛩	c. 1910-1920 Craftsman residence w/ English Revival porch	С
0246	1320 Rock	c. 1899 Colonial Revival cottage	С
0247	1322 Rock	c. 1890's residence w/major alterations	NC*
0248	1406 Rock	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С
0249	1410 Rock	c. 1900 Colonial Revival residence	С
0250	Warner House	c. 1890's Queen Anne residence	NC*
251	Hanggi House	c. 1890's Colonial Revival residence	С

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If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77000269

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N RETURN REJECT 8.24.15 DATE ACCEPT

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

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