

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Barth-Hempfling House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 507 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town North Little Rock

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

code 05

county Pulaski

code 119

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Eugene M. Pfeifer, III

street & number 600 Main Street

city, town North Little Rock

vicinity of

state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pulaski County Courthouse

street & number Markham & Spring Streets

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

Built in 1886 in the town once known as Argenta by German immigrants, the Barth-Hempfling House is the only surviving residence on Main Street in what is now known as North Little Rock. A fine example of Victorian vernacular architecture, the structure features a porch with Queen Anne style jig-sawn brackets and decorative triangular trim all supported by Queen Anne-type turned spindles. Architecturally simple, yet special in its rarity, the Barth-Hempfling House represents an important era of development in the history of North Little Rock.

ELABORATION

The Barth-Hempfling House is situated among commercial buildings, yet maintains a fairly spacious lot filled with mature shrubbery and large handsome trees. The one-story, central hall, side-gabled structure with an ell is clad in wood lapped siding and the roof, once covered in traditional wood shingles, is now sheathed with octagonally-shaped composition shingles. The structure rests on a brick foundation. The facade is dominated by a small but richly decorated front porch supported by four Queen Anne-inspired turned posts at the front with two engaged posts attaching the porch to the structure. Simple square railing frames the bottom while jig-sawn brackets embellish the posts at the top and decorative triangular trim spans the posts between brackets.

Simple cap moldings sit atop windows, each a two-over-two pane, double-hung sash window except for the side windows which are six-over-six pane. Enhanced by a glazed transom, the door is half glass with three wooden panels below.

In plan, the structure has a central hall flanked by two rooms on each side. Eleven foot ceilings grace the hall and four original rooms. Doors have four panels and possess prominent casing with corner rosettes. In 1915, the structure was modernized by construction of an ell addition on the northwest side which contains a kitchen and bath. A shed addition was added and set in the ell. Pine floors remain throughout the original structure and the addition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates constructed 1886
kitchen-bath addn 1915

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY

Though architecturally simple in style and plan, the Barth-Hempfling House is an excellent example of the Victorian vernacular architecture found in the nineteenth century on Main Street in North Little Rock. Once surrounded by similar vernacular residences, the Barth-Hempfling House is the only remaining structure of its type still standing on the city's main thoroughfare. As the only surviving reminder of a great period of growth and also of the immigrants who spurred the development, the Barth-Hempfling House is an historically priceless property.

ELABORATION

The Barth-Hempfling House was built in 1886 by the Barth family, who had migrated from Baden Baden, Germany and arrived in New York City early in the 1880's. At the dock, real estate speculators advised them to settle in Arkansas. After living in Lonoke the family finally moved to North Little Rock, known at that time as Argenta, where they found employment at a butcher shop and later with the railroad.

The Victorian vernacular architecture of the Barth-Hempfling House combines a simple floor plan with ornately detailed porches and facades. The prominence of this vernacular coincided with the advent of the railroad. Transportation of heavy woodworking machinery to local trade centers made Victorian detailing inexpensive and accessible to the middle class. The symmetrical Victorian cottages became very popular with the working immigrant families who settled along Main Street.

The Barth-Hempfling House is important as it is the only surviving house of its type along a street once lined with many. Main Street is still the city's main thoroughfare and a few commercial buildings from the 1890's still stand, but the house constructed by the Barths is the only residential structure from the period still intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Mrs. Anna Hempfling - interview
2. Tax records, Pulaski County Courthouse
3. Indelible Footprints - The Story of Argenta, Arkansas, by Evelyn K. Eubank

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name North Little Rock

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

South half of Lot 5, Block 31, Argenta

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James Pfeifer, Architect, edited by AHPP staff

organization

date September 9, 1986

street & number 8315 Cantrell Road

telephone (501) 378-5265

city or town Little Rock

state AR

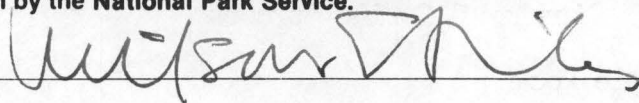
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

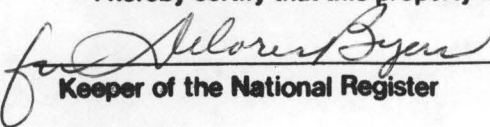
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For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 10-16-86


for 
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET


Hempfling, Barth, House
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

SEP 17 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88Date Due: 10/16/86 - 11/1/86Entered in the National Register Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-16-86☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
 _____ substantive reasons discussed below

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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5. Location of Legal Description

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- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
☐ Photographs
☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



this
**VICTORIAN
COTTAGE**
WILL BE RESTORED TO ITS
ORIGINAL CONDITION & WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR LEASE
contact: Eugene M. Pfeifer
372-3456

Barth-Hempfling House

North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas

Photographed by Don Brown, 1986

Negatives on file at AHPP

Viewed from the east



Barth-Hempfling House

North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas

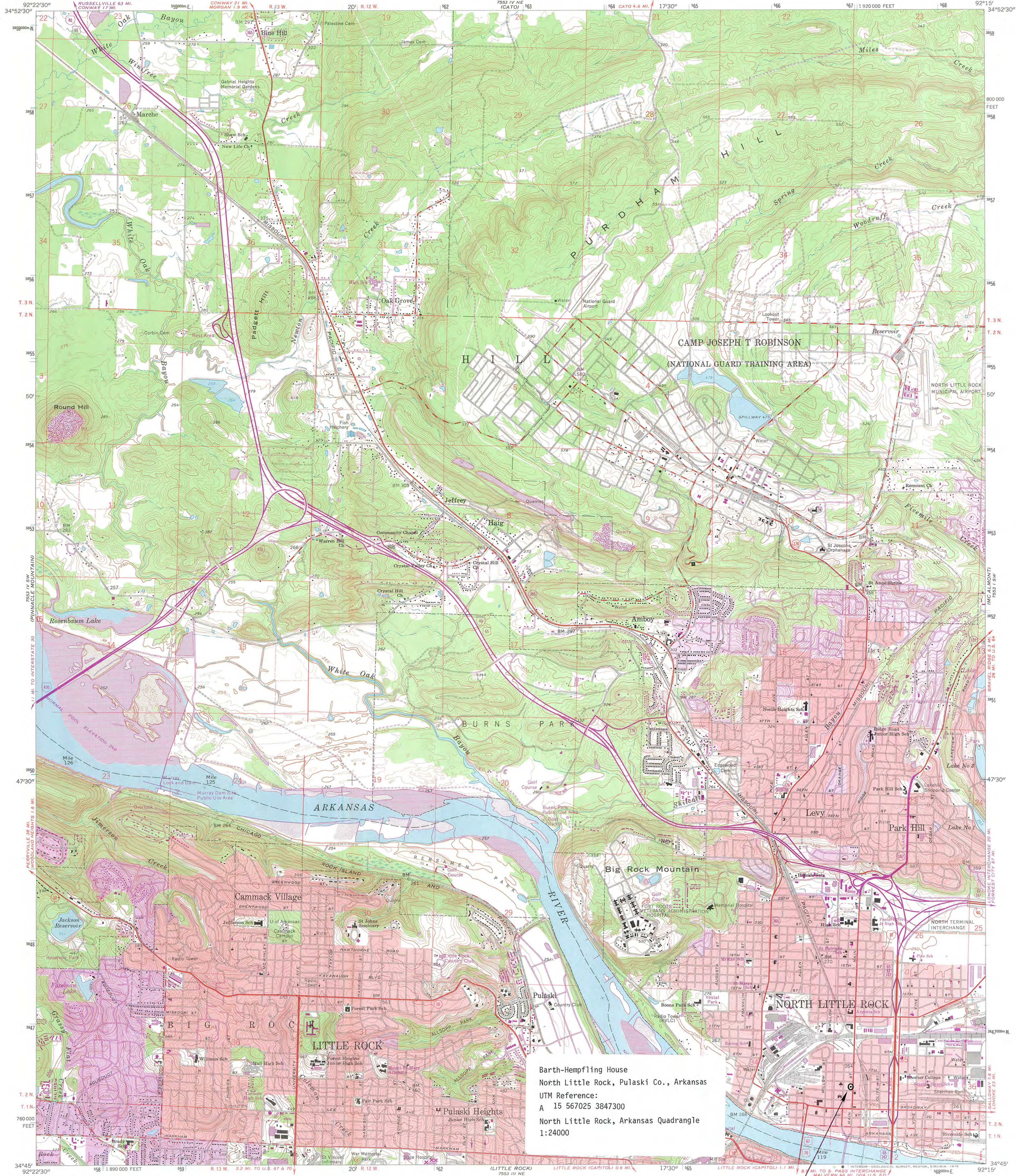
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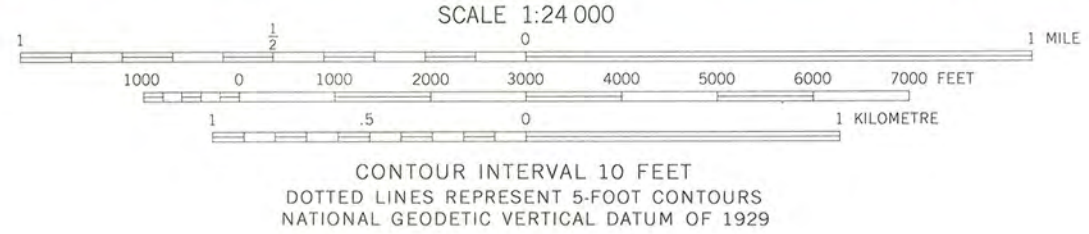
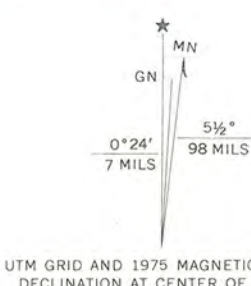
Front porch detail



Barth-Hempfling House
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Don Brown, 1986
Negatives on file at AHPP
Viewed from west



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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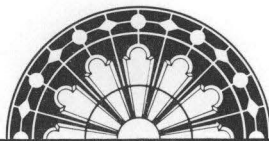
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
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ARKANSAS
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September 10, 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: Barth-Hempfling House
North Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Barth-Hempfling House. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure/s



SEP 17 1986