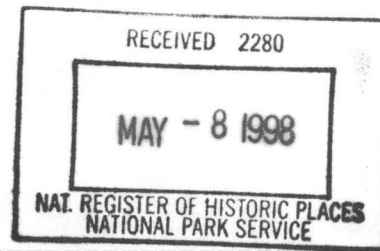


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



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**1. Name of Property**

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Historic Name: Harris House

Other Name/Site Number: Griffin-Harris House (PU9976)

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**2. Location**

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Street & Number: 6507 Fourche Dam Pike

City/Town: Little Rock

Not for Publication: N/A  
Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Pulaski Code: AR 119 Zip Code: 72201

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**3. Classification**

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: BUILDING

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>      </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathy A. Sater  
Signature of certifying official

4-16-98  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
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Current: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:  
Other: Spanish Eclectic

Materials: foundation STUCCO roof ASPHALT  
walls STUCCO other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

### Summary

Located at 6507 Fourche Dam Pike in Little Rock, Pulaski County, the Harris House is a one-story, stucco veneered residence constructed in 1924 in the Spanish Eclectic style. The characteristic exterior details include a tower, parapets, open-ended rafters, and battered columns. Extraordinary interior details include several elaborate plaster designs, and pilasters on either side of the fireplace. The nomination also includes a c. 1940's garage apartment in a style that matches the residence.

### Elaboration

The Harris House is a one-story, stucco-veneered, Spanish Eclectic-style residence with a continuous stucco-covered foundation. The irregular plan features a projecting tower on the northwestern corner. The roof of the main house is sloped behind a parapet that is capped by concrete. A sunroom and a 1950s addition have flat roofs with wide, boxed eaves and the garage has a flat roof behind a parapet on the north and west. Window types include wooden double-hung, and wooden casement. Alterations include a recent conversion of a screened-in porch to a sunroom, a 1940s garage apartment addition, and a rear addition from the 1950s.

The front, or north, elevation is dominated by the tower near its northeastern corner. On front of the tower facing the road is a ribbon of three geometric-paned, double-hung windows separated by two fluted pilasters. A single, small arched window with concrete drip molding and sill is placed above the windows. Also cut into the tower is the front

door that contains three beveled lights and opens from the east side of the tower onto a concrete stoop. Directly in front of the door is a small wing wall. A composition shingle covered, shed roof is supported by a knee bracket and covers the porch and three one-over-one double-hung windows. The west wing holds two nine-by-nine casement windows surrounded by decorative concrete molding. An arched porte-cochere supported by battered stucco posts is adorned with arrow-shaped molding detail at the western junctions of the arches and the house. The roof of the porte-cochere is lower than the house roof.

A small, arched hyphen links the carport area to the double-bay stuccoed garage apartment addition. A long, narrow sidewalk leads back to a wooden three-light Craftsman-styled door. Between the house and the garage is a modern patio area paved with salvaged bricks from the owner's grandmother's house nearby.

Along the western elevation of the house, a line of three battered stucco posts separates double arches on the porte-cochere. Beneath the roof of the covered parking area is a nine-by-nine, double door with a single concrete step. Two, short one-over-one, double-hung windows open into the kitchen. To the south of the windows is a modern paneled door. The parapet above the porte-cochere is stepped down toward the south. A flat-roofed addition built in the 1950's is found on the rear of the house. Originally clad in wood, it has recently been stuccoed to match the rest of the house. The 1950s addition features one wooden six-light paneled door and two-over-two windows. Beside the addition the rear elevation is fenestrated with a short two-over-two window beside three larger two-over-two windows.

The eastern elevation contains the original screened-in porch that the owners have since converted into a sun room. All three walls contain large rectangular stationary glass windows. On the center of the eastern elevation of the sunroom is a modern wooden door with a single light that gives access to the sauna. Inside the sunroom--on what was originally the outside wall--the original door remains, but one large flanking window has been infilled. Another exterior casement window remains within the sun room. The eastern curve of the turret holds a battered stucco chimney decorated with a blind arch below and three smooth squares at the apex. A stepped parapet echos the western roofline.

The 1940's garage apartment connected to the main building by an arched hyphen was added by the original owners to generate extra income. A parapet conceals a shed roof that slopes toward the east. The west wall of the garage is long and uncomplicated. It is broken up by two plain pilasters with angled tops that end just before the roof line. Flanking the rear pilaster toward the south end is a pair of two-over-two double-hung windows covered by black metal awnings. A sliding metal door opens onto a concrete stoop behind a tall wooden fence. On the south, or rear, elevation there is a plywood wall fenestrated by a ribbon of three two-over-two double-hung windows. One square wooden post supports a recessed porch with a concrete stoop. Beneath the roof of the porch is a sliding metal door.

The interior of the Harris House features a round living room with a fireplace flanked by two fluted plaster pilasters. The dining room and living room walls contain varying sizes of plaster rectangles surrounded by thin molding. Originally intended for murals, these were never completed due to the death of the artist. Each room of the house, including the hallway, displays a different style of crown molding and ceiling medallions in various sizes and styles. Some of the crown molding is several feet wide. The ceiling of the sitting room holds a decorative band of plaster mixed with gold dust. In the kitchen and bathroom, the plaster walls have been scored to resemble glazed bricks or tiles. The arched breakfast nook entrance is decorated with scrolled plaster brackets, rosettes and triangular molding. Hardwood floors of oak are featured in the living room, dining room and hallway, but are covered by carpeting in the bedrooms and linoleum in the kitchen. There is a partial basement with access through a "trap door" in the kitchen.



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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1924

Significant Dates: 1924,

Significant Person(s): N/A  
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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Flint, Lester (architect)  
Harris, Porter Field (builder, plaster work)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

**Summary**

Located at 6507 Fourche Dam Pike in Little Rock, the Harris House is a one-story, stucco veneered residence designed in the Spanish Eclectic style. Significant architectural features include the tower, parapets, and battered columns on the exterior, and decorative plasterwork in the interior. The Harris House is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent example fo a syle that is not commin in Little Rock, and features unusual and extensive plaster work and other detailing in the interior. The nomination includes a c. 1940s garage apartment in a style that matches the residence.

**Historical Background**

The Harris House is located on the first plot of ten acres purchased in the late 1800's by Henry Griffin, the great-grandfather of the present owner, Patricia Huitt. Henry Griffin divided ten acres of rural land in the Fourche Dam area among seven of his eight children. His daughter, Florence Elizabeth Griffin Harris received the first plot of the ten acres. Florence and her husband Porter Field Harris built the house in 1924 on her

section of land. Since they were unable to have children, they did not build a large home. However, the couple decided to build a unique house in the Spanish Eclectic style with the help of blue prints drafted by Lester Flint of Flint and Broad Architects of Dallas, Texas. All the interior plaster work was by Porter Field Harris himself. Porter Field Harris was a master plasterer, and is known to have helped with the building of the Arkansas State Capitol (NR listed 6/24/74) and with the elaborate remodeling work in St. Edward's Church, Little Rock (NR listed 12/22/82).

### **Architectural Significance**

In 1924, the Harris House was constructed from blueprints drawn up by Lester Flint of the Dallas, Texas architectural firm, Flint and Broad Architects. The exterior details include a tower, parapets, and battered columns. Also located on the property is a c. 1940s garage apartment in a style which matches the residence. The extraordinary plaster work, including several elaborate plaster moldings, and a ceiling banded with a gold/plaster, is the work of Porter Field Harris, the husband of the original owner of the house. For these reasons the Harris House is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent example of the Spanish Eclectic style.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Information submitted by Patricia Huitt, January 1997.

The History of Catholicity in Arkansas: From the Earliest Missionaries Down to the Present Time. Historical Commmission of Diocese. Little Rock, 1970.

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
- \_ Other state agency
- \_ Federal agency
- \_ Local government
- \_ University
- \_ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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C	—	—	—	—	D	—	—	—

Verbal Boundary Description:

L. P. Coleman Sub Block 016, Lot 008, Section 16, Township 1N, Range 11W.

Boundary Justification: This boundary contains all of the historic buildings related to the property.



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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Amy Bennett

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 04/8/98

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Harris House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 5/08/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/18/98  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/03/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/22/98  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000644

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

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6.3.98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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



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View from North





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View from South





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View of Portecochère  
from East





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View of garage apartment  
from South





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View of garage apartment





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View from Southeast





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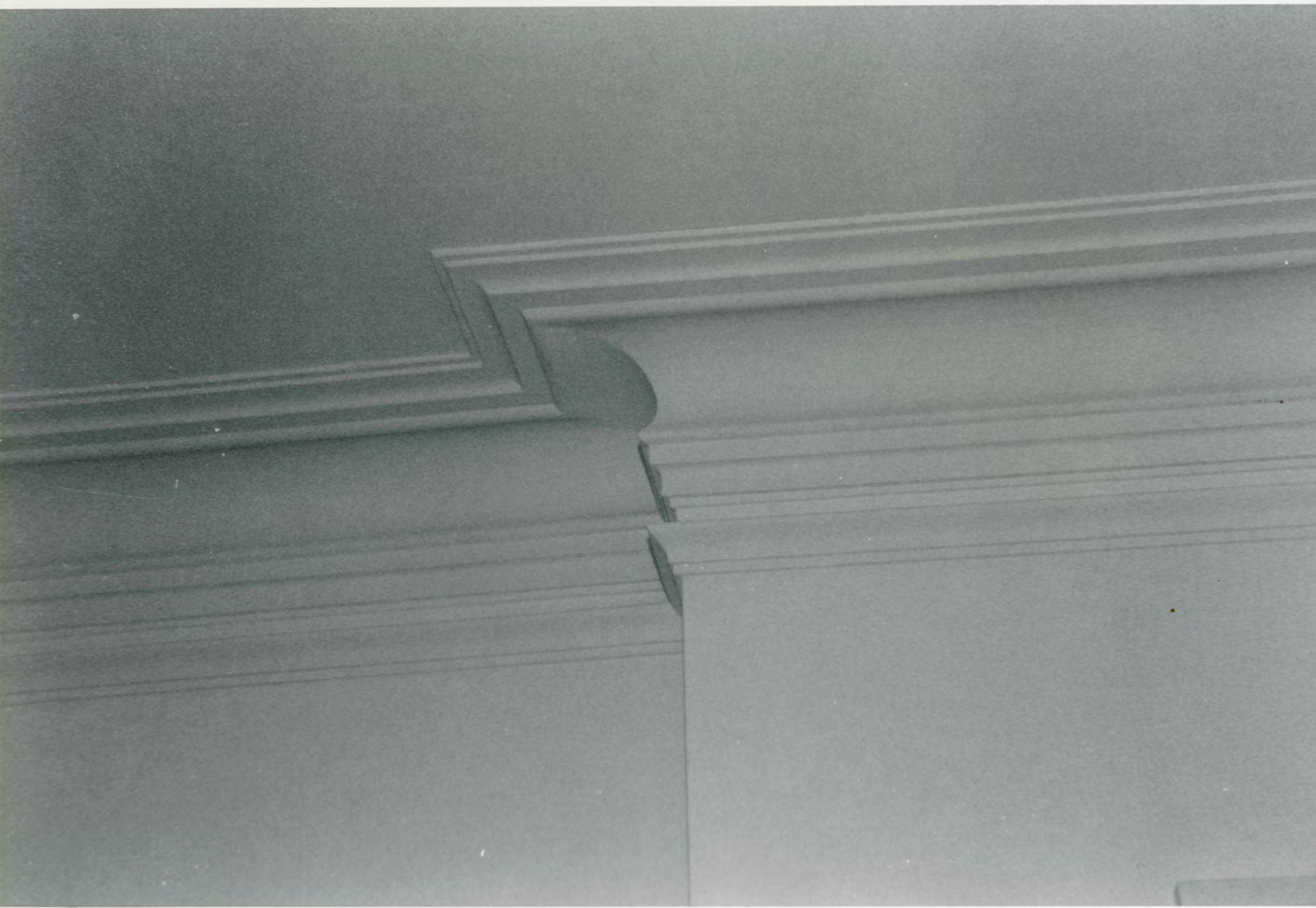
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View of crown molding  
and gold dust band.





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View of crown molding





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View of Mantlepiece in  
livingroom





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View of plasterwork looking into  
Kitchen.



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View of basement entrance  
and plasterwork





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Holly Hope

June, 1997

Negative on file at AHPP

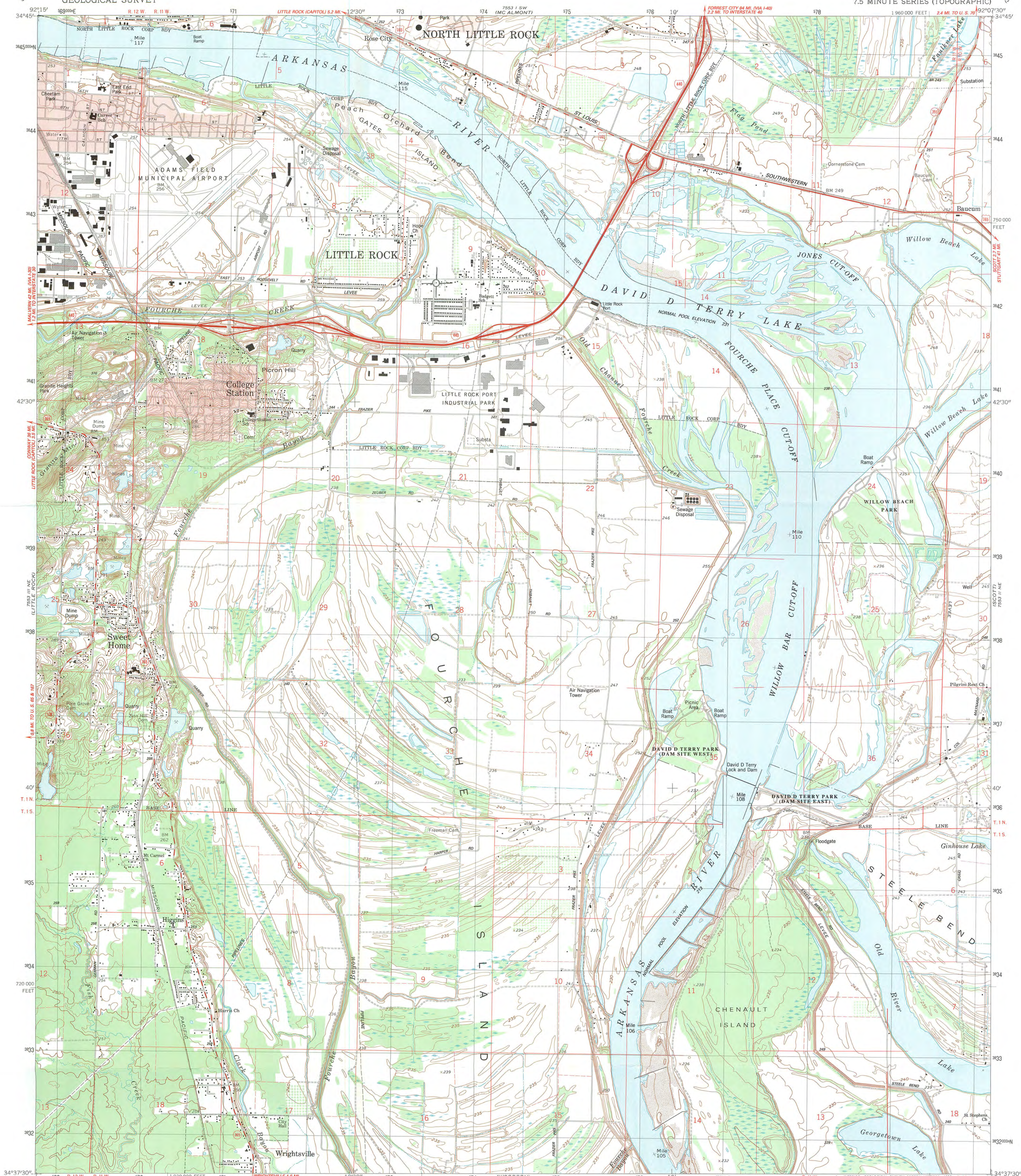
View of interior turret room



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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ARKANSAS—PULASKI CO.  
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Little Rock, Pulaski Co, AR  
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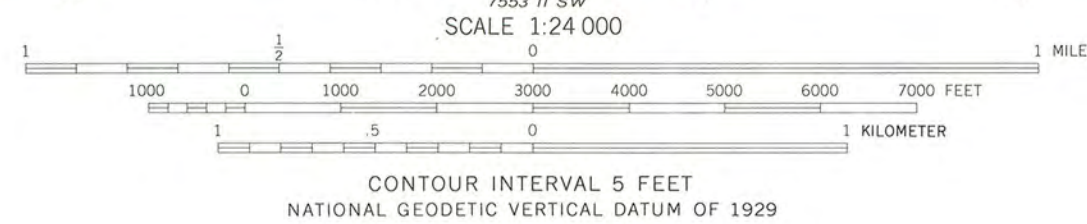
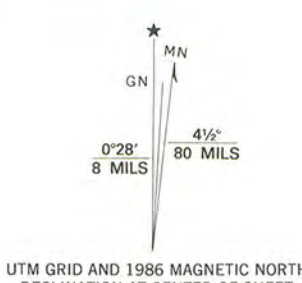
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Secondary highway, hard surface  
Unimproved road, hard surface  
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route



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April 16, 1998

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United State Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Harris House--Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations of the above referenced property. 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,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

