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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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ENTRY DATE (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1975 MAY 2 1. NAME COMMON: Handford-Terry House ase the Charles Robertson Handford House 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: 658 East Boswell Street CITY OR TOWN: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Batesville First STATE CODE COUNTY: CODE Arkansas 05 063 Independence 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS TO THE PUBLIC (Check One) Yes: Public District Building Public Acquisition: Occupied Restricted Private In Process ☐ Site ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted Being Considered Both Object Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government Park Comments Transportation ☐ Industrial Private Residence ☐ Commercial Other (Specify) ☐ Educational Military Religious Entertainment Museum Scientific . OWNER OF PROPERTY Mrs. Mary Beth Terry Griffith 658 East Boswell Street CITY OR TOWN STATE: Batesville Arkansas 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: County Clerk's Office STREET AND NUMBER: Independence County Courthouse CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Batesville Arkansas 05 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County ☐ Local MEY NPS DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: USE STREET AND NUMBER: STATE: CITY OR TOWN: CODE DATE

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Built in 1888, the C. R. Handford House is a two and one-half storey, wood frame house with gable hip roof of diamond-shaped asbestos shingles.

Distinguishing exterior features include a veranda across the entire facade of the house and two-thirds of the northeast side, a center gable atop an offset bay on the facade, and a two-storey, semi-decagon bay located midway on the southwest elevation. Of particular interest are the scalloped shingles which wrap around two-thirds of the second storey on the southwest, southeast and northeast elevations.

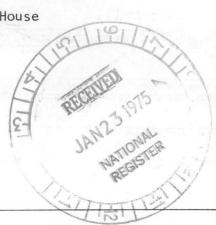
The lathe turned posts of the veranda are delicate in appearance, as are the thin brackets surrounding each post. These delicate features are countered by the porch railing with solid scroll-cut panels spanning the space between the posts.

The interior organization of the C. R. Handford House is a side hall plan three rooms deep. Stairs on the outside wall of the hallway lead to the second storey. The second storey is a central hall with five rooms and a bathroom. Double parlors connected by large sliding wood panelled doors open onto the side hallway. The original dining area, now used as a bedroom, has a semi-decagon bay. It is entered from the end of the hallway, and connects to the rear parlor by double sliding doors. A pantry passageway leads from the dining room to the rear kitchen. Located off the kitchen and behind the rear parlor on the northeast side of the house is an exterior latticed porch.

A fireplace is located in the front parlor and is noteworthy for its ornate Victorian mantlepiece. Other interior features include symmetrical molded trim with corner blocks and medallions, eleven-foot six-inch ceilings, four-inch tongue and groove oak flooring, and ornate plaster wainscot in the original dining room.

All exterior trim is plain with three-quarter round at all corners of wall surfaces on the porch. The house is raised on a four-foot six inch native stone foundation. Except for replacement of the original wood shingled roof, and removal of the chimney, the C. R. Handford House has changed very little since its original construction.

*See nomination of J. S. Handford-Schooler House



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1888 by Charles Robertson Handford (1842-1911), the house at 658 East Boswell Street in Batesville is the mirror image of the house directly across the street. The house at 659 East Boswell was constructed at the same time by C. R. Handford's younger brother, James Stanley. As twin houses the two are unique in Batesville.

The Handford brothers were prominent members of the business community in late 19th century Batesville. Their principle business was lumber, but they were also involved in a stone quarry, lime manufacture, wholesale groceries, and banking. Each of the twin houses on Boswell Street reflects the lifestyle of a successful businessman in late nineteenth century northeast Arkansas.

Charles R. Handford was born in 1842 and reared in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. About 1857 he moved with his family to Kansas, where he spent several years working in lumber and agriculture. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Sixth Kansas Cavalry, and served in the Union army throughout the Civil War.

Following the war, Handford met and married Sarah Ellen Brown in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1872 they moved to Arkansas where they homsteaded timber lands at Alexander, south of Little Rock. Handford began supplying firewood to railroads operating in the area.

By 1876 Charles Handford's lumber business had expanded greatly, and his younger brothers, Joe and Stanley, moved to Arkansas to assist in the operation. In 1882, Charles Handford began scouting southern Missouri and northern Arkansas to find a better location for his growing business. After choosing Batesville, Arkansas as the best area in which to establish a cedar yard, C. R. Handford moved his lumber business there in 1884. His choice was excellent and business was quite profitable. A contemporary advertisement offered "Mountain red cedar, telegraph poles,"

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8. Significance (Handford-Terry House - Page 2)

railway piling and split fence posts, and oak, yellow pine, walnut and cottonwood lumber" from C. R. Handford and Company. Business in Batesville continued to prosper as the Handford Company supplied great quantities of piling, poles and fence posts to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railroad and the Cotton Belt Railroad.

In 1888 Charles Handford built the house at 658 East Boswell for his large family. The 2½ storey frame house was designed in a simplified Queen Anne Victorian style. The prosperity of the Handford family was reflected in their home. Distinctive interior features include brass hardware, ornate plaster molding in the entry hall and dining room, and a highly decorative mantle-piece in the front parlor. The house is in excellent condition, and has changed very little since it was constructed.

The significance of the C. R. Handford House lies in several areas. Architecturally, it is a good example of a modest Queen Anne Victorian house, a style rare in Batesville. The almost identical J. S. Handford House, located directly opposite, makes this pair of late Victorian structures unique in the Batesville area. Additionally, the C. R. Handford House illustrates the living accommodations of a family considered wealthy in northeast Arkansas in the late 19th century.



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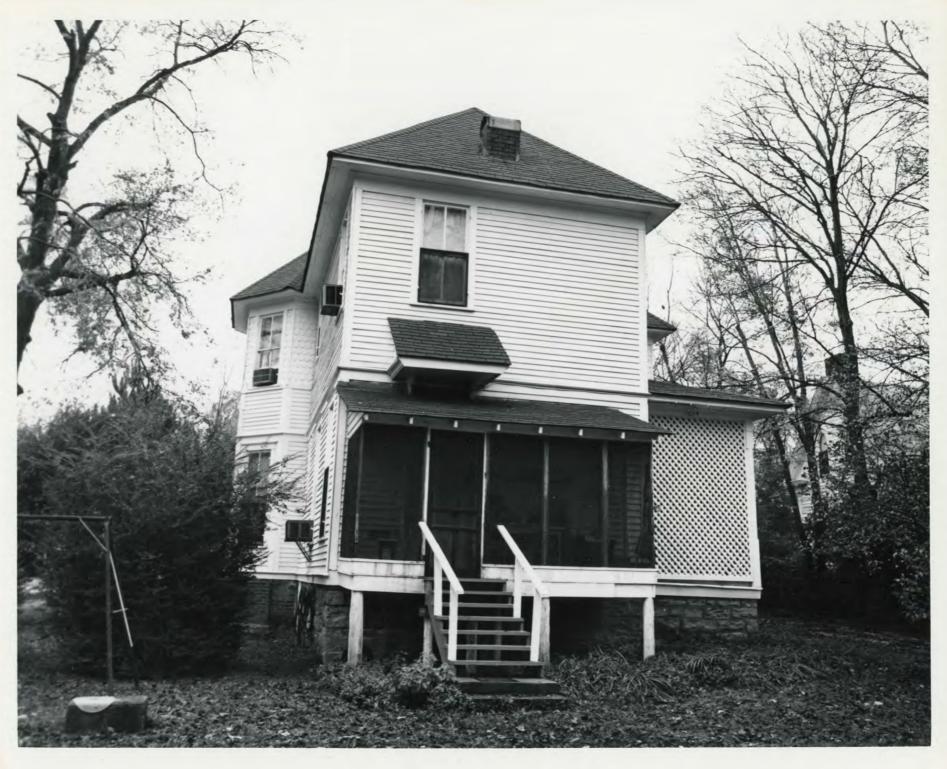
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