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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Marshall Square Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER ~~Block of 16 houses~~ bounded by 17th St.,
McAlmont St., 18th St., and Vance Street ^{SO}

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

F. Hampton Roy and Nancy H. Roy

STREET & NUMBER

1800 Arch Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas 72206

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Second and Spring Streets

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas 72201

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY 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

The Marshall Square Historic District is comprised of sixteen architecturally significant buildings. Dating from the early 20th century, few of the district's buildings have undergone major alterations. These sixteen houses were built for rental property and are virtually identical to each other except for minor variations in roof lines or porch placement.

Marshall Square has eight houses facing 17th Street and eight houses facing 18th Street. It retains the scale and density of early 20th Century rental houses. The district is primarily commercial residential in character. Each unit is a Victorian cottage suitable for single-family dwelling.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district:

The Marshall Square historic district consists of sixteen frame single-family residences. Each of the sixteen houses, for all practical purposes, is identical. The houses have four-inch weatherboard exteriors and high hip roofs. Fish scale siding is present around some of the dormer windows. All of the windows are double-hung with four or eight lights. Six of the houses on 17th Street have 14 colored lights surrounding a larger central light. All houses have a brick chimney connecting to a flue in the house. All of the houses are one storey mounted on piers. The fronts of the houses have brick foundations. The front porches are about 200 square feet. They have wooden decks and two entrances on the front porch. Each house is 1,036 square feet. The houses have wood floor joist, pine floor, plaster walls and 10 foot ceilings. The plans consist of two bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and bath.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1917-1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Marshall Square is a well-preserved group of early Twentieth Century row houses. Occupying an entire city block in the city of Little Rock, the sixteen structures present a good example of vernacular architecture. As a group, these houses maintain a strong link to the history of Little Rock through their design and cohesive placement on the block. In spite of a new school being constructed to the north in the block across 17th Street and Interstate-30 across McAlmont Street to the east, Marshall Square retains the ambience and scale of a grouping of early Twentieth Century residences. The block referred to as Marshall Square is bounded on the east by McAlmont Street, by 18th Street on the south, 17th on the north and Vance on the west.

In 1906 Mr. Josephus C. Marshall acquired the property where the sixteen houses are situated. The land was a part of the Bragg Estate which included a large section of the now historic residential area of Little Rock. At the time of Marshall's purchase, the land was considered on the outskirts of the city. Records indicate that J. C. Marshall had completely paid for the property by 1913. In 1917-1918 Marshall constructed the sixteen structures on the block as rental property. Eight of the houses were built facing 17th Street and eight facing 18th Street. The middle portion of the block was open space.

At the time of construction of the houses, the area was strictly residential. Several changes have occurred to the neighborhood since. Interstate-30 is adjacent to the property on the east. On the north, an entire block of homes has been razed. The Arkansas Highway Department is constructing an elementary school on this site. The next block north (15th and 16th Streets) will be the Interstate 30-630 interchange.

Josephus C. Marshall was born in 1856 and died in 1926. He was a prominent lawyer and real-estate developer in Little Rock. Marshall Square remained in the same family until 1978 when the present owners purchased the block.

The uniqueness of Marshall Square lies in the similarity in design and cohesive placement on one block of sixteen houses. Plans are being formulated to develop the block and maintain the early Twentieth Century charm and architectural features of the exteriors. The central area is to be utilized as a green area for use by all residents of the block.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Reports, Vol. 182, p. 1177-78

Arkansas Gazette, Sun., Feb. 17, 1974, p. 4-A

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Little Rock

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 5 5 6 7 4 4 0 3 8 4 3 3 1 0

B 1 5 5 6 7 4 4 0 3 8 4 3 2 4 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1 5 5 6 7 3 2 0 3 8 4 3 2 4 0

D 1 5 5 6 7 3 2 0 3 8 4 3 3 1 0

E

F

G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 15, Bragg Addition, City of Little Rock

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles Witsell

ORGANIZATION

Witsell and Evans

STREET & NUMBER

1010 Scott

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

Nancy Roy

1800 Arch

Little Rock, Arkansas

DATE

4/9/79

TELEPHONE

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

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 Joan Williams Baldridge

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

22 May, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-10-79

ATTEST:

Carol Brooks
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/10/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property Marshall Square Historic District

State Ark (Pulaski) Working Number 6.14.79.1445

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TECHNICAL

Photos 5

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 6.14.79

Community Planning is checked as area of significance, but importance of this particular group of rental properties in relation to other clusters of buildings in city is not established in terms of planning. Last paragraph of #8 **implies** that there is no other such grouping in the city, or area, but does not detail.

HISTORIAN

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Sheffield 8-7-79

Sixteen 5-room houses, nearly identical in design, comprise this early 20th century district. The properties appear somewhat deteriorated but still retain their simple, vernacular architectural features - thus maintaining a sense of time and place. There

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Gale Brooks
8/10/79

are no intrusions other than rear yard clutter. Present owners plan to rehabilitate the block and utilize the central area (rear yards) as common green space for all residents.

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

Primarily significant for architectural cohesiveness, this district also represents an early 20th century local approach to neighborhood planning and development.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

9-4-79

Send-back

Re-submit

Entered AUG 10 1979



Marshall Square *Historic District* *DOE*
Little Rock, Arkansas
Bob Dunn *Pulaski County*
1979
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
800 block of E. 18th, north side; viewed from
the southeast

#1 *45*

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Marshall Square *Historic District* *DL*
Little Rock, Arkansas AUG 10 1979
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1979

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
800 block of E. 18th, north side; viewed from
the southwest

#2 *45*

JUN 14 1979



Marshall Square *H. D.* AUG 10^{DOE} 1979

Little Rock, Arkansas

Bob Dunn *Pulaski County, Ar.*

1979

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

800 block of E. 17th, south side; viewed from
the northwest

#3 *15*

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Little Rock, Arkansas AUG 10 1979
Bob Dunn *Pulaski County, Arkansas*
1979

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
800 block of E. 17th, south side; viewed from
the northeast

#4 *15*

JUN 14 1979



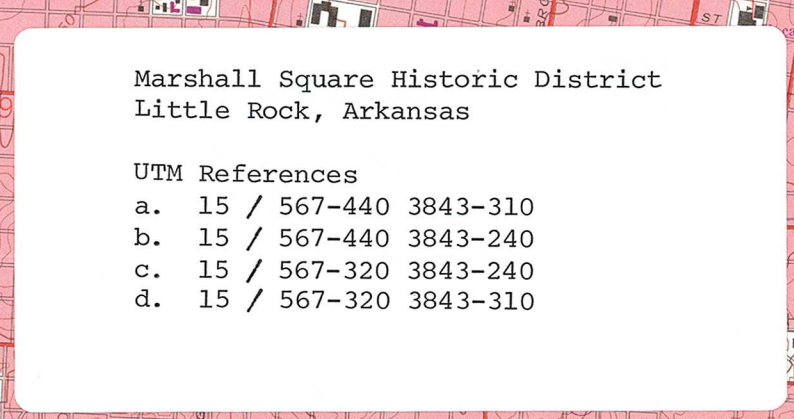
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Marshall Square, Block 15, Bragg Addition, L
City of Little Rock; viewed from the
east

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jackson County Jail	Newport Jackson County
Waters, Charles Clary, House	Little Rock Pulaski County
Marshall Square Historic District	Little Rock Pulaski County
Hotel Pines	Pine Bluff Jefferson County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers

Honorable David Pryor
Honorable Bill Alexander
Honorable Edwin Bethune
Honorable Beryl F. Anthony, Jr.

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NR Byers/bjr 8/14/79

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