

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Baxter

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

APR 13 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

Jacob Wolf House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 yards west of the fork of the White and
North Fork Rivers on Arkansas Highway 5

CITY OR TOWN:

Norfolk

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Baxter

CODE

005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

- Public Acquisition:
☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial
☒ Educational ☐ Military
☐ Entertainment ☒ Museum

- ☐ Park
☐ Private Residence
☐ Religious
☐ Scientific

- ☐ Transportation
☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

City of Norfolk

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Norfolk

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Baxter County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Mountain Home

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

- ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt
Third Congressional District

STATE:

COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wolf House is a two-storey "saddle bag" log structure built by Major Jacob Wolf after his arrival in north Arkansas.

The foundation is stone, supporting a hand hewn log sill system. The squared outer log walls are connected at the corners by the chamfer and notch method common to early 19th century construction. The average log sectional dimensions are 11" x 7". The original chinking material has been replaced with a cementitious mortar.

The first floor has two rooms of equal size flanking the open dog-trot breezeway. The upper floor also has two rooms. One room is larger as it extends over the one-storey dog-trot. The second floor is reached by a run of open stairs from the first-storey porch to the second-storey porch. Access to all rooms is gained from the full length porches front and rear. The overall dimensions of the building, including porches, are 30 x 45 feet.

The roof is bellcast gabled with the porch roofs pitched at a slightly lower pitch than the main one. The roof is covered with hand riven cedar shingles. The porches are supported by a series of eight peeled, rough posts, not squared.

There are two chimneys outside on the gable ends. They are constructed of stone up to a line approximating the eave line and brick from there up.

The windows are double hung with a pattern of 6 x 6 lights. They are shuttered with solid, vertically boarded blinds.

The home is in good physical condition, being restored and maintained by the Elna M. Smith Foundation.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wolf House is architecturally significant as one of the few remaining (and best preserved) log structures in Arkansas. It is the archetypal two-storey dog-trot or "saddle bag" form.

It is under a long term lease to the Elna M. Smith Foundation which has restored and maintains it as an historic museum, housing an extensive collection of pioneer tools and houseware.

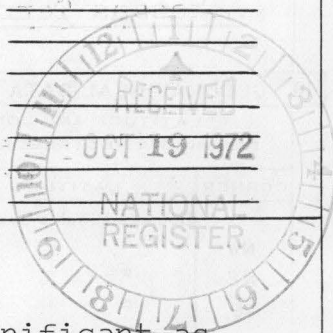
The first mention of Jacob Wolf in Arkansas is found in the Baxter County Patent Book 2 on page 432:

Certificate 223

Jacob Wolf of Independence County has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office in Batesville in Arkansas.

The date the land was patented was July 20, 1825 and was described as the Southwest Fractional Quarter of Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, in the District of Lawrence and Territory of Arkansas. The fractional quarter patented consisted of 76 and 16/100 acres. The Wolf House is today located on the above described land.

Although this does not conclusively prove the date of construction it is the earliest date that conclusively links Jacob Wolf with the land upon which the house is situated. On site architectural evaluation of the structure substantiates the approximate 1825 construction date.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Guide Series, Arkansas, A Guide to the State, New York: Hastings House, 1941.
Arkansas Gazette, July 30, 1905.
 Shiras, Frances H. History of Baxter County, Mountain Home: J. W. Daniel and Shiras Bros. Print Shop, 1928.
Arkansas Democrat, August 5, 1956.
Arkansas Gazette, April 11, 1915.
Arkansas Territorial Papers, Vol. XX, p. 218.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Gene Richardson, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: September 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
1023 West Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name William E. Henderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 12, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date APR 13 1973

ATTEST:

W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date April 9, 1973

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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8. Significance Continued:

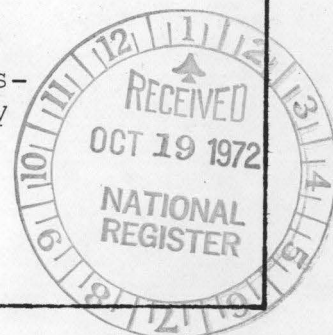
Major Jacob Wolf's original place and date of birth is obscure. An article appearing in the Arkansas Gazette in 1905 indicates that he was of German descent and born in Pennsylvania in 1786. A subsequent article indicated that his place of birth was in South Carolina.

Major Wolf has traditionally been given credit for being an Indian Agent and arriving on the White River at the mouth of the North Fork River in 1809-1810. However, the first mention of Jacob Wolf as being in the Arkansas Territory is found in Vol. XX, p. 218 of the Arkansas Territorial Papers when Wolf was appointed postmaster for Izard County to succeed Spenser Crouch. While the Missouri and Arkansas Territorial Papers devoted hundreds of pages to Indian affairs, they fail to mention Jacob Wolf as an Indian Agent. The records of the office of Indian Trade and Indian Bureau in the National Archives produce no evidence indicating that Jacob Wolf ever held any position as Indian Agent.

Historically the most important event associated with the Wolf House is that it was the seat of the first government of Izard County which was created on October 27, 1825.

Karr Shannon indicates:

The first county seat was located on White River, at the mouth of the North Fork. There stood the home of Jacob Wolf which was designated as the temporary seat of justice. The old log building still stands, at its original location in the town of Norfork. At the time Jacob Wolf was about 60 years of age and had been the chief influence in getting the county seat established at that place which was known as the Town of Liberty. He (Wolf) represented the county in the Territorial Legislature of 1827, the first after the county was organized.



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8. Significance Continued:

Karr Shannon, A History of IZARD County. (Melbourne, n.d.), p.p. 19-20.

This would certainly corroborate the existence of the Wolf House in 1825 or early 1826.

While local legend attributes the construction date of the Wolf House as being 1809-1810, historical and architectural evidence obtained by the National Park Service leads to the conclusion that the Wolf House was constructed about 1825. Major Jacob Wolf was postmaster in IZARD County and he represented its citizens in the Territorial Assembly and State Legislature. The claim that Major Wolf was an Indian Agent cannot be substantiated by published or unpublished documentation. If he were not an Indian Agent the story of his house being built by Indian labor is seriously in doubt. The most important event of historical significance associated with the Wolf House is its having been the seat of the first government of IZARD County.



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9. Major Bibliographical References:

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A Short History of Historic Wolf House. Norfork, Arkansas:
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Bearss, Edwin C. and O. W. Carroll. Evaluation Study of
the Wolf House, Norfork, Arkansas. A report submitted
to the National Park Service, July 16, 1965.

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Baxter County Deed Book 29, p. 564.

Baxter County Deed Book, Miscellaneous, pp. 57-58.



NAME OF PROPERTY

*Jacob Wolf House**3/23/93*

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

Art.

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. _____
 - b. Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. *Need original U.S.G.S. with border which enables us to check lat. + long.*
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED:

Sam A. [Signature]

PROPERTY

Wolf (Jacob) House

Ashley CO.

STATE

Ark

73000380

Working number

10.19.72.1580

TECH REVIEW

Photos

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Maps

1

REVIEW

Log. Lat. can't be checked

HISTORIAN

~~no acreage (unless 76 1/2 a. in #8)~~1st seat of govt. of Izard Co., Ark.Accepted
AMH.

3/2/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

In view of the fact that House is listed as in "good" condition and "occupied", as a "museum", a recent photo is desirable. The single photo accompanying the nomination was taken in 1966; from it, the condition appears to be less than "good."

Accept
Amy

3-19-73

ARCHITECT

accept
cats
3-22-73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK 8/2/73
4/6/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW

KEEPER

OK 8/2/73
4/9/73

National Register write-up

Acknowledge

10/19/72

Federal Register entry

6-5-73

Send-back

3-23-73

Re-submit

4-4-73

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE

COUNTY

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: JACOB WOLF HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 300 yards west of the fork of the White and
North Fork Rivers on Arkansas Highway 5

CITY OR TOWN:

Norfolk

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Baxter

CODE

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Department of Parks and Tourism

DATE OF PHOTO: 1966

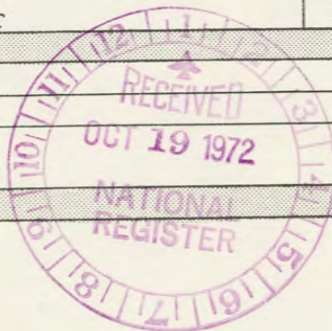
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

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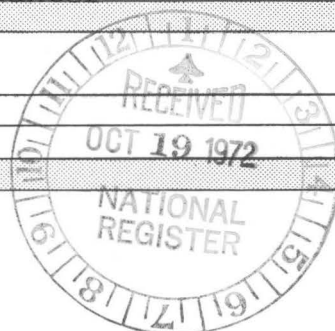
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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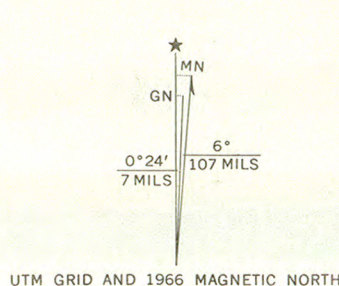
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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 300 yards west of the fork of the White and North Fork Rivers on Arkansas Highway 5			
CITY OR TOWN: Norfork			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arkansas	05	Baxter	005
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1966			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1966
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt ——— State Route —○—

ARIZONA

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February 22, 1973

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register
National Parks Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Arkansas State Review Committee has asked us to verify that the following nominations are in your possession and are currently under consideration by the National Register Staff.

	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Submitted to the National Register</u>
1.	<u>Louisiana Purchase Survey Marker</u>	Monroe	7-12-71
2.	<u>Washington County Courthouse</u>	Washington	7-12-71
3.	<u>Jacob Wolf House</u>	Baxter	10-16-72
4.	<u>River Front Hotel</u>	Sebastian	10-16-72
5.	<u>Trapnall Hall</u>	Pulaski	12-27-72
6.	<u>Old Randolph County Courthouse</u>	Randolph	12-27-72

Mr. Jerry Rogers

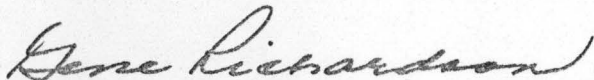
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February 22, 1973

In order to keep our records current and readily available for reference by the State Review Committee, we would appreciate your responding by letter or memo concerning these properties. The State Review Committee is particularly concerned about the two nominations submitted in July of 1971. If they have been misplaced or for any reason you did not receive them please notify us at once and we will immediately mail additional copies.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Richardson".

Gene Richardson
Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

FER:bjf

Green 3-6-73
CSHULL

MAR 12 1973

H34-PHR

Mr. Gene Richardson
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
1023 West Third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Richardson:

At your request, we have checked on the status of the six properties which you mentioned in your letter of February 22. The two properties about which the review committee was particularly concerned, the Louisiana Purchase Survey Market and the Washington County Courthouse, were both entered in the National Register on February 23, 1972. The other four properties, Jacob Wolfe House, River Front Hotel, Trapnell Hall, and Old Randolph County Courthouse, are still pending.

If some emergency arises in connection with one of these buildings, we will be happy to expedite the review of the nomination. As we have limited staff and have a continual influx of nominations the normal review process usually takes several months. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Charles A. Harrington
Chief, Review Unit
National Register

cc:

Mr. William E. Henderson, Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism, State
Capitol -Room 149, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 w/cy inc
Director, Southwest Region w/cy inc

LI - Mr. Winge

PHR - w/cy inc

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



March 28, 1973

Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers;

As you requested on 3-23-73, I am returning the Jacob Wolf House nomination with an original USGS Map which shows the location of this property.

Kindest regards,

Gene Richardson

Gene Richardson
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

FER:lka



H34-PHR

MAR 30 1973

Mr. William H. Henderson
Director
Arkansas Department of Parks and
Tourism
State Capitol - Room 149
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Henderson:

In response to your request for the status of six nominations we have consulted our files and have listed the properties below.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Louisiana Purchase Survey Marker | Added to the Register
2/23/72 |
| 2. Washington County Courthouse | Added to the Register
2/23/72 |
| 3. Jacob Wolf House | Received 10/19/72 in
review |
| 4. River Front Hotel | Received 10/19/72 in
review |
| 5. Trapnall Hall | Received 1/3/73 in
review |
| 6. Old Randolph County Courthouse | Received 1/3/73 in
review |

As you know, we have been behind in the review of nominations because of short staffing. We are beginning to catch up with our backlog and should be current fairly soon.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Herrington
Chief, Review Unit
National Register

cc:

Director, Southwest Region w/cy inc

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PHR, w/cy inc

KHOLLER:so-p 3/28/73 BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PHR

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered APR 13 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wolf (Jacob) House	Norfolk vicinity Baxter County
Trapnall Hall	Little Rock Pulaski County

Also Notified
Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. J.W. Fulbright
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson, Director
Arkansas Department of Parks &
Tourism
State Capitol - Room 149
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