

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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MAR 3 1982

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## 1. Name

historic The Frith-Plunkett House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Eight and Main Streets

N/A not for publication

city, town Des Arc

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

Second

state Arkansas

code

05

county Prairie

code 117

## 3. Classification

### Category

   district

X building(s)

   structure

   site

   object

### Ownership

   public

X private

   both

### Public Acquisition

   in process

   being considered

### Status

X occupied

   unoccupied

   work in progress

### Accessible

X yes: restricted

   yes: unrestricted

   no

### Present Use

   agriculture

   commercial

   educational

   entertainment

   government

   industrial

   military

   museum

   park

X private residence

   religious

   scientific

   transportation

   other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Harvey and Grace Drewry

street & number Box 212

city, town Des Arc

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prairie County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Des Arc

state Arkansas

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Survey has this property been determined eligible?    yes X no

date 1976

   federal X state    county    local

depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** circa 1858 **Builder/Architect** unknown

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Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Des Arc West Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

date February, 1982

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telephone (501) 371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

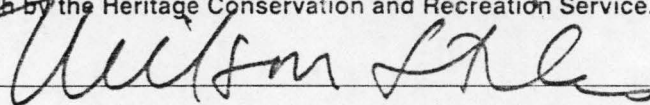
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   national    state X 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/23/82

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Frith-Plunkett House  
State, County: AR, Prairie  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 82002127  
3/31/82-985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 4/29/82 - 5/15/82  
Action: ☐ ACCEPT  
☒ RETURN 5/4/82  
☐ REJECT

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

photos ☒  
maps ☒

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

### Reviewer's comments:

*House is significant as the town's oldest surviving residence, representing an early period of prosperity + having survived the local devastation of the C.W., and also as a good ex. of a Gr. Rev. I-house.  
Must be returned for technical reasons - see below*

Recom./Criteria Return (A,C)  
Reviewer Grover  
Discipline Historian  
Date 5/3/82  
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

### 1. Name

### 2. Location

### 3. Classification

Category ☒ Ownership ☒ Status ☐ Present Use ☐  
☒ Public Acquisition ☐ Accessible

*Please fill in, if not applicable mark "NA"*

### 4. Owner of Property

### 5. Location of Legal Description

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

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Condition ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ fair ☐ unexposed  
Check one ☐ unaltered ☐ altered  
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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
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- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Nelous Byers Date 5/4/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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state Arkansas code 05 county Prairie code 117

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/23/82

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

*Beth Groves*  
Keeper of the National Register

date 6/10/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
Substantive Review  
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

82602127

Property: Frith-Plunkett House  
State, County: Drairie Co, Arkansas  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 3-31-82-985

Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983

Date Due: 7/8/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

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

photos ☒  
maps ☒

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

Reviewer's comments:

*Tech. prob. corrected.  
See first evaluation sheet for significance*

Recom./Criteria accept - A, C

Reviewer Grosvonts

Discipline Historian

Date 6/10/82

see continuation sheet

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

☒ 1. Name

☒ 2. Location

☒ 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

☒ 4. Owner of Property

☒ 5. Location of Legal Description

☒ 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

☒ 7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph *good*  
☐ 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

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
USMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet







Frith-Plunkett House  
Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark

Bob Dunn, photographer  
May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from Northeast  
No. 1 of 8





Frith-Plunkett House  
Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark.

Bob Dunn, photographer  
May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from East  
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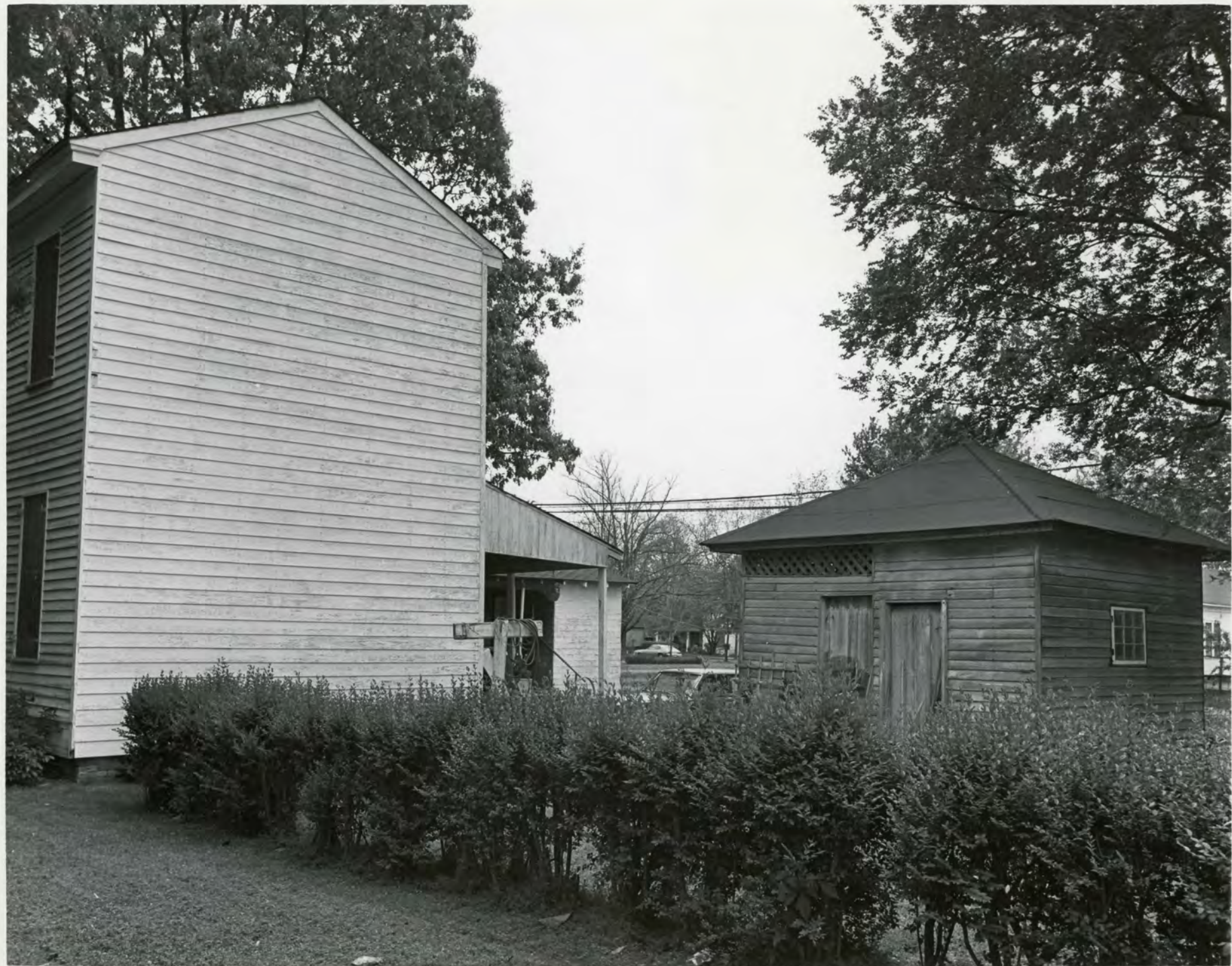




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Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark.

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May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from Northwest  
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Frith-Plunkett House  
Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark.

Bob Dunn, photographer  
May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from South  
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Frith-Plunkett House  
Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark.

Bob Dunn, photographer  
May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from Southeast  
No. 6 of 8





Frith-Plunkett House  
Des Arc, Prairie Co., Ark.

Bob Dunn, photographer  
May, 1981  
Negative at AHPP  
View from South  
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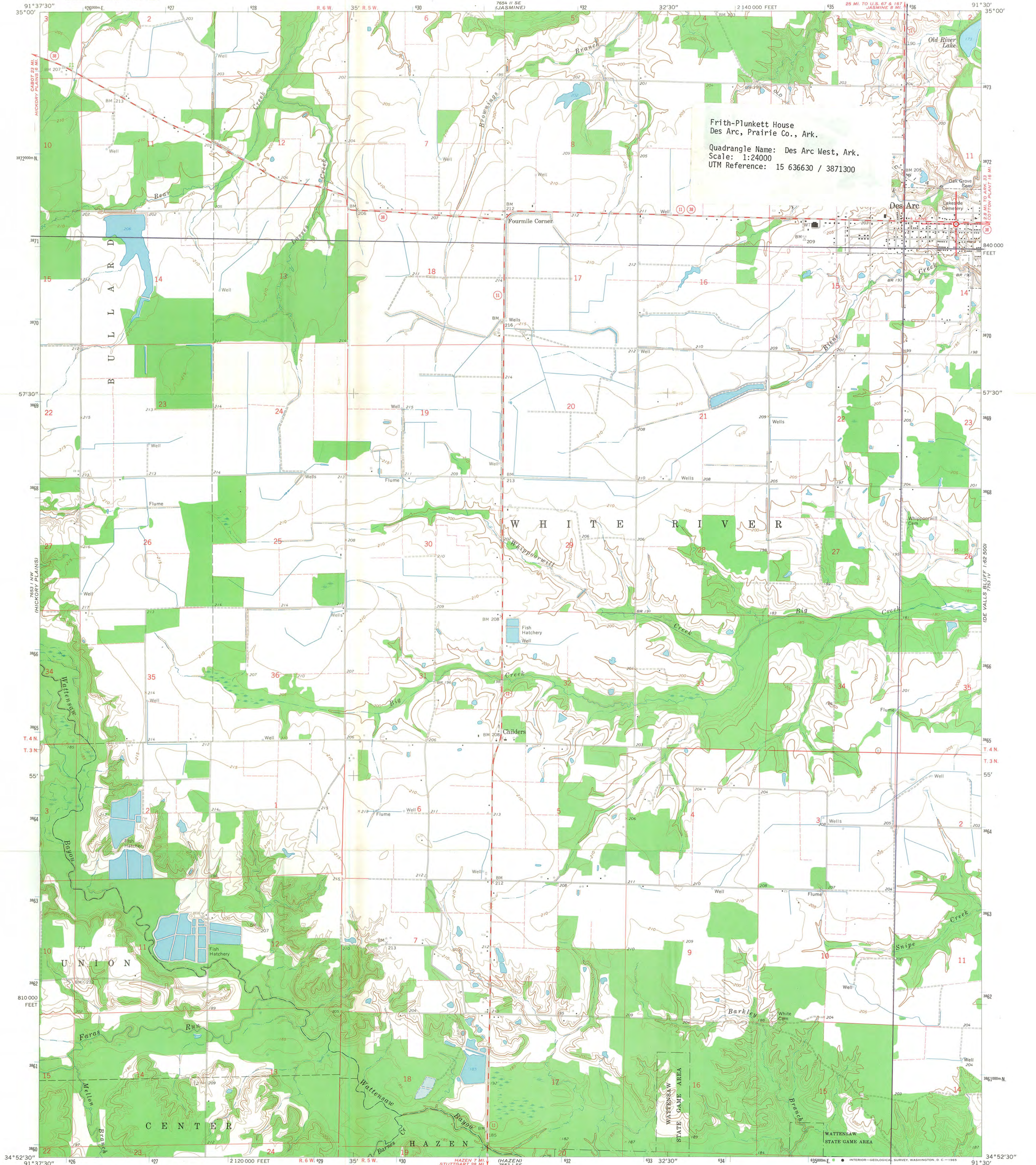




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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

DES ARC WEST, ARK.  
NE 1/4 HAZEN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3452.5—W91307.5

1964

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# CITY OF DES ARC

OFFICE OF MAYOR WILLIS EDDINS

P. O. BOX 308

DES ARC, ARKANSAS 72040

May 14, 1981

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Suite 500 Continental Building  
Main and Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

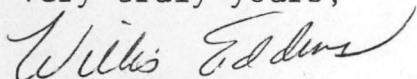
Att: Joan Williams Baldrige

Dear Ms. Baldrige:

I would like very much for the former W.A. Plunkett home in Des Arc, to be a part of the National Register of Historic Places as it is very old and has a lot of historical background surrounding it. I, for one, think these historical places should be preserved for future generations to see, enjoy and appreciate.

Please keep in contact with me on the progress being made. If there is anything that I may do to help you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

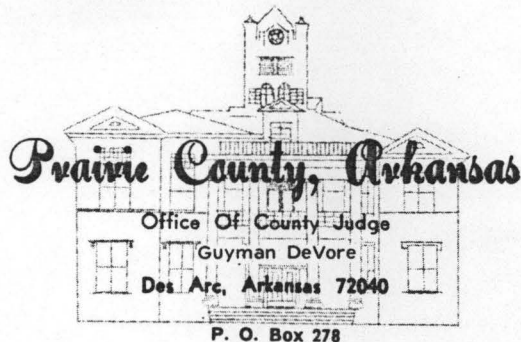
Very truly yours,



Willis Eddins  
Mayor

WE/lf





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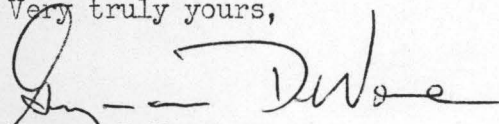
Ms. Joan Baldridge  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Ms. Baldridge:

I would like to add my support to the nomination of the W. A. Plunkett house in Des Arc, to the National Register of Historic Places. The Plunkett House is one of the oldest homes in Des Arc and has been a land mark in town for years.

I believe that all of the residents of this area would like to see this old home listed and restored, if possible. The Bethell House of Des Arc is an outstanding example of what can be done to our old homes in order to restore and preserve them for future generations.

Very truly yours,

  
Guyman DeVore  
County Judge

GDV/bd

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Mr. Wilson Stiles  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham & Main Streets  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Stiles:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the name and address of my property.

Plunkett Home  
8th & Main St  
Des Arc Ark  
72040

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Homer C. Drewry  
Owner of Record

12-14-81  
Date





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2753

March 22, 1982

Carol D. Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: National Register Nominations for:  
Taborian Hall, Little Rock  
Terminal Warehouse, Little Rock  
Pfeiffer House and Carriage house,  
Piggott, Arkansas  
Franklin County Jail, Ozark  
Frith-Plunkett House, Des Arc  
Applegate Drugstore, Rogers

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review six nominations for individual properties for the National Register of Historic Places. The properties are: Taborian Hall, Little Rock; Terminal Warehouse, Little Rock; Pfeiffer House and carriage house, Piggott; Franklin County Jail, Ozark; Frith-Plunkett House, Des Arc; and Applegate Drugstore, Rogers, Arkansas. 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

Enclosure

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