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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Arkansas
COUNTY:	Phillips
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
TAPPAN-PILLOW HOME

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
The James C. Tappan Home *House* *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
717 Poplar Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Helena

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05 COUNTY: Phillips CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Pillow

STREET AND NUMBER:  
717 Poplar Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Helena

STATE:  
Arkansas

CODE:  
05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Phillips County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Helena

STATE:  
Arkansas

CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971  Federal  State  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Arkansas History Commission

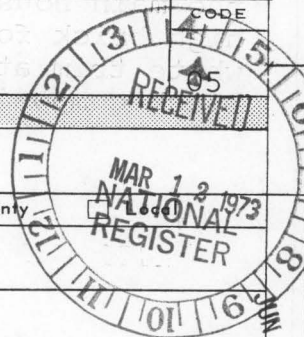
STREET AND NUMBER:  
300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN:  
Little Rock

STATE:  
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CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

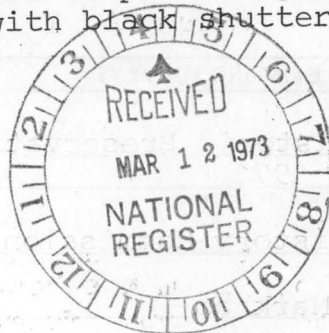
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James C. Tappan House is a two-storey frame residence, three bays wide across the facade. The house is basically Greek Revival in style and also has an original bracketed cornice that is normally considered Victorian. The main house has a hip roof with a simple bracketed cornice an arearly y design with the front portico capped by a large pediment decorated with brackets across the flat cornice and up the rake cornice. Both the first and second-storey porches are surrounded by a handsome wood balustrade having slender urn shaped balusters. The four square wood columns are paneled with plain bases and very simple capitals. The main front entrance has an entablature-style architrave and the windows on either side of the entrance also have entablature style architraves. The second-storey door opening onto the upper porch and the windows on the either side of it have plain architraves. The house has corner pilasters of paneled design that match the front porch columns.

Inside, the house is arranged with the typical center hall from front to back two rooms on either side, with a stair at the back end of the hall having a landing half way up that stretches completely across the width of the hall. Upstairs the same plan is repeated with two rooms on either side of the center hall.

The house presently has a bay window extension on the lower floor that was probably added to the house in the late 19th Century. The original one-storey rear porch stretching across the rear of the house has been closed in for a modern kitchen, breakfast area and pantry area. This was originally an open porch in the center with a small room enclosed at either end of the porch. The original brick kitchen, a separate building, still is located in the rear yard although it has been converted to a small studio apartment and a connecting roof has been installed between the main house and this building. (The house stands on a high brick foundation). The house is painted gray with white trim at the present time with black shutters and a black composition shingle roof.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

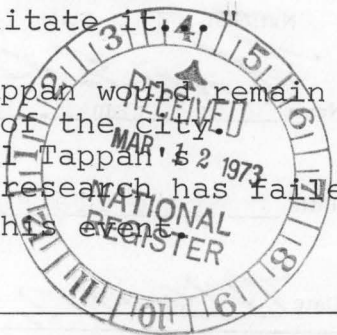
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James C. Tappan Home is probably easier to date than almost any of the other old homes in Helena. The house was built by a Mormon preacher named Gay. Gay may have been the builder or contractor, but it would appear that Robert Maloney was the man for whom it was being built. Maloney was a land speculator in Helena. He sold this partially completed house to J.C. Tappan on October 6, 1858, along with Lots 588, 589, 590, 591, 592 for \$6,000.

In the first volume of the Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Professor John Hugh Reynolds wrote:

"...Built by General J.C. Tappan in 1858 after he had bought a frame shell from a Mr. Maloney; is a two-storey frame house painted green and white, with wide porchers and stately columns, surrounded by a large undulating lawn thickly dotted with shade trees, magnolias, Japanese persimmon and flowers. During the war when the Federal troops under General Curtis were camped around Helena, General Tappan made a narrow escape from this home which was occupied from time to time by Federal officers prominent among whom was General Sherman. This magnificent antebellum home suffered fearfully from the ravages of war, but a lucrative law practice enabled General Tappan to rehabilitate it."

While it is likely that General Tappan would remain in Helena until the Federal occupation of the city. Professor Reynolds does not date General Tappan "escape" from his house and additional research has failed to add any new information concerning this event.





9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Reynolds, John Hough (ed.), Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas Historical Association, 1906, Vol. I.

- Phillips County Deed Book Q, p. 321.
- Phillips County Deed Book R, p. 714.
- Phillips County Deed Book P, p. 568.
- Phillips County Record Book B3, p. 161.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Gene Richardson, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: November 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 March 7, 1973

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

Robert Van Ordy  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/4/73

ATTEST:  
Robert Bradford  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/31/73

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(Number all entries)

8. Significance Continued:

General Tappan, a native of Tennessee, came to Helena as a young man, was a lawyer, farmer, commanded the 13th Arkansas Infantry Regiment, seeing action in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He was a member of the 8th General Assembly of Arkansas, 1850-1851; a member of the 31st General Assembly in 1897, serving as Speaker of the House of Representatives and Acting Governor of Arkansas that year; a member of the 32nd General Assembly in 1899. He was the Receiver of the U.S. Land Office at Helena, 1852-1860. Among other tributes that came his way was an appointment to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1885. He died in 1906, and was buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Helena.

An unusual house, architecturally, due to its Victorian style bracketed cornice which can be verified as originally part of the house, together with an otherwise Greek Revival style residence. Although such a combination may not be unusual in other parts of the country, it is very rare in Arkansas.



NAME OF PROPERTY

Tappan-Pillow House Ark. 5/2/73

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

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. Please clarify reference to Civil War from Publications of Arkansas Historical Association. Include date of Tappan's escape from Curtis' Federal troops.

✓ 9. Bibliography. Publications of Arkansas Historical Association should be included in bibliography since

10. Geographical Data. is mentioned in body of form

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Acreage. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Form Prepared By. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Certification. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

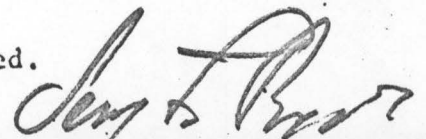
Map Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Other. Form returned at Mr Porter's request

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 National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED:



PROPERTY	<del>Jappan - Pillow Home</del> James C. Jappan Home	STATE	Ark	7400899
WORKING NUMBER	3.12.73. 2538			
TECH REVIEW	Photos	1		
	Maps	1		
CONTROL REVIEW	<del>OK</del> <i>away to missing</i>			OK 4-19-73
HISTORIAN	<i>otherwise</i> Use historic name. I started to accept as was but called in acreage & asked about connection with Civil War mentioned in body of form also realized this information was from a source. Publications of the Arkansas Historical Assoc, which is not included in bibliography. Mr Porter in Ark. asked that we send form back for clarification.			Accept 4-23-73 C. Shull Return for more info. Accept KH 4/30/73
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN				
ARCHEOLOGIST				
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF	Return, or requested down call 4-30-73			
BRANCH CHIEF				
KEEPER				

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back 5-3-73

Federal Register entry \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit 5.15.73

Entered JUN 4 1973



PROPERTY

Tappan, James C. House

STATE

Ark. Phillips

Control Sheet No. 2  
CO.

WORKING NUMBER

3.12.73 2538

TECH REVIEW

Photos 1

Maps 1

8/2/73

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CONTROL REVIEW

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5-15-73

HISTORIAN

OK

Accept  
AML

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

am willing to let it go since I don't think they answered any of Carol's questions but...  
at least included requested reference

5/15/73

Accept

KH  
5/15/73

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Shall

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK  
5/31/73

KEEPER

OK  
5/31/73

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 8-7-73

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered JUN 4 1973







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BY THIS COMMISSION AT NO COST  
THEREFORE FULL CREDIT WILL BE  
APPRECIATED.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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

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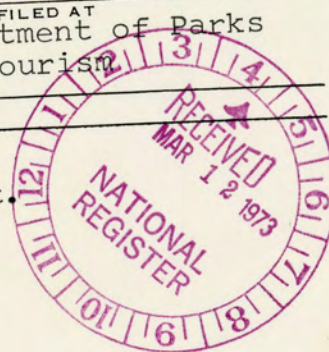
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Loc.

1. NAME COMMON		AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
TAPPAN-PILLOW HOME		James C. Tappan	JUN 4 1973
2. LOCATION STATE		COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas		Phillips	Helena
STREET AND NUMBER			
717 Poplar Street			
3. PHOTO REFERENCE PHOTO CREDIT		DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Department of Parks and Tourism		1972	Department of Parks and Tourism
4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

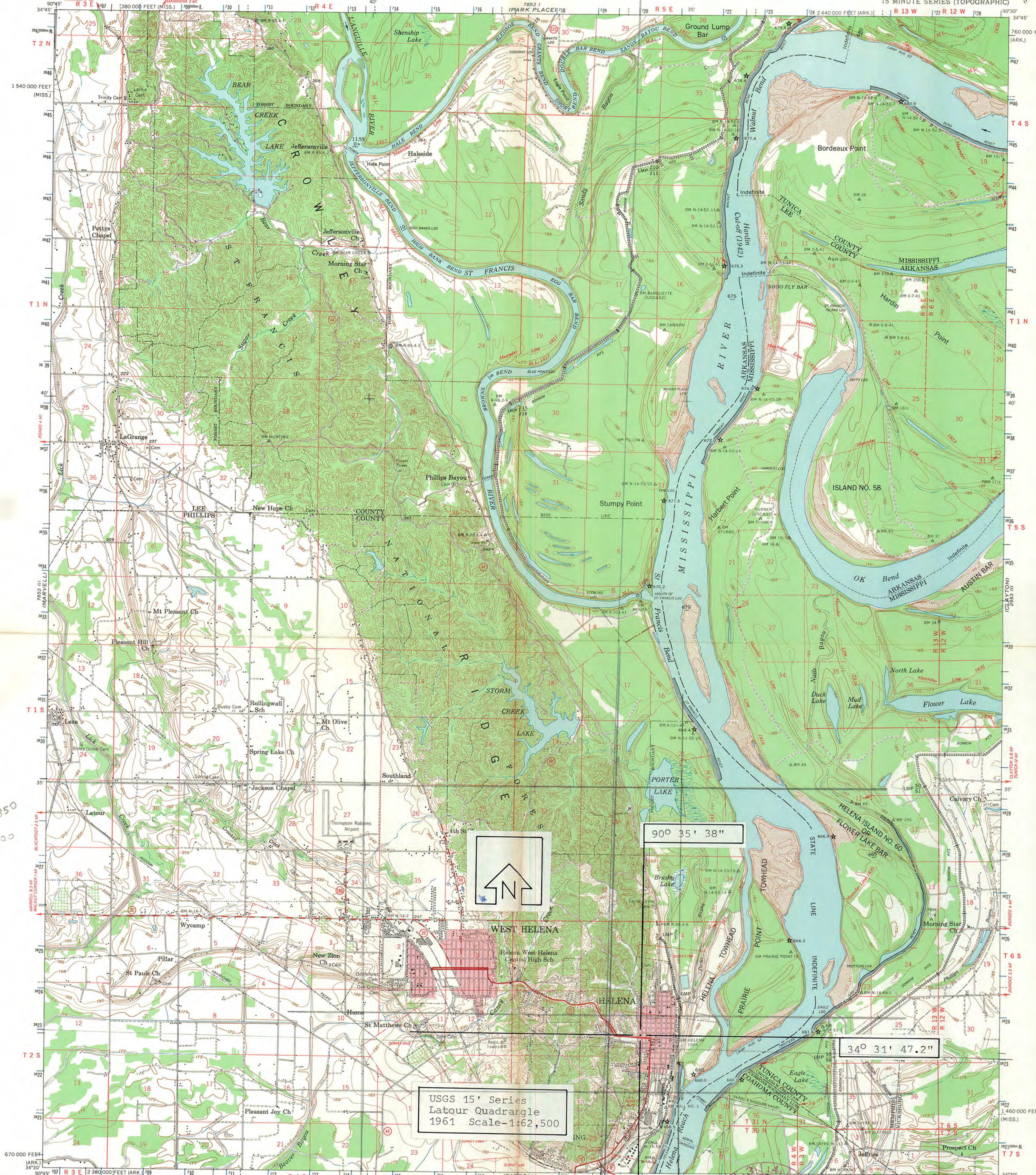
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<b>1. NAME</b>		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
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<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Phillips	Helena
STREET AND NUMBER		
717 Poplar Street		
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:







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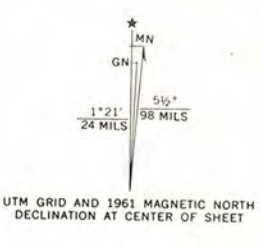


USGS 15' Series  
Latour Quadrangle  
1961 Scale-1:62,500

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zone, and Mississippi coordinate system, west zone  
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Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



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AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTERSTATE ARKANSASDate Entered JUN 4 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Allin Home	Helena Phillips County
Tappan (James C.) House	Helena Phillips County
Fowler (Absalom) House	Little Rock Pulaski County
Moore-Hornor House	Helena Phillips County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan  
 Hon. J. W. Fulbright  
 Hon. Bill Alexander  
 Hon. William D. Mills  
 Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Mr. William E. Henderson, Director  
 Arkansas Department of Parks &  
 Tourism  
 State Capitol, Room 149  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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# ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

~~1023 WEST THIRD STREET LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201 501 374-0375~~



SUITE 1030, PLAZA WEST, MC KINLEY STREET AND LEE AVENUE  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 72205 501 664-8715

May 29, 1974

MAY 31 1974

Mr. Charles A. Herrington, Supervisor  
Review Committee  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

It has recently come to our attention that an incorrect bibliography may have been submitted for a National Register property in Arkansas. Please check your copies of the "Tappan-Pillow Home" and the "Moore-Horner Home" to verify whether or not the same bibliographical references were listed for these two properties (both in Phillips County).

If, in fact, the same bibliography has been submitted for both properties, please change the entries to conform to the following:

Tappan-Pillow Home (General James C. Tappan Home)

- Phillips County Deed Record Book Q, pp. 166 and 321.
- Phillips County Deed Record Book R, p. 714
- Phillips County Deed Record Book P, pp. 541 and 568.
- Phillips County Deed Record Book B3, p. 161.
- Reynolds, John Hugh, ed. "The Tappan Home."  
Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Vol. 1, 1906.

Mr. Charles A. Herrington,  
Supervisor  
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Moore Horner Home

Phillips County Deed Record Book Q, pp. 559-560.  
Phillips County Deed Record Book B4, p. 546.  
Phillips County Probate Record Book D, p. 34.  
Phillips County Tax Records, 1856, 1859, and  
1860.

Please advise us as soon as possible as to the bibliographical references to these two nominations.

Sincerely,

*Dianna Kirk*

Dianna Kirk  
Historian

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Ms. Diana Kirk, Historian  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 1030, Plaza West  
Mc Kinley Street and Lee Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Ms. Kirk:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the bibliographic references of two National Register of Historic Places entries, the "Tappan-Pillow Home" and the "Moore-Horner Home." (2)

A review of our files disclosed that the two nominations did have the same bibliographic references. Our files have now been corrected as per your letter.

By your action, of alerting us to errors in our files, you are helping us to maintain the desired level of excellence required for the National Register to perform its functions.

Again we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Acting* Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

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

FNP:MRBarnes:lm1 6/27/74

bcc: Regional Director, Southwest Region w/cy inc.  
Director's Reading File  
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PR w/cy inc.

✓ BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR