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Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Rev. 6-72) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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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 a early 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 secondstorey 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 entrace 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 The original one-storey rear porch stretching 19th Century. across the rear of the house has been closed in for a modern kitchen, breakfast area and pantry area. 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 rearr 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 The house is painted gray with high brick foundation). white trim at the present time with black shutters and a black composition shingle roof.

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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 <u>Publications of the</u> <u>Arkansas Historical Association</u>, <u>Professor John Hugh</u> Reynolds wrote:

"...Built by General J.C. Tappan in 1858 after he hedhad 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 Federals 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 11.4

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's 2 1972
"escape" from his house and additional research has failed to add any new information concerning this event.

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### 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.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBNITTED. DATE:  NAME OF PROPERTY Tappan - Pillow House and Significant Signif
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2. Location.
3. Classification.
4. Owner of Property.
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7. Description.
V8. Statement of Significance. Please clarify reference  to Civil War from Publications of Arkanses Historical Association Include date of Tappen's escape from Curtis' Federal troops.  V9. Bibliography. Publications of Arkansas Arstorical Association should be included in bibliography since  10. Geographical Data. is mentioned in body of Solm  a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates.
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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.
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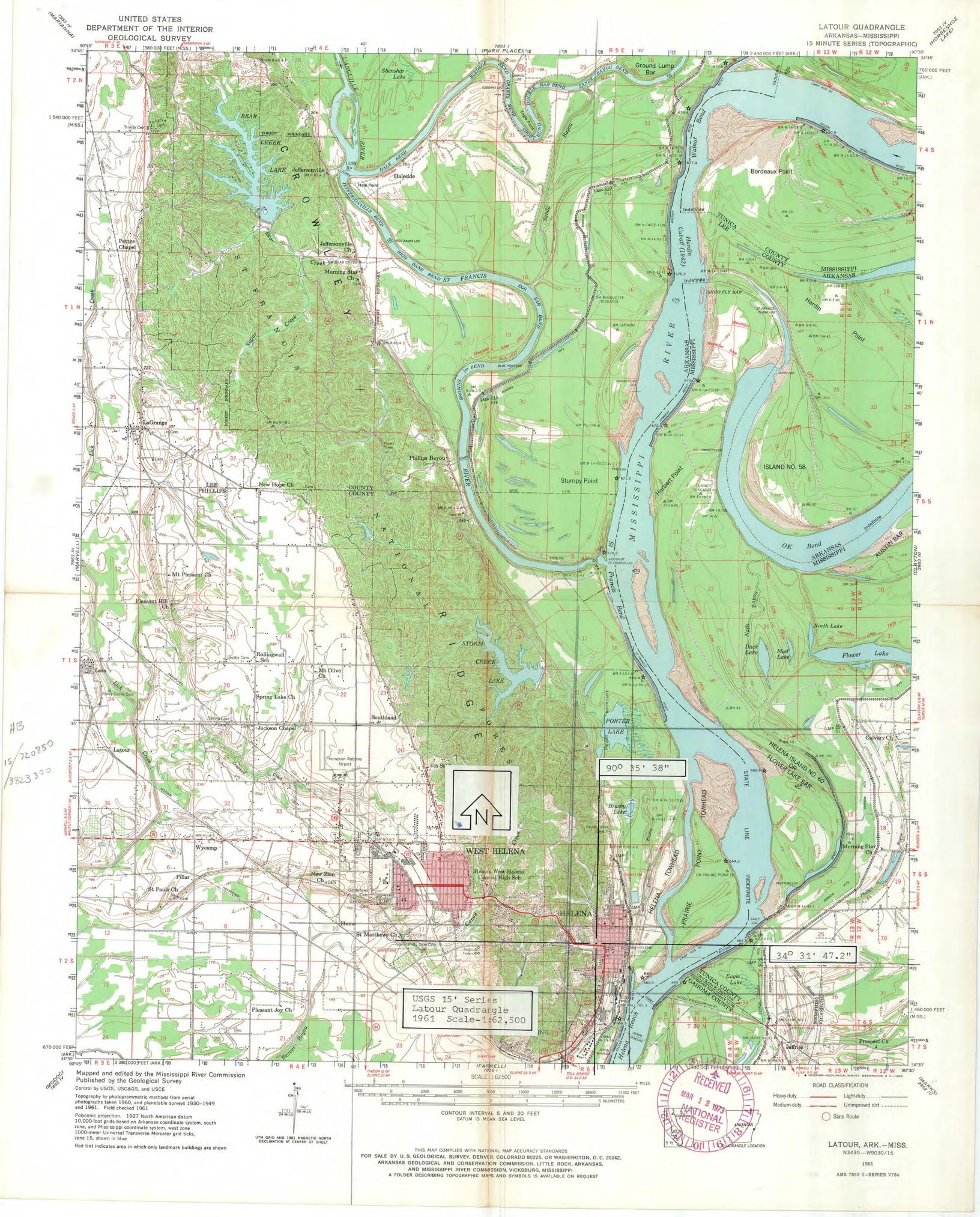
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May 29, 1974

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

Phillips County Deed Record Bood 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 Page -2-May 29, 1974

#### 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 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."

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.

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