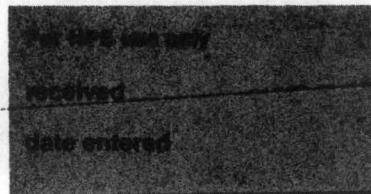


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PU-143

Congressional District: Second

✓ Name: Hemmingway House (Thompson 72)

Current Owner: James M. Arthur

✓ Address: 1720 Arch St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Address: 1720 Arch
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

✓ County: Pulaski

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Rickon and Thompson

Date of Construction: ca. 1894

Stylistic Influence: Queen Anne

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 565970/3843430

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original City of Little Rock
Block 216, Lot 9

Condition

____ Excellent
☒ Good
____ Fair

____ Deteriorated
____ Ruins
____ Unexposed

____ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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(1720 Arch, Little Rock, AR)

Physical Description

Clearly a carry-over from the popularity of the Queen Anne style is this ca. 1900 Charles Thompson design for a large, two-story frame house with asymmetrical massing. Springing outward from the high,hipped-roof central core are two gable end roof projections facing the principal east elevation and the north side. A block over the entrance, once featuring a second story balcony which is now enclosed, and a rounded section with wrap-around porch connect the two gable end projections. A variety of decorations embellish the exterior including tall interior chimneys with corbeling, a tent roof dormer, a decorative wood panel in the pediment of the entrance portico and a Palladian window which lights the attic level on the front gable end section. The most idiosyncratic of all Thompson's porch columns are these paired turned posts which flare out at the base, then unexpectedly taper to more slender proportions at the top, then are inexplicably capped with large, round spool-like knobs. The double-leaf front door features plate glass windows and transom. The sash windows throughout the house have one-over-one lights.

Statement of Significance

Significant in its representation of the work of the firm Rickon and Thompson, the Hemmingway House at 1720 Arch in Little Rock was constructed ca. 1894. The oldest building in the Charles L. Thompson drawing collection thematic grouping, the house is an important Queen Anne design. The Hemmingway House features the usual asymmetrical Victorian massing and decorative embellishments. Of particular interest are the paired porch columns. These columns are turned posts which flair out at the base then taper to slender proportions at the top and are unusually capped by large, round spool-like knobs. The house was built for the same Supreme Court Judge W. E. Hemmingway as the house in Fayetteville, Arkansas, nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Both houses were designed by the Rickon and Thompson firm. The Hemmingway House in Little Rock is undergoing a complete restoration. Through the use of the original drawings, the restoration will attempt to bring the house back to near original appearance.

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Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
121. Rammel Flats Substantive Review ¹²¹	Keeper Bruce Lee Douglas 12/22/82 Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82
122. Rammel Apartments (1704-1706 Spring St.) Entered in the National Register ¹²²	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
123. Rammel Apartments (1708-1710 Spring St.) Entered in the National Register ¹²³	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
124. Rammel Apartments (409-411 W. 17th St.) Substantive Review ¹²⁴	Keeper Bruce Lee Douglas 12/22/82 Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82
125. Croxson House Entered in the National Register ¹²⁵	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
126. Sanders House Entered in the National Register ¹²⁶	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
127. Hemmingway House Substantive Review ¹²⁷	Keeper Bruce Lee Douglas 12/22/82 Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82
128. Cornish House Entered in the National Register ¹²⁸	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
129. Schaer House Entered in the National Register ¹²⁹	Keeper Melvyn Byers 12/22/82 Attest
130. Central Presbyterian Church Substantive Review ¹³⁰	Keeper Bruce Lee Douglas 12/22/82 Attest accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Hemmingway House (Thompson, Charles L., Design
Collection TR)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3626

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 12/9/82-12/24/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/22/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept c

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 12/13/82

☐ 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity
☒ dates

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference _____

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 _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-350

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

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1720 Arch, Little Rock, Arkansas

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April, 1982

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Viewed from the West

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