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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PU-136

Congressional District: Second

✓ Name: Rimmel Flats (Thompson TR)
✓ Address: 1700-1702 Spring St.
Little Rock, Arkansas
✓ County: Pulaski

Current Owner: John Jarrard

Address: 1700 Spring
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: 1906

Stylistic Influence: Colonial Revival

Original Use: Apartment Building

Present Use: Residence/office

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 566200/3843450

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original City of Little Rock
Block 203, Lot 12

Condition

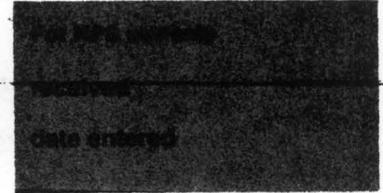
Excellent
 Good
 Fair

Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

Unaltered
 Altered

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(1700-1702 Spring, Little Rock, AR)

Physical Description

Designed in 1906 by Charles Thompson, this interesting variation of the American Foursquare frame house with high hipped roof, central dormer and Classical Revival details was a double flat occupying a corner lot in Little Rock. Two entrance doors flank a centrally placed two-story chamfered bay. The two separate porches feature Ionic columns which support a full entablature with plain frieze and dentil molding and a roof balustrade. Cross gables with dormers enliven the roofscape; the front dormer is a decorative one characterized by pediment gable roof with dentil molding, pilasters, and leaded glass transom; the dormer is accentuated by a low balustrade on the roof. As in other Foursquare houses with projecting bays designed by Thompson, large curving brackets line the eaves on one side of the bay.

Statement of Significance

Rommel Flats, designed by Charles Thompson in 1906, is the first of four multi-family units designed and built for H. L. Rommel in a block within a residential neighborhood. These multi-family units, the latter three built in 1917, are representative of the firm's efforts in designing rental structures sensitive to neighborhoods of large single-family properties by the application of popular architectural motifs. Rommel Flats is a two-story brick variation of the American Foursquare featuring a high hipped roof, central dormers and dominant Classical Revival detailing, so prevalent in Little Rock at the time.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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

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Substantive Review

Rommel Flats (Thompson, Charles L., Design
Collection TR)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/8/82 - 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
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: excellent deteriorated good ruins fair unexposed
Check one: unaltered altered
Check one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

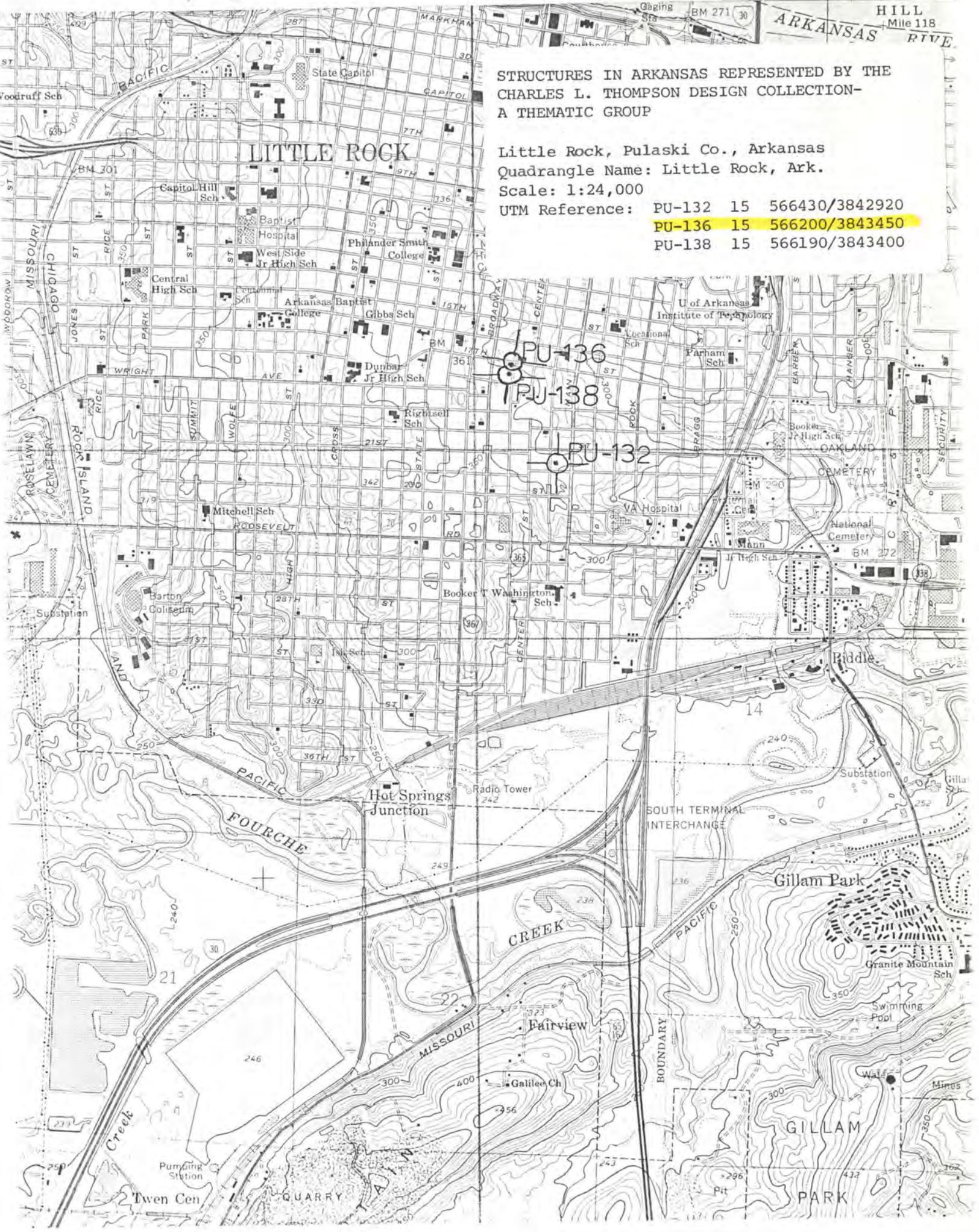
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION-
A THEMATIC GROUP

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1700-1702 Spring, Little Rock, Arkansas

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March, 1982
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Viewed from the Southeast



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION-A THEMATIC GROUP

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Little Rock, Ark.

Scale: 1:24,000

UTM Reference: PU-132 15 566430/3842920
PU-136 15 566200/3843450
PU-138 15 566190/3843400