

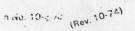
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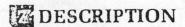
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Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

February 3, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Watson, Jr. 300 North Cherry Hamburg, Arkansas

Re: Watson House

Hamburg, Ashley County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watson:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Watson House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or your property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days, your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the above property being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1968 (Public Law 89-865). 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Watson House Ashley Co., AR Working No. ___ Fed. Reg. Date: ___ Date Due: _____ Action: ___ACCEPT 12/28/ resubmission __RETURN__ nomination by person or local government ____REJECT____ owner objection Federal Agency: _____ appeal sample request appeal NR decision Substantive Review: Reviewer's comments: Recom./Criteria__ Reviewer ____ Discipline_ Date__ _____ see continuation sheet Nomination returned for: _____technical corrections cited below _substantive reasons discussed below 1. Name 2. Location 3. Classification Ownership Status Present Use Category Public Acquisition Accessible 4. Owner of Property 5. Location of Legal Description 6. Representation in Existing Surveys ☐ yes □ no Has this property been determined eligible? 7. Description Condition Check one Check one deteriorated unaltered original site excellent altered moved ruins good date ___ fair unexposed Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance summary paragraph completeness clarity

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Watson House

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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Hamburg

___VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Ashley

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 1977

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Facade & south elevation, viewed from the southeast

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2. WATSON HOUSE ASHIEY COUNTY, ACKANSAS FACADE AND WORTH ELEUATION, VIEWED From the NORTHWEST

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facade & north elevation, viewed from the northwest

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3. WATSON HOUSE ASHEY COUNTY, ANKANS AS South ElEVATION, VIEWED from the South

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4. WATSON HOWE ASHIEY COUNTY, ANKANSAS EAST ELEVATION, DIEWED from thE EAST

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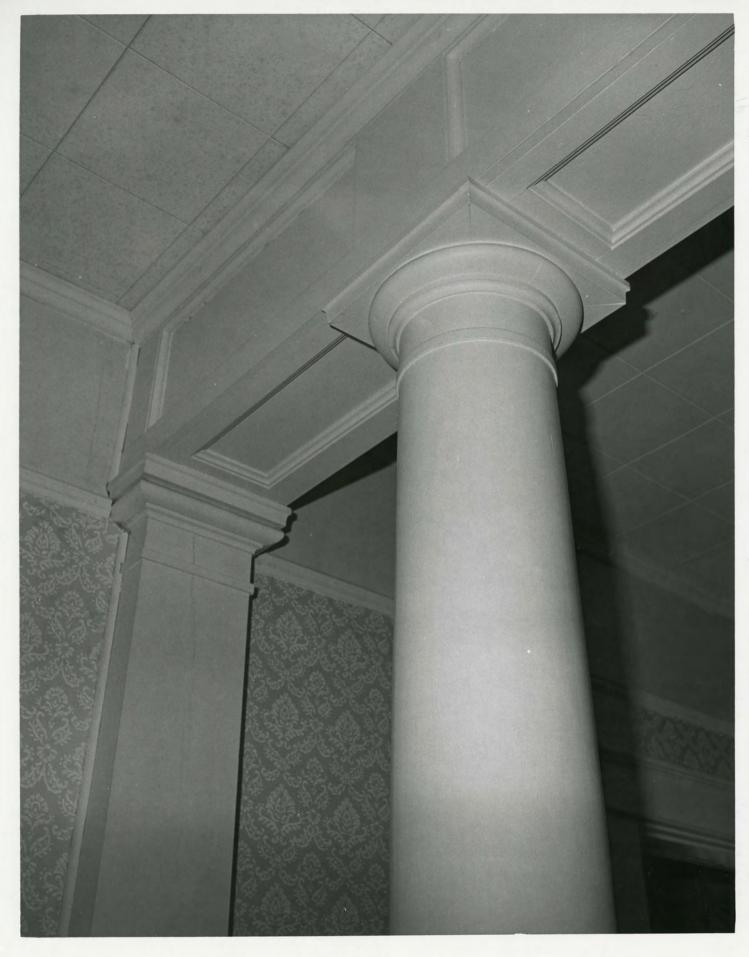
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SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

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- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

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