

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Deane House

AND/OR COMMON

Neel-Deane House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Arch

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— MUSEUM

— COMMERCIAL

— PARK

— EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— ENTERTAINMENT

— RELIGIOUS

— GOVERNMENT

— SCIENTIFIC

— INDUSTRIAL

— TRANSPORTATION

— MILITARY

— OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Calvin Biggers

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Arch

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

The one and one-half storey Deane House is basically rectangular in plan with short projecting wings and bays. Architecturally, the house is a modified Queen Anne style with neo-classical detailing. There is textural variety through the use of narrow clapboard siding, vertical flush board siding and both square cut and scalloped shingles.

The facade features a gable which extends over a three sided bay. The gable end has an air vent over which is ornately carved woodwork set in the point of the gable end. A wide band of scalloped shingle lies above the three separate windows on the bay. Over each two end windows are curved brackets meeting at a right angle. At the juncture of the brackets is a decorative pendant. A large flat-roofed porch spans two-thirds of the facade and wraps around the corner to the south elevation. The porch features Ionic capital columns and a railing with turned balusters having square bases and capitals. The cornice on the porch is dentiled and under the porch roof there are three curved glass double-hung windows.

Other exterior features of note are the four chimneys, with corbelling which project from the irregular roofline, the vertical boards painted in a contrasting color at the house, and the lugsills and lintels found on the windows. The lines of the house are further accentuated by horizontal baseboards in contrasting color which separate the foundation from the siding.

The south facade continues the dentiled cornice. The gable on the south facade features plain shingles over an air vent similar to the one on the front gable of the facade. A small dormer is marked by double windows and a gabled roof.

The north facade features a central three-sided bay covered with a gabled roof. The bay features vertical flush boards below the windows. A one storey flat roofed porch is marked by two Ionic capital columns and a dentiled cornice.

The paneled main entry door is divided into six small panels with a clear glass lite in the upper half. The style of this door is repeated in the entry door on the north elevation. Two door molding styles found on the interior doors have either entablatures or cornerblocks with molding. In the main entry hall two front parlors and dining room, the walls are papered above the wainscoting. The cornice and baseboards feature molding. Two sets of heavily paneled sliding doors lead out of the north parlor to the dining room and onto the main entry hall.

Interesting fireplace mantels are found in the two front parlors. In the north parlor the mantel features two squared engaged columns with the mantel shelf slightly lower than the column capitals. The mantel piece is marked by a single bracket centered beneath the ornately carved shelf projection. The mantel in the south parlor is set into a corner of the room and features Ionic capital columns supporting a decorated molded shelf. Also located in the south parlor

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is a circular bay with three separate windows which conform to the shape of the bay.

Although little information is available on the alterations to the house, there are a few which can be determined. An obvious exterior alteration is the enclosure of a porch on the east elevation. The north entry has been remodeled and a modernistic iron and ash staircase leading to the partial second floor was added to replace a flight of narrow steep stairs. A door in the east wall of the dining room which lead to the north entry has been closed in and a fireplace on the same wall removed.

Still in excellent condition, the house represents adaptation of an older house to modern living. The present owner has renovated and tastefully redecorated the Deane House.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

p 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Deane House lies in the areas of architecture and transportation. The house is a transitional style combining elements of Queen Anne and Neo-Classical architecture. It was probably one of the first houses in Little Rock to reflect the transition from Victorian to turn-of-the-century styles. Although the exact date of construction is not known, documentary evidence indicates the house was built in 1888. The abstract of the house shows the value increased markedly in this period, thus indicating major improvements to the land. The value of the property as indicated on the abstract then depreciated normally thereafter until modern land values raised the price.

The prominence of the house is associated with one of the leading figures in the railroad, Colonel G.A.A. Deane.

Gardiner Andrus Armstrong Deane was born in Franklin, Massachusetts, July 21, 1840. He was educated in the Franklin public schools and in 1858 graduated from the Franklin Academy.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Third Iowa Calvary on August 23, 1861, as a bugler. By 1863 he was promoted to Captain, and on May 9, 1864, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, commanding the 60th U. S. Colored Infantry. During the following year, he served as A.A. Inspector General, District of Eastern Arkansas, and was honorably discharged from the United States forces at Little Rock on October 16, 1865.

After the war, in 1867, Deane married Eliza J. Margeaux at St. Joseph, Missouri and the couple moved to Atchison, Kansas, where the Colonel became a farmer and horse breeder. During the 1880's Deane was employed as engineer in charge of construction by the Union Pacific Railroad, thus beginning the association with railroading which he pursued the balance of his life.

In December, 1891, Colonel Deane was named land commissioner in Arkansas for the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad and the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway. At this time he moved his family to Little Rock. Through the many friendships he had made in railroading and the manner in which he conducted the railroad's business, Deane was elected to the Board of Directors of the Iron Mountain on June 25, 1909, and retired from the Board January 23, 1913.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Gazette. August 10, 1919.

Biggers, Calvin. Personal interview at Deane House, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 3, 1975.

Little Rock Abstract Company. Abstract of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 204, Original City of Little Rock.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 566010 3843480
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock,

DATE

June 10, 1975

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

STATE

Arkansas

12 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 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.

SIGNATURE

William E. Henderson

TITLE

DATE June 10, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/5/75

DATE

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On May 12, 1917, all the railroads, lands and other property of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad were sold and deeded to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. This transfer, involving thousands of titles to lands in the certified lists and patents under the railroad grant, was solely due to the efforts of Colonel Deane.

Colonel Deane's stature in the community as well as his prominence in the railroad world provided him with the opportunity to meet and entertain many notables around the turn-of-the-century. In 1897, he accompanied George D. Meikeljohn, Assistant Secretary of War, in an inspection of Ft. Roots, and afterwards entertained the party with breakfast in the Deane Home. He was on the reception committee for President Theodore Roosevelt when he visited Little Rock in 1904, and assisted in the arrangements for greeting President William Howard Taft on the occasion of Taft's Little Rock visit in 1909.

Dean retained his job as land commissioner for the railroad until his death on August 9, 1919, seven days after the death of his wife. He had one son and three daughters.

The historic Deane House is significant as an example of transitional architecture in Little Rock's historic Quapaw Quarter District. In addition, Colonel Deane's role as an important railroad executive is illustrated in the house as it presents the tastes of a businessman in the early twentieth century.

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Pulaski County Real Estate Tax Records, Microfilm, Arkansas History Commission.
Quapaw Quarter Chronicle, May/June, 1975.

Property

Deane House

Pulaski Co.

State

Arkansas

Working Number

7.2.75.1232

75000405

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

1

#12 Date is missing, began
significance not checked.
3 cont. sheets (#7-9) otherwise

9.3.75
called

CONTROL

cm

OK

7.7.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
S. Brown
8-6-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. J. J. J.
8/6/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
9.3.75

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
H. J. J. J.
5.5.75

KEEPER

SEP 5 1975

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

SEP 5 1975

Federal Register Entry

11-4-75

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



1. DEANE HOUSE
PULASKI COUNTY
ARKANSAS
FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE WEST

Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-74)

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Little Rock

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Pulaski

STATE

Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO

1975

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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

Facade, viewed from the west

PHOTO NO.

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2. DEANE HOUSE
PULASKI COUNTY
ARKANSAS
DETAIL OF PORCH BAY

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Detail of porch bay, note curved windows.

PHOTO NO.

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Neel-Deane House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Pulaski

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

United States Geological Survey

SCALE

1:2400

DATE

1961 (photo revised 1970)

4 REQUIREMENTS

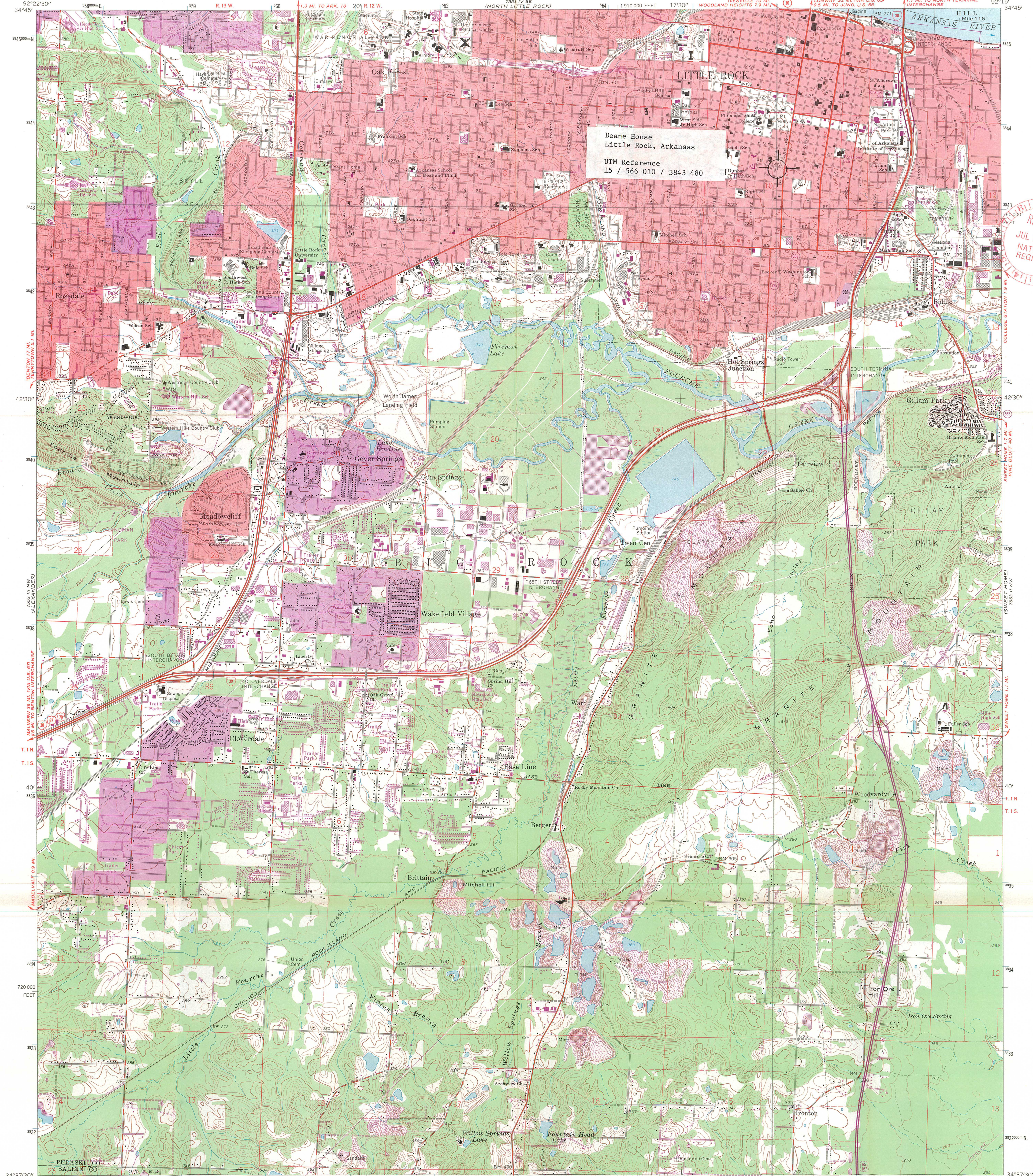
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

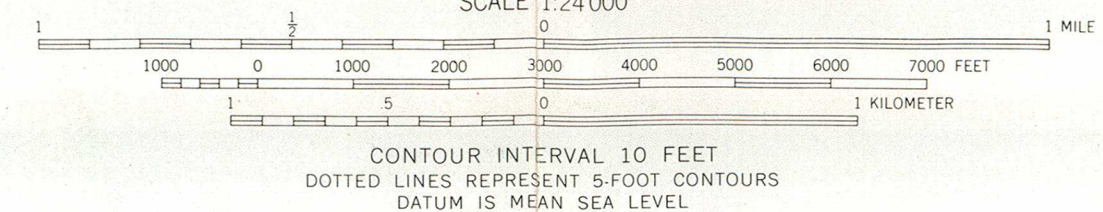
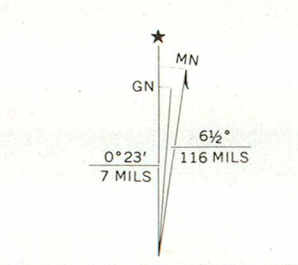
DEANE House

Deane House
Little Rock, Arkansas
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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
NE 1/4 ALEXANDER 15' QUADRANGLE
N3437.5—W9215.7.5
1961

PHOTOREVISED 1970
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered SEP 5 1975

Name

Location

Deane House

Little Rock
Pulaski County

Also Notified

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Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills
Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Gene Richardson
Acting Director
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

PR MMott/row 9/17/75

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Deane House ② OTHER NAMES: Neel-Deane House ③ date of entry: 9.5.75 ④ county code: 119

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 1701 Arch St. city / town: Little Rock vicinity of: AR state: AR county: Pulaski ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name): _____ ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME: _____ ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME: _____ ⑮ ACREAGE: <1 ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☒ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated ☒ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown ⑰ FEATURES: ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS ☒ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO ⑳ SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ yes ☐ no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☒ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ ㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Residence CURRENTLY: ditto ㉕ dates of initial construction: c.1888 major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

㉗ architectural style(s): Queen Anne with NeoClassical Revival Elements ㉘ architect: _____ ㉙ master builder: _____ ㉚ engineer: _____

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer: _____ ㉜ interior decorator: _____ ㉝ artist: _____ ㉞ artisan: _____ ㉟ builder/contractor: _____

㊱ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: Gardiner A.A. Deane - owner of House - prominent local railroad man. EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, clapboarding, shingling, horizontal siding; 1 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, gabled roof sections, interior chimneys, front off-center entrance with transom, ~~small~~ 1-story front and side wraparound entrance porch, 1-story front polygonal bay with surmounting bracketed gable, ~~front corner bowed bay~~, tripartite round-arched gable end attic light; interior features ^{distinct} interesting woodwork. ^{Unusual} Original mantle pieces; minor interior & exterior alterations. Interesting example of style transition from Queen Anne to Neo-Classical Revival; built for Gardiner A.A. Deane, prominent local railroadman.