

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Routh-Bailey House

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Old Wire Road

not for publication N/A

city, town Fayetteville

vicinity N/A

state Arkansas code AR

county Washington

code 143

zip code 72701

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: Catherine Stimpert, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Date: 8-21-89

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official, Date, State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby, certify that this property is: Entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Alloway Byers, Entered in the National Register 9/28/89, Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid 19th Century/Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Granite

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See continuation sheet

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Summary

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Elaboration

The Routh-Bailey House, constructed c. 1850, is a two-story, red brick Greek Revival I-house featuring the typical single pile, central-hall-and-parlor plan. The foundation is brick and the gable roof is covered with composition asphalt shingles. Two interior end chimneys vent a firebox on each of the floors below. A firebox in the gable end wall of each of the rooms--on both stories--opens into the two exterior end brick chimneys. The first floor entry opens into a central hall which contains a semi-circular, half turn stairwell which leads up to the second story.

The southern or main elevation of the Routh-Bailey House is a symmetrical composition consisting of four window bays flanking a central entrance bay. The windows on the first floor are all the original six-over-nine wood double-hung sash and the second floor is lighted with six-over-six double-hung wood sash. The central bay is accessed by a later two-story, pedimented wood entrance portico with a second story porch. The first floor entrance is of the single door, transom and half-sidelight type, with three panes in each of the sidelights and four in the transom. The second floor entrance features only a central entrance which is now filled with a later door. The pedimented wood porch is supported on wood box columns which are ornamented with a decorative, jig-sawn balustrade. The verge of the pediment and the cornice beneath are ornamented with decorative wood brackets which attempt to copy those on the frieze boards of the house itself but which reveal the later date of the porch through their relatively uneven craftsmanship and awkward relationship to the house itself.

The eastern and western elevations are identical. Both are blank brick walls with the sole exception of the wood brackets and friezeboards in the verge of the gable (the "shadows" on the brick reveal the earlier presence of returns at each end of the gable roof; however, these do not survive on either elevation).

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The relatively simple interior is finished with plaster walls and ceilings and original, random-width hardwood floors. The only details of note are the hand-carved wood fireplace mantels and the tall, hand-made pegged two-panel pair doors which open into the shallow closets (there is one closet next to each of the four fireboxes, though their placement relative to the mantel varies). A simple, curved hand railing rises with the semi-circular staircase, accenting the curved plaster wall which forms the rear of the stairwell.

Though the building is in a severe state of disrepair, the only alterations of any kind have been the later pedimented front portico (which replaced an earlier wood portico of similar scale and design though of unknown form) and the wood frame rear shed. However, both of these alterations are almost certainly historic, and date from the building's significance as a working farmhouse.

Also included in the nomination are the single story, shed roofed, wood frame outbuilding to the northeast of the residence (c. 1915) and the single story, gable roofed, stone root cellar and storage building (c. 1900) to the northwest of the residence. Historically associated landscape features include an old well, located between the house and the root cellar, and the flagstone walk in front of the house.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
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Period of Significance

N/A  
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Significant Dates

1850  
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Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Benjamin Routh  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 4 acres

**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of the Bailey residence semi-circular driveway with a perpendicular line running alongside the eastern elevation of the current Bailey residence, proceed northerly along said line to the

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The current legal boundary of this property reflects the impact of the sequence of subdivisions of the original farmstead which have occurred since the first settlement; therefore, this boundary includes only the property historically associated with this resource which retains its historic integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Summary

The Routh-Bailey House, although in bad repair, remains a fine example of early I-house construction in Washington County. Its Greek Revival details and central-hall-and-parlor plan, dating from the pre-Civil War plantation period, make it a rare, extant resource in this county.

Elaboration

Construction of the Routh-Bailey House began in 1848 on a 50-acre land patent granted to Benjamin Murrell Routh by President Zachary Taylor and signed by U.S. Secretary Thomas Ewing. Benjamin Routh, a farmer, immigrated to Arkansas from Pennsylvania and built his plantation within two years (1848-50). Wood used in the construction was cut at War Eagle (Benton County) and milled at the Van Winkle mill.

At his death, the estate of Benjamin Murrell Routh passed to his son, Alec, who sold it in 1886 to Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Raders. The Raders family retained possession of the property through a daughter, Mrs. George Roger, until 1896. It was then traded to Mrs. Ollie Quarrels for her hotel in Fayetteville. Quarrels sold the house to William Huddleston in 1905. Upon the death of William Huddleston, it was rented to Albert Bailey for seven years and then to Albert's son, Arthur, for 16 years, beginning in 1931. Arthur Bailey bought the house in 1945, and it is currently owned by his two daughters, Francis and Mildred.

The I-house plan in the United States came into existence c. 1700 in the coastal South and was distinguished from northern counterpart plans by the frequent occurrence of brick masonry construction instead of wood frame construction. In their book, A Field Guide to American Houses, Virginia and Lee McAlester attribute this finding to an abundance of brick clay in the southern coastal regions. Like other Tidewater South folk houses, however, the I-house plan was built well into the 1890's and also reflected British folk house forms from pre-railroad America.

The Routh-Bailey House is well-known locally due to the fact that during the Civil War battle at Fayetteville this farm was raided by both Confederate and Union forces and its resources used by the forces of both. However, much of its original farm acreage has been sold in the years since its construction, and the use of that which remains cannot be documented beyond the obviously associated outbuildings. The Routh-Bailey House survives as one of the finest and most intact examples of vernacular brick I-house design in both Fayetteville and Washington County.

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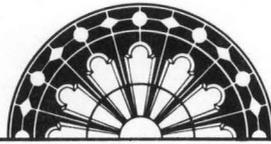
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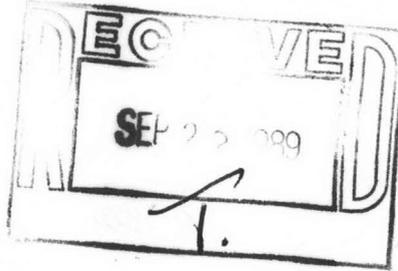
Verbal Boundary Description

intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the single-story frame outbuilding; thence proceed westerly along said line to the intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the stone curing building; thence proceed southerly along said line to the intersection with a perpendicular line corresponding exactly to the southern boundary of Section 30, Township 17 North, Range 29 West; thence proceed easterly on said line to point of beginning, comprising in all approximately 4 acres.



ARKANSAS  
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September 18, 1989



Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1100 "L" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
ATTN: Dolores Byers

RE: Routh-Bailey House  
Fayetteville - Washington County

*Carol*  
Dear ~~Ms. Shull~~:

As per the request of Dolores Byers, your technical reviewer, please find enclosed the additional information on the above-referenced property.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Cathy*

Cathy Buford  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB/KS/lss

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Routh--Bailey House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 8/31/89                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/12/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/28/89                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/15/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001592

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    9/28/89 DATE    Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas 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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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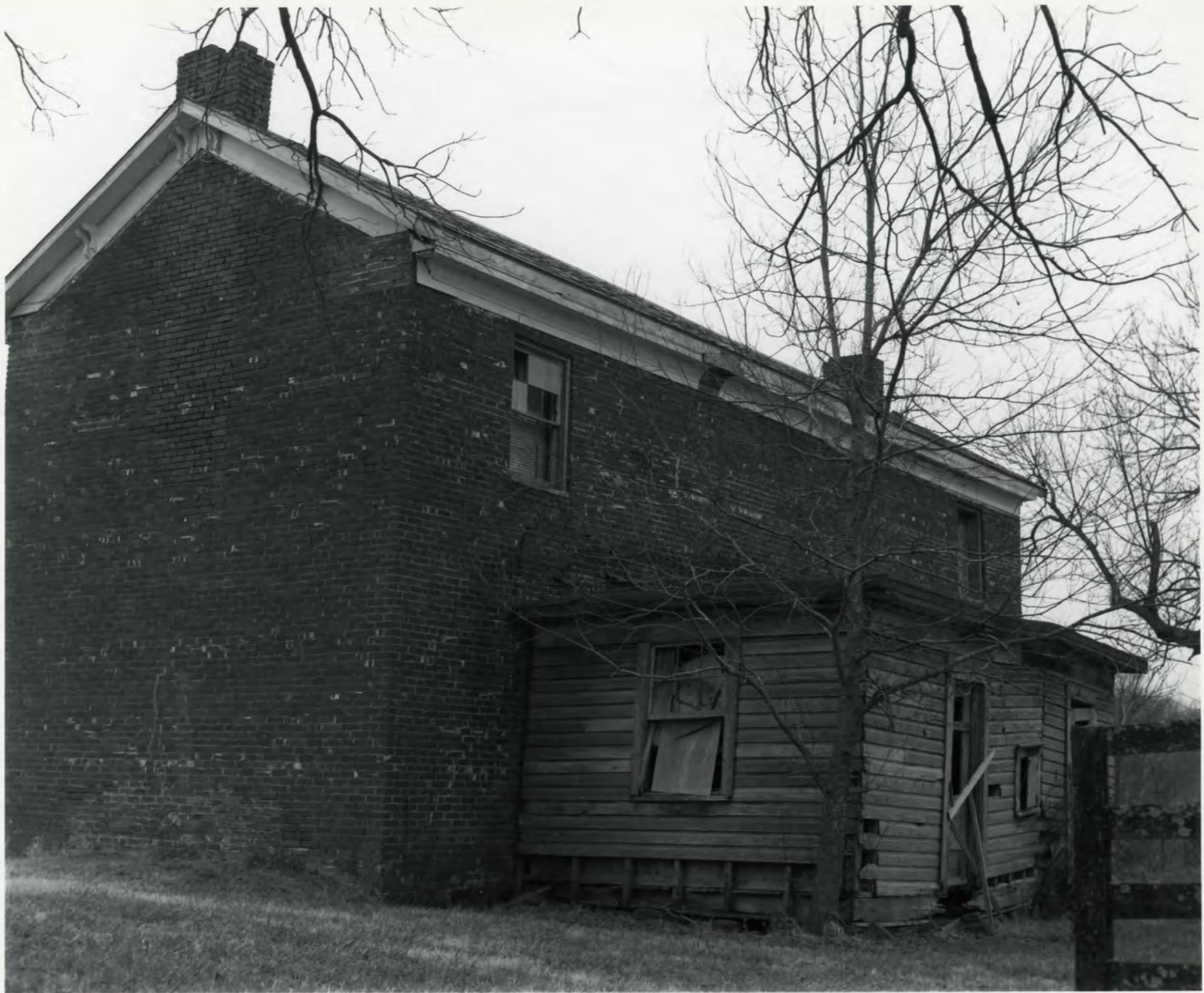
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE  
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS  
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JANUARY, 1989  
NEGATIVES ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST



ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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NEGATIVES ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTHEAST



ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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VIEW OF CURING HOUSE FROM SOUTH



ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE

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NEGATIVES ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW OF INTERIOR CLOSET DOORS



ROUTH-BAILEY HOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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VIEW FROM SOUTH OF FRAME OUTBUILDING



ROUTH - BAILEY HOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST



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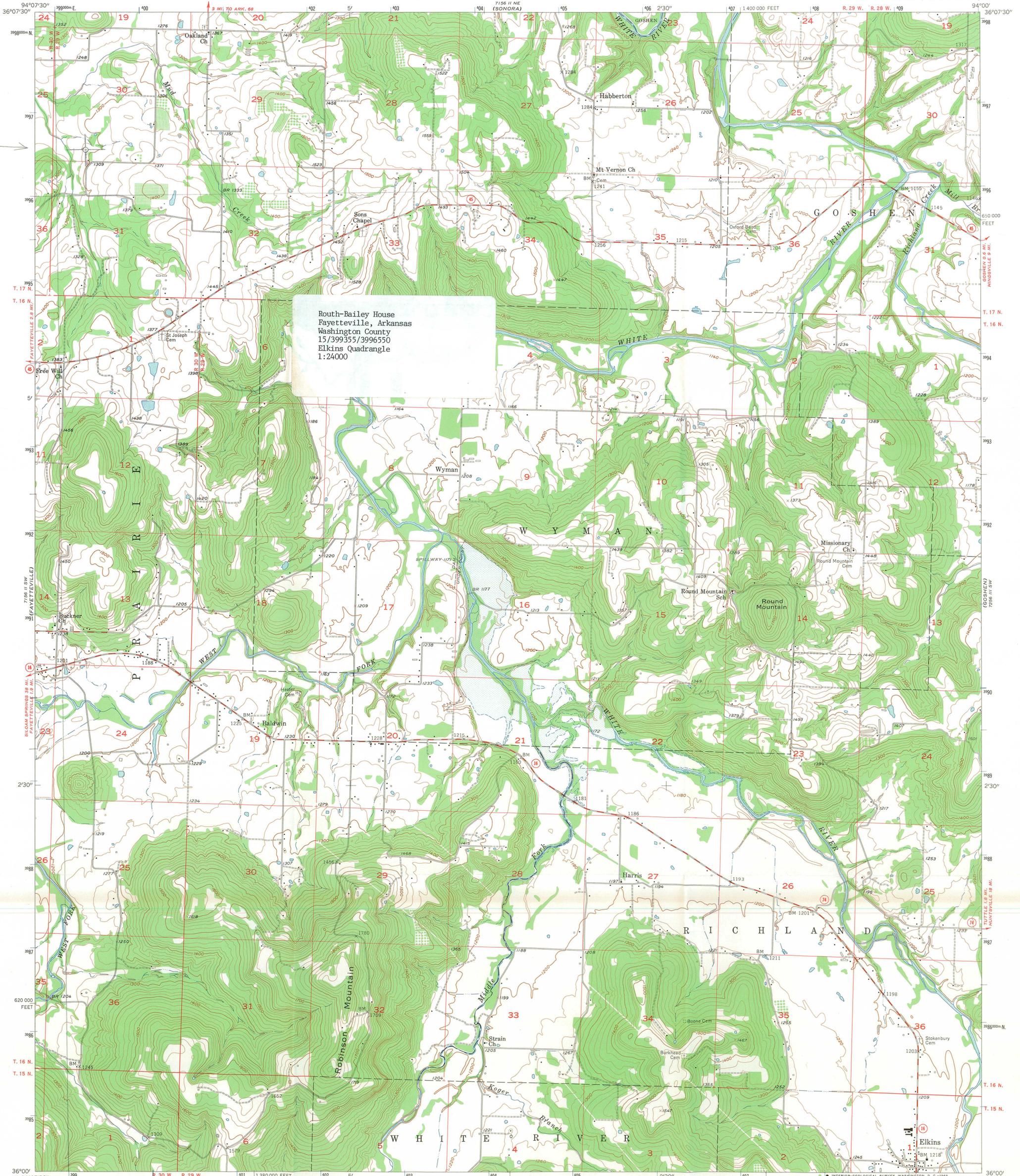
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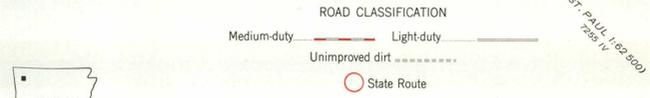
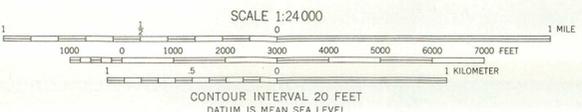
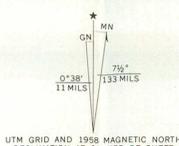
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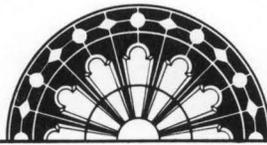
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NATIONAL  
REGISTER

RE: Routh-Bailey House  
Fayetteville, Washington County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Routh-Bailey House. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

