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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Faucette Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

44
Fourth and Main Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

North Little Rock

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

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☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Mon D. Thaxton

STREET & NUMBER

5321 Centerwood

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerks Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Faucette Building, located on Main Street in North Little Rock, is a rectangular mass stuccoed, commercial brick structure. The west (fronting Main) elevation is divided into three (3) bays. The center bay contains two (2) windows, and the flanking bays contain one each. There is a single-story addition on the east. The north addition and the first story of the west elevation are sheathed in sheet metal and the area around entrance on that elevation is black ceramic tile. Windows on the west elevation are plate glass on the first story and double hung one over one (1/1) lights on the second. Windows on the north and south elevations are irregularly placed and are boarded over. The roof is flat with false parapets on the east and west.

The first floor of the interior has been altered with pannelling. The second floor has its original molding and light fixtures.

The original stair in the rear of the structure is altered.

Editors note:

The east (rear) elevation has a cast iron front, somewhat hidden by the porch addition. It would appear that this is the original front of the building and faced the non-removed North Little Rock Railroad Depot. The structure was built as a cafe to service the depot.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Faucette Building, located on North Little Rock's Main Street, is historically significant in its representation of William C. and James Peter Faucette. The Faucette brothers were instrumental in the establishment and development of the city of North Little Rock.

"The story of the city of Argenta begins and ends with the Faucette brothers, William C. and James Peter," who first arrived from Mississippi at the swampy settlement of Argenta in 1878 when William was thirteen and James was eleven. In 1885, both men settled in the 'city of lakes,'² a farming village inhabited by 600 people without any form of municipal government except a constable and several justices of the peace.³ Although Argenta did boast a post office, there were no street lights and no paved streets, only plank sidewalks; there existed no water and sewage systems, no police department and no fire department, with volunteer forces and a local bucket brigade to handle such contingencies. Both brothers would be instrumental in establishing Argenta as a city and in molding its future both politically and economically. Both men would also serve three terms as mayor of the city they helped to build.

The Cairo and Fulton Railroad (now the Missouri Pacific) had their shops on the north side of the Arkansas River with access to Little Rock from the south only by the Baring Cross Railroad Bridge. The Faucette brothers worked as engineers on the railroad until 1890 when they purchased from the Little Rock and Memphis Railway Company Lot #6, Block 30 in the town of Argenta, a peice of property located on the NE corner of Newton Avenue and Beulah Streets (now Main and 4th Streets). On this 25' x 90' site, the brothers built a rectangular two-story structure with a restaurant-saloon on the ground floor and a rooming house for railroad men on the second floor. The two brothers purchased a generator and installed the first electric lights in Argenta at this same location.

Subsequently the brothers opened the area's first electric power plant which they later sold to the city of Argenta (now called the North Little Rock Electric Company). The brothers also built the first ice factory in Argenta and opened a private bank called Faucette Brothers (later renamed the Twin City Bank) at 405 Main Street.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Item 9, page 1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A 567
1 1 5 | 5 6 8 | 0 8 1 0 | 3 8 4 6 | 1 6 1 0 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot #6, Block 30 City of Argenta

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

Mrs. Mon D. Thaxton

Edited by

Frezil Miller, Sandra Taylor Smith

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Continental Building

TELEPHONE

371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Anne Carter 9/29/78
SHPO

TITLE

DATE

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-6-78

DATE

12-4-78

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Also in 1890, the aspiring community of Argenta filed papers to incorporate; however, Little Rock, its affluent neighbor across the river, quickly responded by passing legislation to annex Argenta and thereupon made it the 8th Ward of Little Rock. W.C. Faucette even served as one of the two elected alderman to represent North Little Rock after the annexation.

"The Faucette brothers fought against (this) annexation of Argenta by Little Rock in 1890 and lost. It was thirteen years later when (the two compatriots) instigated legislation that enabled the 8th Ward north of the river to establish itself independently."⁴ W.C. Faucette was elected to the state legislature in 1902 to introduce the innocent looking Hoxie-Walnut Ridge Bill, actually a clever plan he devised for separating North Little Rock from Little Rock which was drawn up by James P. Clarke, later U. S. Senator. Once this goal was accomplished, Will Faucette was elected first mayor of North Little Rock in 1904 and the city's name reverted back to Argenta. It was the Faucette Brothers' Bank that financed the fledgling city's payroll until revenues were collected to support city employees. Will served as mayor until 1909 and his brother Jim, the third mayor of North Little Rock, served as mayor from 1911-1917. Although W.C. Faucette had planned the City Hall (listed on the National Register of Historic Places 8-6-75), he died before it was finished. His brother Jim would see it completed and dedicated City Hall to Will's initiative and memory in the form of a bronze tablet.

On January 17, 1930, J.P. Faucette acquired an additional 25' x 90' from the Choctaw Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company and had two additional sotre buildings built and attached to the original structure erected in 1891. It has remained in the Faucette family from 1891 until the present.

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1. Article: "Argenta - Birth of North Little Rock."
Evelyn K. Eubanks, Sunday News - A Distinctive Weekly Journal,
Vol. XVI, Number 191, April 14, 1974.
2. Article: "Jim Faucette Reminices on North Little Rock's Early History."
Homer Hendrickson, Arkansas Democrat, Vol. Number
3. Hendrickson, above.
4. Obituary - Arkansas Gazette

Property

Faucette Building

State

Ark

Working Number

10.10.78. 4214

78000428

TECHNICAL

Photos _____

Maps _____

CONTROL

pl

OK 10.10.78

HISTORIAN

Sheffy

11-30-78

accept

Significant for clear, strong associations with 2 brothers
instrumental in establishment of this part of Little Rock.
Problems: structure reversed in use in recent time - but original
facade exists and is being recaptured. Only 1/2 property existing
associated with these 2 men. (See photo report)

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

The building has been greatly altered. The first floor of the west facade has been severely affected. I wonder how much original work survives there. The stucco seems to be a later addition as the cast iron front appears to have received a coating. The restoration should be carefully observed to verify that the building's appearance during its period of significance is the end result.

Bergner accept 12/4/78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Loss of integrity - but very important
associations - shows value to community.

Restoration planned

Sheffy for ↑
12-4-78
accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

2-6-79

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



1. Faucette Building
2. North Little Rock, Arkansas
3. August, 1978
4. Frezil Miller
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the west
7. photo # 1

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3. August, 1978
4. Frezil Miller
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. Viewed from the north
7. photo # 2

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5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the southeast
7. photo # 3

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5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the east
7. photo # 4

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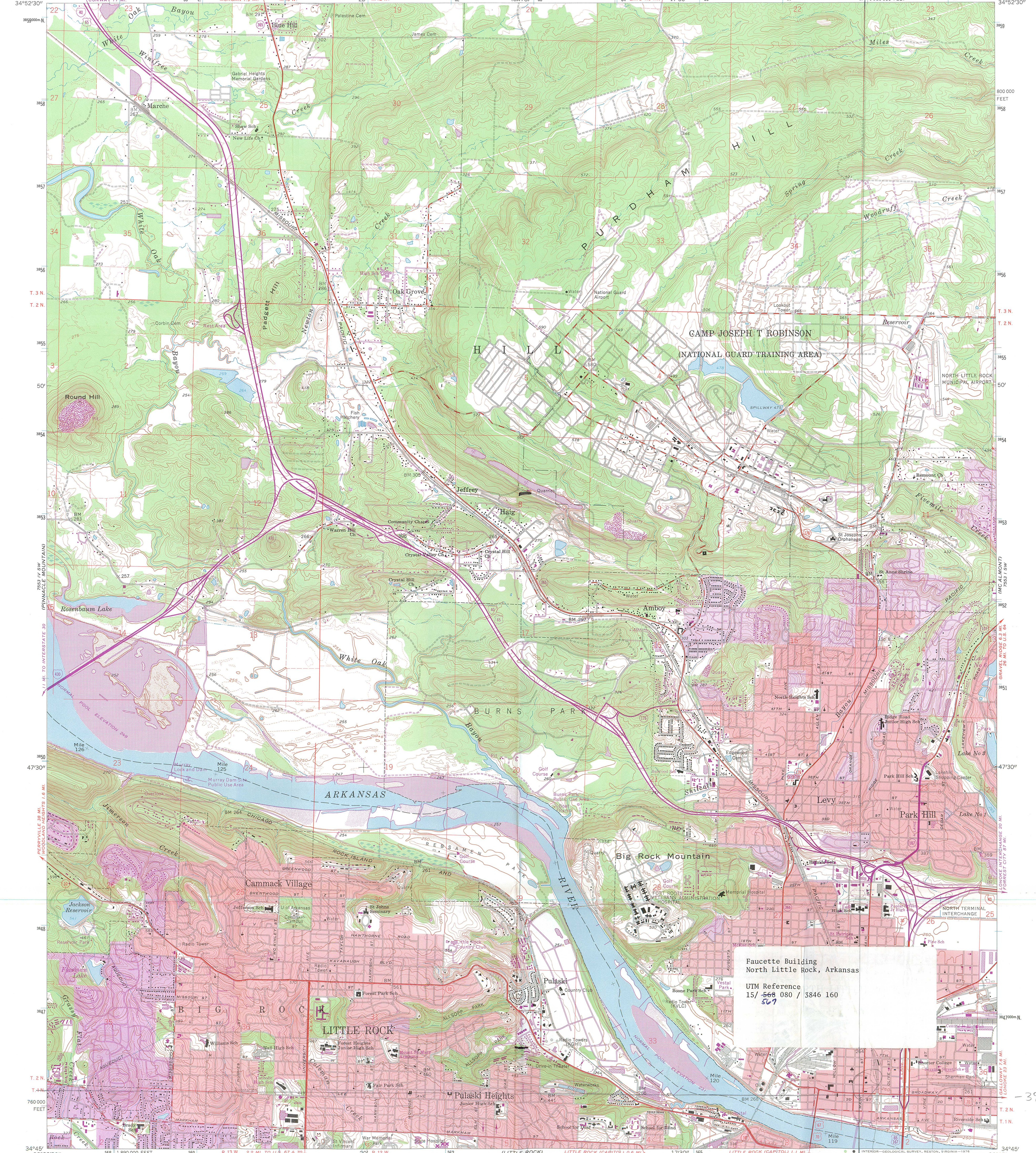
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6. viewed from the northeast
7. photo # 5

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

August 10, 1978

Mrs. Mon D. Thaxton
5321 Centerwood
Little Rock, AR 72207

Re: Faucette Building
North Little Rock, Pulaski Co.

Dear Mrs. Thaxton:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above-captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September 12 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 this property's nomination, please contact Mike Shinn 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 nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places ✓ Yes No

Comments:

Aug 12, 1978
Date

Margaret Faucette Thaxton
Signature

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: *Fawcette*

TO/FROM: *Sandra Smith*

DATE: *11-30-78*

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER:

DIVISION:

REPORT:

Is this only house / property associated C

Fawcette - yes

*Pres. people working with owner on recapturing
original front.*

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered DEC 6 1978

Name

Location

Faucette Building

North Little Rock
Pulaski County

Baker House

North Little Rock
Pulaski County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.
Honorable James G. Tucker, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Faucette Building** ② OTHER NAMES: ③ date of entry: **DEC 6 1978** ④ county code: **119**

⑤ LOCATION street & number **4th and Main Sts.** city / town **North Little Rock** vicinity of **AR** state **Pulaski** county **SW** ⑥ NPS REGION:

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 ☐ NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO ⑮ ACRES ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

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

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

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY: ㉕ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events: ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s): 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: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP