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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Walter Patterson House

other names/site number VB0241

2. Location

street & number 1800 US 65N

☐ not for publication

city or town Clinton

☐ vicinity

state AR code AR county Van Buren code 141 zip code 72031

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathie Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/11/07
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

for
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

6-5-07

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Faulkner County, AR
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry
Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Vernacular, Mixed Masonry

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Cut stone

roof Asbestos

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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SUMMARY

The stone on the Walter Patterson House in Clinton was laid up by Silas Owens, Sr., in the Craftsman style. The Mixed Masonry one-story, gable-roofed house with partial basement underwent a slight alteration in the early 1990s on the front porch when the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department acquired the land up to the porch. At that time the porch supports were changed to columns of cream brick and the southwest corner was slightly beveled to conform to the new property lines.

ELABORATION

The circa 1946 Walter Patterson House, which is situated north of Clinton's city center prominently features rock mason Silas Owens, Sr.'s, herringbone pattern in its stone coursing. A rectangular floor plan with partial basement accommodating the lay of the land displays Craftsman styling in wide overhangs, paired windows and a large gabled front porch.

Western Elevation

The front, western façade is fenestrated at the northwest corner with a pair of three-over-one double-hung Craftsman sash windows. The front wall of the house is recessed under the gable-roofed front porch, which shades a single-leaf, one-light door with diamond shaped panes and a second pair of windows on the southwest corner. A second single-leaf door opens under the porch from the northern wall. The porch is supported by two columns of smooth-faced cream bricks stamped with the brand name, Mabco.

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Northern Elevation

The northern elevation is fenestrated at the northwest corner with a pair of windows. A small gabled extension sheathed in vertical wood siding projects from the main wall approximately two feet. The extension contains an interior fireplace ventilated by a metal chimney. Two pairs of one-over-one windows open east of the fireplace. The main wall steps back approximately two feet and a single one-over-one window punctuates the wall. A rear frame addition with beveled siding on a concrete foundation extends from the original stone wall and is lit by two short one-over-one windows.

Eastern Elevation

The rear, eastern frame addition is fenestrated by a ribbon of six one-over-one windows.

Southern Elevation

Fenestration on the frame addition at the southeast corner of the home consists of a pair of one-over-one windows and a single-leaf paneled door with one light reached by five steps. The original stone section of the home mirrors the northern elevation with a single-one-over-one window along a span of wall recessed from the remainder of the elevation. Two pairs of three-over-one windows fenestrate the wall from east to west. Four concrete steps provide access to the front porch from the southwest corner.

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** moved from its original location.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1946

Significant Dates

1946

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)**Architect/Builder**

Silas Owens, Sr.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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SUMMARY

The Walter Patterson House is constructed in the Craftsman style with a gabled front porch and partial basement. Despite being one of the less elaborate forms of the Mixed-Masonry produced by Silas Owens, Sr., his trademark herringbone coursing in the stone veneer is very prominent and meticulously executed. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

ELABORATION

Very little is known about the Walter Patterson House. The construction date is estimated to be circa 1946 according to paperwork in the possession of former owner Duane Richards of North Little Rock. The area of the home is north of downtown Clinton and Archey's Fork at the intersection of US 65 and Arkansas Highway 16. There are two Mixed-Masonry houses and one Mixed-Masonry gift shop within a mile north of the house; however, they were not veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. The residential area of Clinton in the vicinity of the town square also contains a few Craftsman Mixed-Masonry examples but the rock masons are unknown at this time.

The rockwork on the Walter Patterson House was attributed to Silas Owens, Sr., by his son, Silas Owens, Jr., in 2002. The herringbone pattern favored by Owens, Sr., is prevalent at the foundations of the front and side elevations and is used in combination with a geometric coursing using tidy rectangular and square stones.

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Oral history on the Walter Patterson House obtained from local individuals and previous and current owners regarding original ownership yielded little information about the initial builder or subsequent owners. An examination of Van Buren County tax records was more rewarding; however, the thread of owners was interrupted by the absence of tax books between 1951 and 1948 so a final say on the 1946 title-holder would be largely speculation. It is also not known if the house was constructed with a stone veneer or whether the stone was applied over a frame structure but the circa 1946 construction date would be the appropriate period for the popularity of the Mixed-Masonry and the productive years of Silas Owens, Sr.

The 1946-1948 Van Buren County tax records document Elmer Huyck as the owner of a property consisting of the same amount of acreage in the same township, range and section as previously recorded owners of the Patterson House. The 1951 records list Walter Patterson as the owner until 1954. Patterson was also the owner of the Walter Patterson Filling Station in downtown Clinton (NR 02/09/01), which was constructed in 1936 for Patterson and his wife Anna. The house passed through various owners from 1954 to 1996 when Duane Richards of North Little Rock purchased it. Richards, a Southern Baptist minister, resided in the Crystal Hill area of North Little Rock while renting the house in Clinton. In 2004 he sold the home to Gerald and Kathleen Coogan of Choctaw, proprietors of a home decorating store in Clinton, who continued renting the house to Oak and Susan Funston. Oak, who is from Highland, Illinois, met his wife Susan from El Paso, Texas, in Oklahoma. The couple moved to Clinton in 2003 with their then seven-year-old son and nine-year-old daughter and rented the Walter Patterson House from Duane Richards. In 2006 the house was purchased by the Funstons as a primary residence.

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The house retains original windows and its Craftsman form with slight alterations. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department moved the right-of-way for US 65 in the early 1990s up to the foundation of the front porch, which required that the southwest corner be slightly beveled to follow the new lot boundaries and at that time the porch supports were changed to columns of cream brick. No historic photographs of the home are known to exist and there are no accounts of the original porch supports; however, the Owens herringbone pattern is visible on the porch foundation so it is known that it was not enlarged or reduced in size and the gabled roof in the Craftsman style was retained. A room addition to the rear of the home was likely a back porch but beveled wood siding could place the alteration in the historic period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walter Patterson House is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C as a good example of a Craftsman-style Mixed Masonry veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. Clinton has been the Van Buren County seat since 1883 so the area was not overwhelmingly rural. The Walter Patterson House was constructed on a steep four-acre lot along a busy highway leading away from Clinton's center and next door to the city hospital (known as Hutto Hospital in 1944), which burned after becoming a residence. The house continues to evoke the popular Craftsman styling of the typical post World War II small town home despite alterations, which further, do not obscure the superior rockwork of Silas Owens, Sr., a popular rockmason in the central area of Arkansas. The Walter Patterson House is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Richards, Duane. North Little Rock. Interview with author, 05 October, 2006.

Van Buren County, AR. Tax Records, 1946-1948, 1951, 1954-1959, 1966-1967, 1975-1977, 198

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Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 549168 3940820
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____
☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point on the east side of US 65N proceed approximately 15 feet southwest, thence proceed approximately 40 feet north, then proceed approximately 70 feet east, thence proceed approximately 40 feet south, thence proceed approximately 85 feet west to point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Oak and Susan Funston
street & number 1800 US 65N telephone 501-791-0957
city or town Clinton state AR zip code 72031

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Patterson, Walter, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Van Buren

DATE RECEIVED: 4/24/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/14/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/29/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/07/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000504

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 6-5-07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Walter Patterson House

Van Buren Co, AL

Holly Hope

September 25, 2002

View from West



Walter Peterson House

Van Buren Co, Ar

Holly Hope

ON file at AHP

September 25, 2002

View from west



Walter Patterson House

Van Buren Co, AR

Holly Hope

September 25, 2002

ON file at AHPP

View from North



Walter Patterson House

Van Buren Co. Ar

Holly Hope

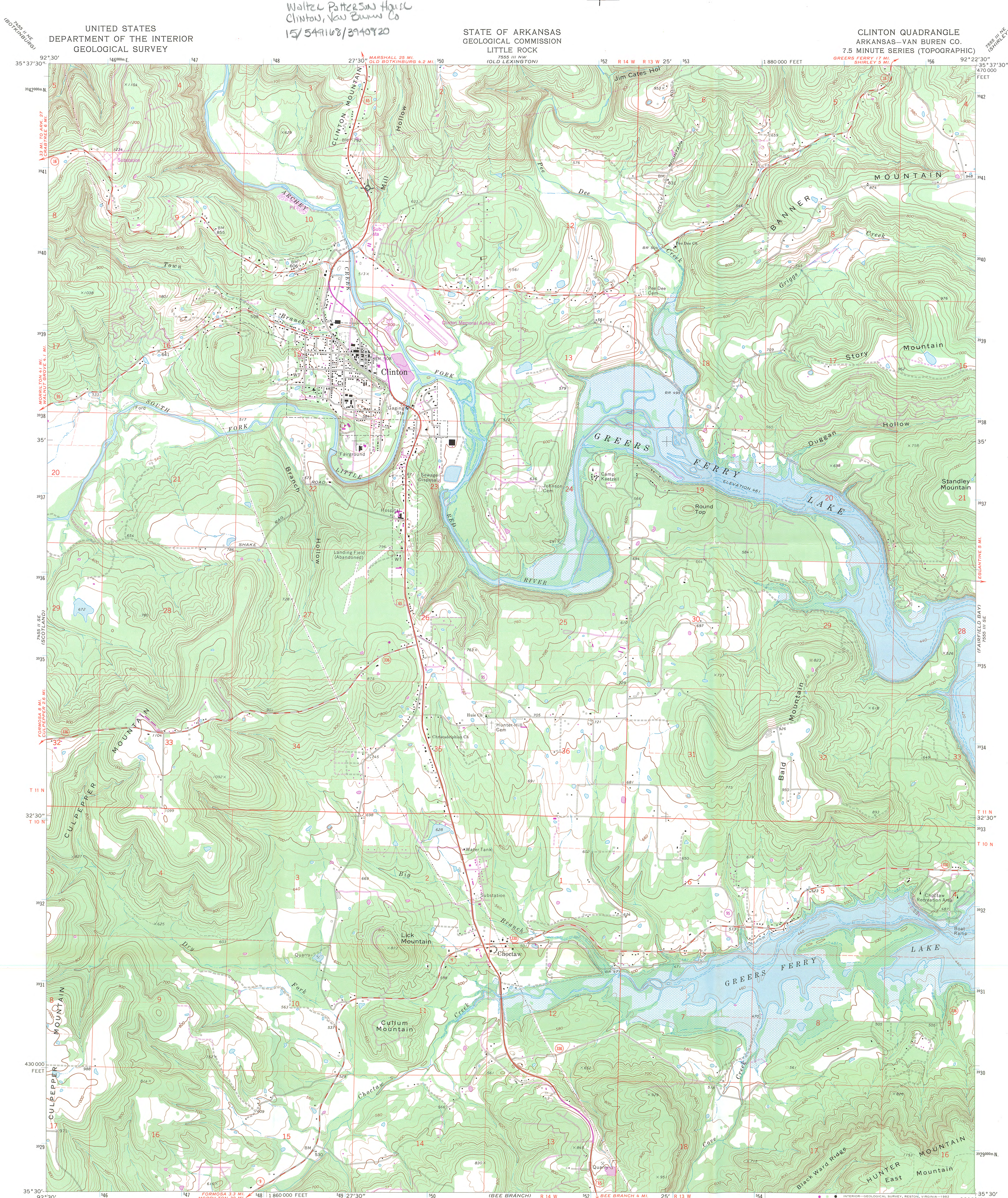
September 25, 2002

On file at CHPP

View from east



Walter Patterson House
Van Buren Co, Ar
Holly Hope
ON file at AHP
View from South



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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF ARKANSAS
GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION
LITTLE ROCK
(OLD LEXINGTON)

CLINTON QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS-VAN BUREN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973

Underwater contours in Greers Ferry Lake from USCE maps dated 1939

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)

1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to controlled inundation

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters south and 14 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

Scale 1:24 000

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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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RE: Walter Patterson House, Clinton, Van Buren Co.

Dear Dr. Matthews:

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM: hh

Enclosure