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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cox House is an interesting interplay of contrasts of style. On the one hand there is the elegant scale and proportions of the house with its weatherboard siding, symmetrical arrangement of windows, plain inside end chimneys, and gable roof. On the other hand, the imposition of delicate ornamentation combines to make the building a striking example of interpretation of a period style by local craftsmen. Victorian elements are apparent in the paired, slender brackets with pendants. These are set in a wide entablature and are symetrically placed over all window openings and at corners. Over most window openings the use of triangular pedimented arches with small pendants attached is an unusual feature.

Of particular noteworthiness is the entry portico to the one-storey house. Barge board is used in the heavy pedimented gable of the roof. The portico's most striking feature is the stylized columns on classical pedestals that carry the roof.

The column shaft is a cluster of four slender posts about one large pendant top and bottom. A double door entry with side and transom lights spans the entire width of the portico.

The Cox House was originally an L-shape with central hall and two rooms each side and a kitchen in the rear. The interior is devoid of elaborate ornamentation. Architrave trim is used about doors and windows. Interior flooring, doors and hardware of the three front rooms are purportedly original. Of particular note is one fireplace mantle with round-arched opening, paneled spandrels, and a cartouche in the center.

Several additions have been made to the Cox House; however, the original configuration remains. These additions have been to the rear of the ell-shape house. They include a small enclosed wing leading to an office/garage addition. Each addition is architecturally in keeping with the original materials, details and ornamentation of the house. This one hundred year old house is in an excellent state of repair.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lewisburg was once a flourishing trade center on the Arkansas River. During a part of the nineteenth century it was the county seat of Conway County and contained many businesses and private homes. However, in the late 1870's when the Little Rock to Fort Smith rail-road was completed and lay about one mile north of Lewisburg, the old town began to die. River traffic could not compete with the railroad, and merchants began leaving Lewisburg for the nearby depot at Morrilton.

By 1890 Lewisburg was a deserted town. According to a contemporary account, only two "pleasant and handsome residences" remained to show that Lewisburg was once a prosperous and thriving community. One of those houses, the Burrow-Cox House, still stands today as a link to the area's river heritage.

In 1871 Colonel Hance Wesley Burrow built a beautiful home on the north edge of Lewisburg. Today the same home stands on its original site, north of the site of Lewisburg but within the south city limits of Morrilton.

The Burrow family exemplified the pioneer movement of many American families in the nineteenth century. Both the maternal and paternal grandparents of H. W. Burrow had moved from North Carolina to east Tennessee, and later, to west Tennessee. The westward move was continued by Burrow's father, Hiram Burrow, when he and all his family moved to Arkansas in 1858.

Born in west Tennessee in 1830, H. W. Burrow was reared on his father's farm. After several years of teaching school he married in 1857 and began farming. In 1858 Burrow moved west with his father to Arkansas, a journey

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8. Significance (Cox House - Page 2)

which took almost three months. He bought some land in the Arkansas River Valley and began farming, but was soon interrupted by the Civil War.

During the Federal occupation of the Conway County area Mr. Burrow returned to Tennessee, where he stayed until the end of the Civil War. In August, 1865 he moved back to Arkansas to resume his farming operations. After being widowed for six years, Mr. Burrow remarried in 1871. In that same year he built his home on a five acre tract just north of Lewisburg.

The Burrow-Cox home, built by a moderately wealthy planter in the post-Civil War era, is representative of this lifestyle and this era in the Arkansas River Valley. Now owned by the Cox family and used as a children's school, the Burrow-Cox House is one of the last remaining links between Morrilton and the parent community of Old Lewisburg. It represents the effects of changing modes of transportation on communities. When railroad trafficereplaced river traffic, the railroad town, Morrilton, replaced the river port, Lewisburg.

The basic lines of the Burrow-Cox house are accented by delicate ornamentation. Of one-storey white frame construction, the house has a five-bay wide facade with entry portico. Notable features include paired brackets with pendants, the delicately ornate portico, and double-door entry with side lights and transom. The detailing of the Burrow-Cox house makes it one of the most architecturally interesting residences in the Arkansas River Valley.



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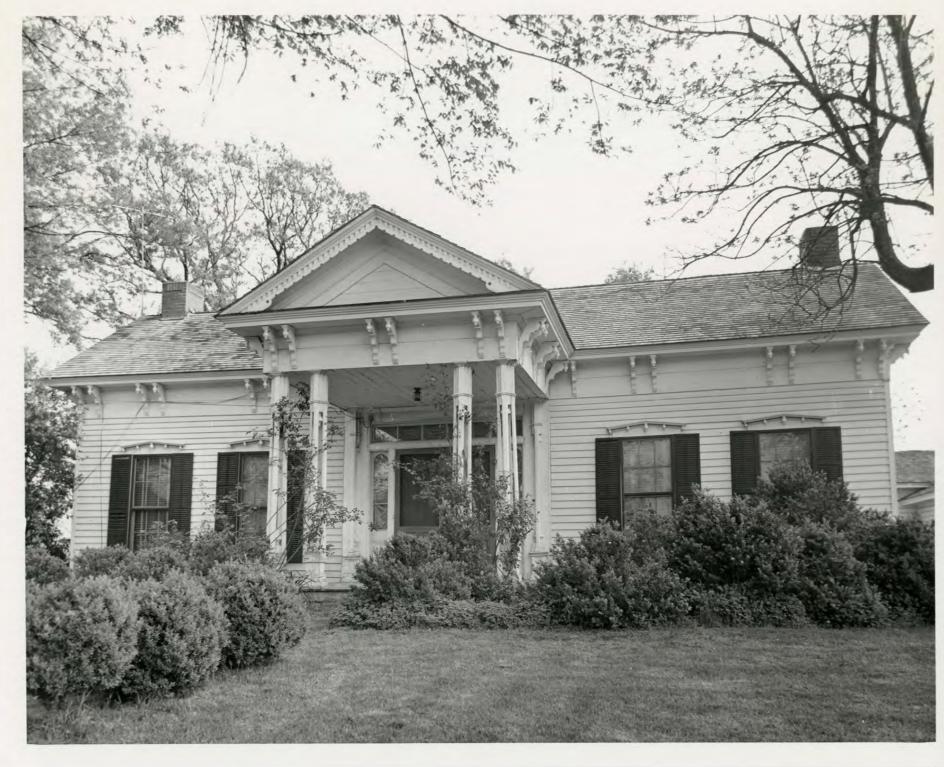
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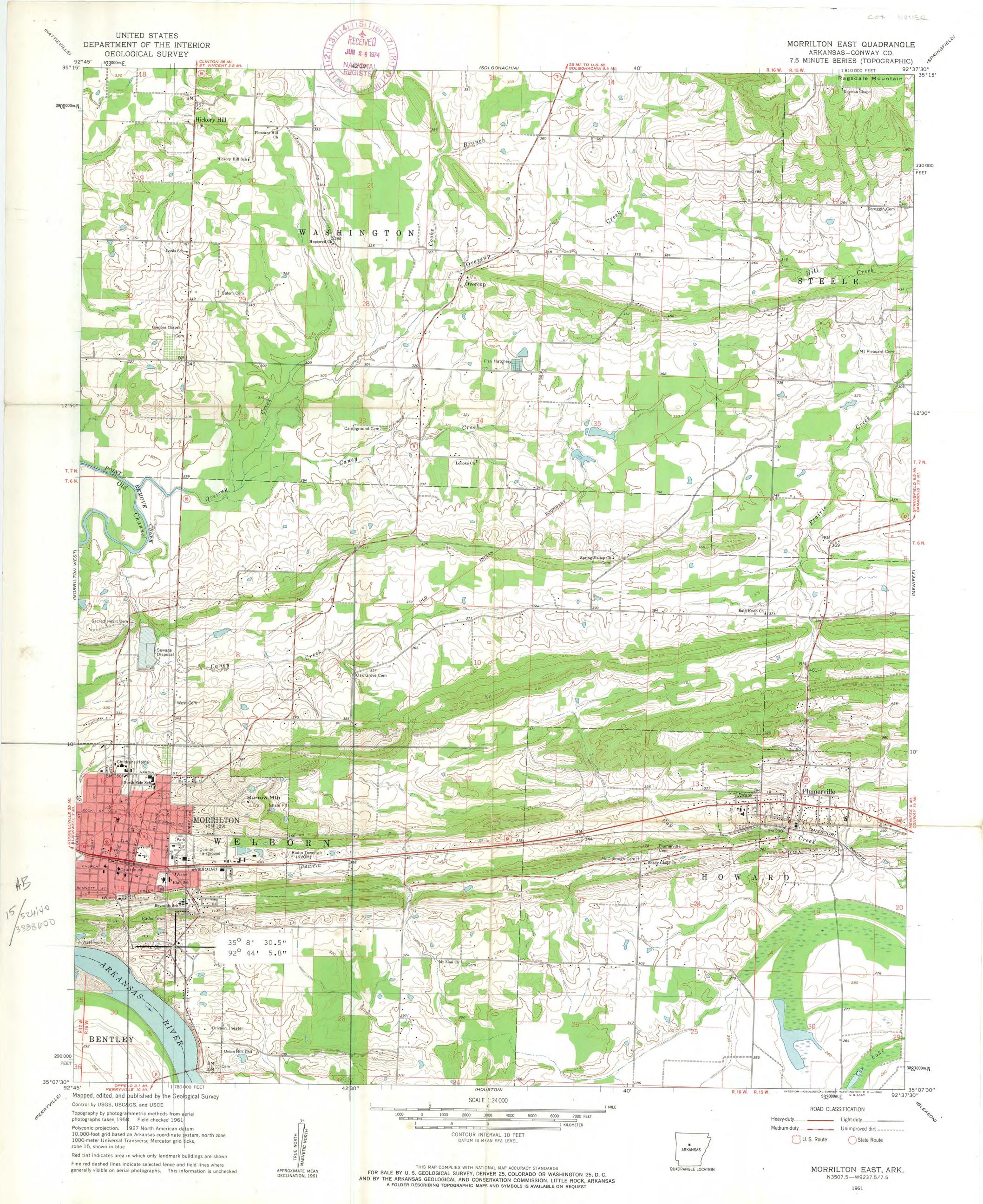
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September 17, 1974



Mr. Charles A. Herrington Office of Nomination and Review National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your suggestions concerning the nomination of the Burrow-Cox House to the National Register of Historic Places. We agree with your comments and have added information to Section 7 and Section 8 of the nomination.

Please contact me if there are any further questions. We look forward to receiving approval of this nomination in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk Staff Historian

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Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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