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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Arkansas

COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Independence INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1. NAME COMMON * Morrow Hall AND OR HISTORIC: Original Building at Arkansas College MAR 16 1972 2. LOCATION NATIONA REGIS Seventh and Boswell Streets CITY OR TOWN: Batesville STATE CODE CODE 05 Independence 063 Arkansas 3. CLASSIFICATION ACCESSIBLE CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS TO THE PUBLIC (Check One) Public Public Acquisition: Yes: ☐ District X Building X Occupied X Restricted ☐ In Process Structure X Private ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Unrestricted □ Both ☐ Being Considered Object Preservation work □ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Government Park Agricultural Comments Transportation Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify) ☐ Military Educational Religious Entertainment Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: First Presbyterian Church STREET AND NUMBER: Seventh and Boswell Streets CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE 05 Arkansas Batesville 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Independence County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Main at Broad Streets CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE 05 Arkansas Batesville 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: FOR NPS USE State DATE OF SURVEY: Federal County ☐ Local 1972 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: ONLY CITY OR TOWN: STATE.

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The original building of Arkansas College, now known as Morrow Hall was built in 1872. This symmetrical two-storey red brick building has a projecting center bay that accents the main entries. The main entry has a single four-panel door with narrow sidelights and a full semicircular arched fanlight transom.

Above the main entry are two windows having semicircular arched heads with four-light double-hung sash in each. The twelve other windows on the facade are arranged three each on either side of the entry both upstairs and down and have stone sills with semicircular arched heads supported on ornamental shoulders and six-light double-hung sash. All other windows, four on either end and thirteen more in hub match those of the main facade.

Two chimneys on either end of the building are internal with pierced-stack double flues.

The main roof is a simple wood-shingled gable having an approximate twelve and twelve pitch with a more steeply pitched gable projecting over the front entrance bay.

Plain brick pilasters are present at all corners of the building.

The roof cornice is boxed in, but very simple and uncomplicated in design.

The rear entry exactly opposite the front main entry is flush with the rear wall of the building and is a single four-panel door with a segmental arched transom without additional trim.

The foundation wall is rubble-coursed stone supporting the brick walls.

The building is obviously unaltered and is therefore an unusually good example of its type of architecture that might be called simple Victorian Renaissance style.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Education was a major concern of the residents of Batesville, Arkansas as long ago as the year of state-hood. In 1836 the Batesville Academy was chartered, and in 1854 the school became the Batesville Male and Female Academy. A reorganization occurred in 1866, and the institution became a school for smaller boys and girls.

In the spring of 1867, the Reverend Isaac Long was sent to Independence County from South Carolina by the committee of domestic missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church. This young pastor, in addition to his regular duties, was persuaded to become the principal of the academy. It was he who initiated a movement with other Presbyterian ministers to develop a college.

Several Batesville citizens of differing religious persuasions committed themselves to this endeavor by pledging to raise one-half of the cost of constructing a school building. The structure was begun in 1872 and finished in the spring of 1873. In 1876 the college graduated its first class of eight students. It is interesting to note that when the college was opened, the lower grades were not dropped, but continued to function.

Morrow Hall served the college first as a classroomadministration building and later as a music and fine arts building. It also provided meeting places for some of the college's social and literary clubs.

In 1955, the building was acquired by the First Presbyterian Church of Batesville - along with all the property of the college - when that institution moved to a new campus. It was restored to its original condition through the generosity of the Morrow family and was named "Morrow Hall." The building is presently used by the church in various capacities.

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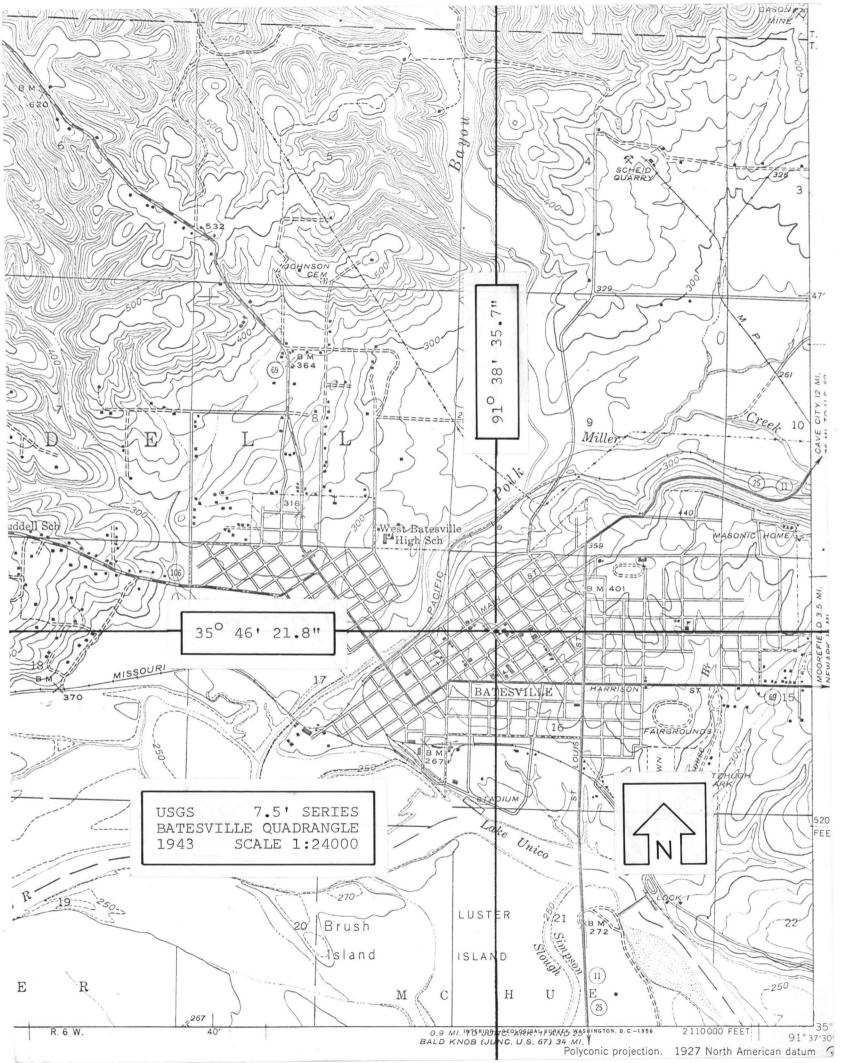
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March 8, 1972

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register U. S. Department of the Interior National Park Service 801 19th Street NW Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Attached are National Register Nominations for the following properties:

Taliano's Italian Restaurant Morrow Hall Tate's Barn Pike-Fletcher-Terry Home

These nominations have been approved by a majority of the State Review Committee.

Sincerely,

William E. Henderson State Liaison Officer



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