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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Gifford House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER N of Rosebud off AR 5
CITY, TOWN Rosebud
STATE Arkansas
CODE 05
VICINITY OF
COUNTY White
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Second
145

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME J. S. Gifford
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Rosebud
STATE Arkansas
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circuit Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER White County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Searcy
STATE Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 Gifford House is a two-and-one-half storey wood structure. It was built in 1887 by J. W. Darden and designed by architects DeVoss and Carr from Heber Springs, Arkansas. Darden owned a sawmill; hence perfect lumber from virgin pine timber was used in construction of the house. The boards used are largely free of knots.

The exterior walls are clapboard; the house rests on a native stone foundation. Two chimneys with corbelling extend from the high gabled roof. Windows and doors feature architrave trim surmounted by shaped lintel with cornice. One-storey bays extend from both the north and south elevations. The bay on the north elevation features a shed roof. The bay on the south elevation is topped by a hip roof.

The dominant feature of the facade is a two-storey veranda. The pediment of the veranda features centered paired windows surrounded by scalloped shingles. Bargeboard in diamond and ribbon patterns spans the space between the porch posts. Decorative brackets extend from the porch posts to the bargeboard on both first and second-storey levels. Flushboard surrounds the front entry.

The L-shaped Gifford House contains eight main rooms. One unusual feature of the interior is the presence of two separate upstairs sections of the house. A dish cupboard between the dining rooms of the two sections has openings into both rooms. Also unusual for a house built in 1887, the ceilings are just eight feet in height. All the interior doors downstairs have workable transoms.

Only two alterations have been made to the Gifford House, both in 1947. A bathroom was made out of one end of the center hall downstairs, and the L-shaped porch on the west elevation was screened in. Originally this porch had bargeboard identical to that on the front portico.

The Gifford House stands in good condition surrounded by 160 acres of pine trees. It has been well preserved by the five generations of Giffords who have occupied it.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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 checked="" 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) repre- sents local history surrounding community	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT DeVoss and Carr

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gifford House, near Rosebud, Arkansas, is a two-and-one-half storey structure built in 1887. It is one of the oldest structures in the area and is significant to the locale as a reminder of the two families who have owned it. Architecturally the Gifford House is significant in its uniqueness and detailed workmanship. It is probably the most architecturally interesting house in the area.

J. S. Darden was born in Tennessee in 1833. After working in a blacksmith shop in Missouri, he moved to White County, Arkansas in 1865. Just a short time later he began his sawmill and flourmill business. By 1887 Darden had been successful enough in his business to construct a house on the property he owned. He hired architects DeVoss and Carr from the nearby town of Heber Springs to supervise the work. From his own sawmill Darden took the finest cuts of lumber. The virgin pine used in constructing the house was largely without knots. Darden became wealthy and invested his money in the land surrounding his house. By 1890 he owned over 2,000 acres of land.

In 1908 Darden sold the house and 160 acres surrounding it to J. S. Gifford. Gifford was a retired banker from Republican City, Nebraska. Five generations of Giffords have lived in the house. The present owner, J. S. Gifford, Jr. has lived in the house since 1946.

The architecture of the Gifford House represents the tastes of a successful sawmill owner in the 1880's. The house is historically significant because of its association with families prominent in the history of that area of White County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Personal interview at Gifford House, Rosebud, Arkansas, August 12, 1975.
Goodspeed Publishing Company. Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A 15	583720	3910650
B		
C		
D		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

DATE

September 9, 1975

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

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 Gene Richardson

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE September 9, 1975

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE

Darden-
Property Jefford House

White Co.

State Arkansas

Working Number 10.14.75.1809

76000474

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 10-20-75

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
12-4-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Although Darden built the house,
5 generations of Jeffords have lived there.

ACCEPT
W. Jander
12/4/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colt
12-8-75

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
W. Jander
12.12.75

KEEPER

Accept
J. Jander
12/30/75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered JAN 1 1976

Federal Register Entry 3-2-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



1. Gifford House
White County
FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE EAST

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1 NAME

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN ROSEBUD

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE
ARKANSAS

COUNTY
WHITE

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT SANDRA TAYLOR

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE EAST

PHOTO NO.
1



R. Gifford House
White County
North Elevation Viewed from the North

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
NORTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH

PHOTO NO.
2



3. GIFFORD HOUSE
WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
REAR AND SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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REAR AND SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST

PHOTO NO.

3

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HISTORIC

GIFFORD HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

ROSEBUD

X VICINITY OF

COUNTY

WHITE

STATE

ARKANSAS

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE

1:2400

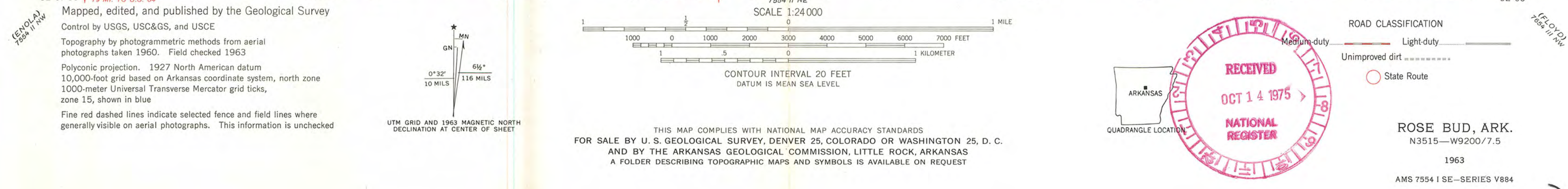
DATE

1963

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered

APR 1 1971

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jones, Arthur J., House	Little Rock Pulaski County
Harrie House	Hensley Pulaski County
Curran Hall	Little Rock Pulaski County
Terry, William L., House	Little Rock Pulaski County
Boyd, Thomas Sloan, House	Lonoke Lonoke County
Darden-Gifford House	Rosebud vicinity White County

*Darden dropped
per tele. conversation
with Ark. office
(Sandra Taylor). 2-4-76
N. Rowland
501-371-1639*

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills

Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Department of Natural
and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

PR MMOTT: pl 1.14.76

INT: 2950-75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Darden-Gifford House 2 OTHER NAMES: Gifford House - sec. 3 date of entry: 1.1.76 4 county code: 145

5 LOCATION street & number: N of Rosebud off AR 5 city / town: Rosebud vicinity of: AR state: White county: SW 6 NPS REGION: SW

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: 2nd. 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL (if state who prepared form?) _____

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME: _____ 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME: _____ 15 ACREAGE: 41 16 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 ☐ NO 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

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

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Residence 24 dates of initial construction: 1881 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

26 CURRENTLY: ditto 26 major alterations: _____ 26 historic events: _____

27 architectural style(s): Eclectic 27 architect: DeVoss & Carr 28 master builder: _____ 29 engineer: _____

30 landscape architect / garden designer: _____ 31 interior decorator: _____ 32 artist: _____ 33 artisan: _____ 34 builder/contractor: _____

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, clapboarding, shingling; 2½ stories, L-shaped, gabled roof sections, interior & exterior end chimneys with corbeled caps, 1st- and 2nd-story front center glazed entrances, 2-story projecting gabled entrance porch with elaborate pierced fascia boards, 1-story polygonal side bay, 1-story rear ell porch, window & door architraves with pediment motif, boxed eaves; alterations, 1947. Eclectic. Built for J.S. Darden, successful sawmill & flourmill owner.

reviewers initials Geoff date 10.13

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE