

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Craig-Bryan House Property Owner Troy & Suzanne Parnell
Location 307 W. Central, Bentonville Address 307 W. Central
Construction Date c 1875 Survey No. 0285 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Craig-Bryan House has the most varied and interesting plan of the several Italianate houses built in Bentonville during the 1870's and 80's. It is a two-story brick house with a variety of gabled wings, two of which, the north and west, have bulging bay windows. All windows are tall and slender with two-over-two double-hung sash and are spanned by segmental arches. The square brick tower at the center of the house between the two major gables is said to have been added sometime after the house was built by a new lawyer owner who needed a secluded office removed from the disturbance of several sons. This tower entitles the building to the stylistic term Italian Villa.

Gable ornaments and barge boards are original Italianate features. The iron balconies were originally on the Benton County Courthouse, built in 1874, a short distance northwest of the city square. The courthouse was demolished in the mid-20th century and some salvaged parts still exist throughout Bentonville.

Recent restoration efforts by the Parnells, present owners, have removed some previous undersirable modifications on the front facade and have added major one-

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C

Area of significance: Architecture

The Craig-Bryan House was built in 1875 by the James Toliver Craig, whose family was among the earliest settlers of the city. The Bryan family acquired the property in the 1890's and occupied it for more than seven decades. The house is significant as a distinctive member of the group of Italianate brick houses which were constructed in Bentonville in the 1870's and 1880's.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description West 114' of Lot 149, Original Town

Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391260 Northing 4025690

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story living spaces at the rear of the house. Interior restorations by the Parnells have included flooring, wood trim, plaster walls, ceiling plaster ornament and two new brick outside chimneys on the east facade.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: _____

Area of significance: _____

Acreage _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

UTM Reference: Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Bratt--Smiley House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/25/88

Attest _____

22. Breedlove House and Water Tower

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

23. Bryan House No. 2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

24. Campbell House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

25. Carl House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

26. Coats School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

27. Connelly--Harrington House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

28. Council Grove Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

29. Craig--Bryan House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

30. Daniels House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Craig--Bryan House (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-28-88
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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CRAIG-BRYAN HOUSE, Bentonville
BENTON CO. MRA

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JUNE 1987

NEGATIVES on FILE AT AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022