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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name T. H. Morris House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of 6th and Bethel Streets ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town Mammoth Spring ☐ vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county Fulton code AR 049 zip code 72554

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
2	sites
3	structures
	objects
	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:)

Entered in the
National Register

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: American Foursquare

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls WOOD/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

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Summary

The T.H. Morris House is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame residential building of the architectural type known as "American Foursquare." It features a single story front porch with balustrades on both the porch deck and the roof. The building is sited on a hillside in a residential neighborhood of Mammoth Spring which is adjacent to the downtown.

Elaboration

The T.H. Morris House is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame residential building designed in vernacular architectural style that has become known as "American Foursquare" with slight Colonial Revival detailing. The plan of the main part of the house is rectangular; a single story, hipped roof, combination novelty sided kitchen and wood lattice porch extends from the southern or rear elevation of the house, to which is also attached a smaller, shed roof well-house, which is also sheathed with novelty siding below lattice. The front porch extends across almost the entire front and is covered with a flat roof. Two brick chimneys -- one placed in the center of the main block and the other attached to the exterior wall at the rear of the house -- vent the structure. The cut-stone and brick foundation supports the weatherboarded walls, all of which is covered with a hipped, composition shingle roof.

The northern or front elevation of the house is symmetrical with the sole exception of the placement of the single-leaf front entry off-center to the east. The windows on the second story are one-over-one wood sash. The eastern window on the first floor is also one-over-one wood sash; the western window, however, features a 77-pane, leaded stained-glass window above a large, single-pane fixed window below. The house is entered via the single story porch, which is accessed by the tall, wood staircase with its simple, square newel posts and balusters. The porch itself consists of four box columns and two attached pilasters, all with simple capitals and bases, supporting a boxed entablature and flat porch roof. The baluster on the first level is turned, while that above is composed of solid, square posts. A central, hipped dormer with six fixed panes completes the elevation.

The western elevation is fenestrated with two symmetrically-placed one-over-one wood sash windows on the second floor. On the first floor, an identical double-hung window is placed to the north and a three-sided, hipped roof bay projects from the wall to the south. A single-leaf entry provides access to the hipped roof ell at the back of the house and a pair of smaller one-over-one wood sash windows to the south finishes the elevation. The eastern elevation is lighted with two evenly-spaced one-over-one wood sash windows on the second floor and a central, smaller fixed stained glass window placed between the floors to light the stairwell inside. The first floor is lighted with a large single pane window surmounted with a fixed stained glass transom to the south and a tall, one-over-one wood sash window placed to the

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north. The hipped roof ell and its shed extension are sheathed with novelty siding below and lattice above; the shed roof section is entered via single-leaf entries placed on both its northern and southern elevations. Like the front, both the eastern and western elevations also feature a six-pane hipped roof dormer placed centrally on the main block of the house.

The southern elevation is lighted by a grouped pair of one-over-one wood sash windows (the upper sash of which have been ornamented with false, diamond-shaped muntins) placed centrally in the wall of the rear, hipped roof ell.

Apart from the balustrades and the stained glass, the noteworthy exterior details are few. The trim around the windows is simple and features slightly projecting, decorative lintel and sill trim on some of the windows.

The interior of the house has recently been restored to its original appearance. The windows and doors throughout feature the typically simple molded wood trim, stained a dark mahogany color. Dark, panelled wood pocket doors divide several of the rooms on the first floor. A pair of glass French doors separate the main parlor from the entrance hall near the front of the house; the focal point of the entrance hall is the mahogany-stained, half-turn pine staircase. A corner fireplace in the dining room is finished with a carved oak mantelpiece and beveled mirror. The ceilings are plaster and visually divided into squares with decorative, thin wood strips, and the wood floors are the original stained, long needle pine.

The T.H. Morris House remains virtually unchanged in appearance. The current owner recently cut a breakfast nook into one corner of the rear kitchen; otherwise the house is just as it was when it was constructed. The roof balustrade on the porch had been removed some time in the past, but has since been restored.

Included in the nomination is the entire yard, which includes the original wrought iron fence, a concrete storm cellar and an associated wood frame, gable roof outbuilding that served as both a coal cellar and an equipment storage shed.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1908

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

☒ See continuation sheet

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 Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

A

1	5	6	3	0	4	4	0	4	0	3	9	6	0	0
Zone					Easting					Northing				

C

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B

Zone					Easting					Northing				

D

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

☐ See continuation sheet

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Summary

Criteria C, local significance

The T.H. Morris House is the best surviving example in Mammoth Spring of the type of residence known as "American Foursquare," widely considered to be a Colonial Revival subtype, though there is little overtly Colonial Revival detailing on the building itself.

Elaboration

In 1908, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas was a bustling resort community, conveniently located as it was on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad (later known as the St. Louis and San Francisco, now called the Burlington Northern), the only railroad that traversed Fulton County. The community was named for the underground spring which surfaces at this location, forming the sole source for the Spring River (measuring 180 feet in diameter, the spring discharges a constant volume of 45,000 cubic feet per minute, regardless of season; it is considered to be the largest such spring in the United States). The earliest settlement in the area was located across the state line in Missouri, but the entire community largely relocated after the railroad came through in 1883.

With the arrival of the railroad, the Arkansas community of Mammoth Spring became one of the largest resort communities in this section of the Ozarks. By 1908, its tourist industry supported three large hotels, several boarding houses, an opera house, a mill near the mouth of the spring which produced 500 barrels of flour per day, a cotton gin, several churches, two local newspapers and several successful businesses. One of these businesses was Mammoth Spring Hardware, owned by Mr. T.H. Morris. This enterprise not only sold hardware, but as was common for hardware stores of the period, also sold coffins, with Mr. Morris serving as funeral director.

At the time of its construction, Bethel Street formed the spine of the most select residential neighborhood in Mammoth Spring. The most prominent families of the community built new homes on Bethel Street around the turn of the century, and Mr. Morris was no exception. Mr. Morris built this house for his wife and his four children, which included three daughters and one son, but he also built it for the presentation it made as one looked up the hill from the business district of Mammoth Spring.

The T.H. Morris House is significant within its neighborhood in Mammoth Spring as the most pure example of an American Foursquare house. Other contemporaneous residences on Bethel Street are similar in plan and elevation, but all others also exhibit the overt influence of some other traditional architectural style. As a vernacular solution to the need for greater usable space coupled with a massive, palatial presence, the T.H. Morris House stands as the best example of this particularly American type.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of 6th Street with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the coal storage/equipment storage shed, proceed easterly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation of the coal storage/equipment storage shed; thence proceed northerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line formed by the southern edge of Bethel Street; thence proceed westerly along said edge to its intersection with the eastern edge of 6th Street; thence proceed southerly to the point of beginning.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Morris, T. H., House

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Fulton

DATE RECEIVED: 8/16/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/28/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/13/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/30/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001462

NOMINATOR: STATE

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 9/13/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE
MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. DE ROSE
FEBRUARY, 1990
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM NORTH

Fulton Co



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE
MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS
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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT ANPP
VIEW FROM EAST



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE

MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS

Fulton Co

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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM SOUTH



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE

MAAMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS

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FEBRUARY, 1990

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT ANPP

VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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T. H. MORRIS HOUSE

MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS

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VIEW FROM NORTHWEST

Fulton Co



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE

Fulton Co

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VIEW OF OUTBUILDING FROM NORTHWEST



T. H. MORRIS HOUSE
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T. H. MORRIS HOUSE
MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS
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INTERIOR STORAGE DOOR

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T. H. MORRIS HOUSE

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MAMMOTH SPRING, ARKANSAS

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INTERIOR DOOR DETAIL



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INTERIOR DOOR DETAIL

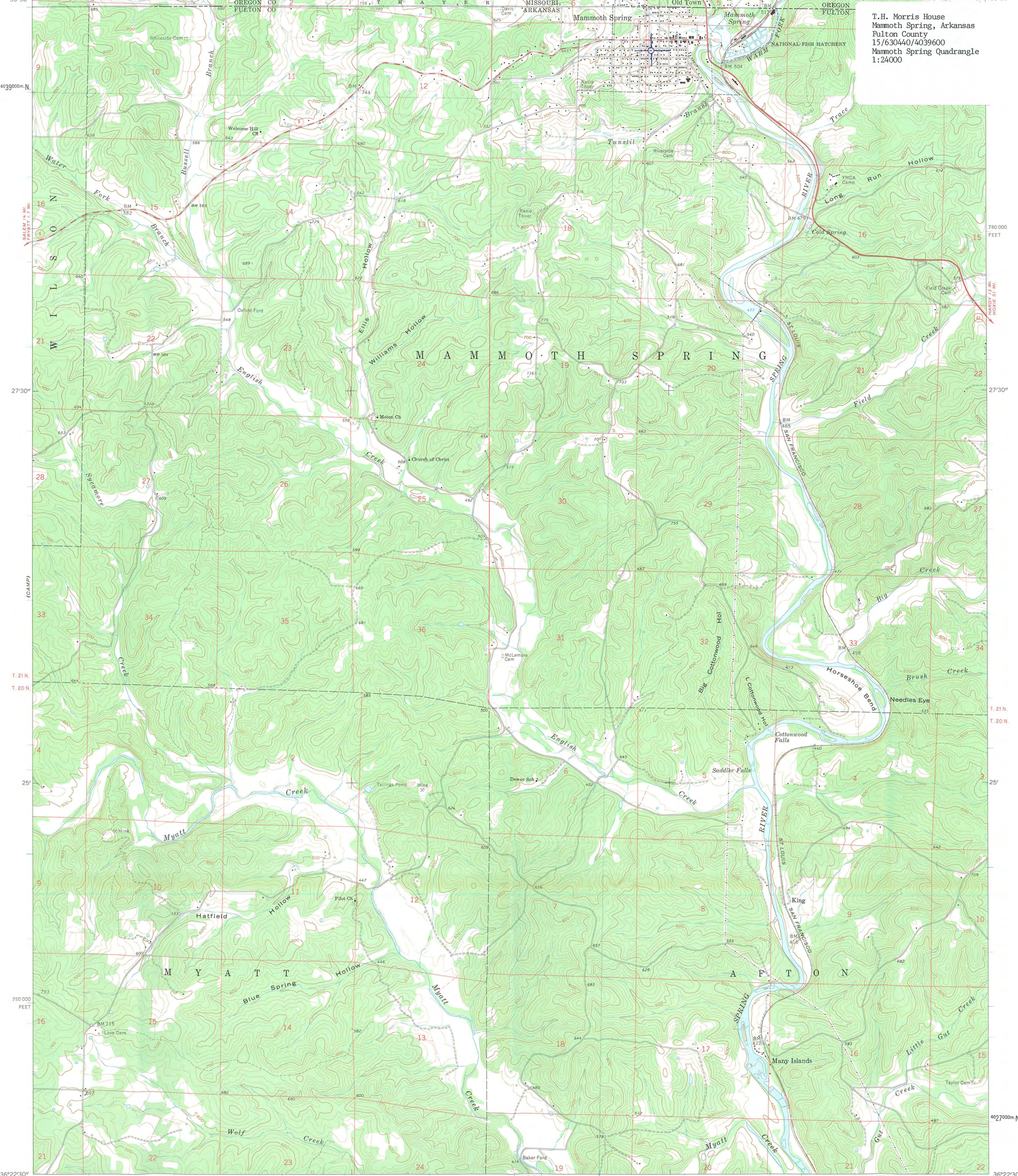
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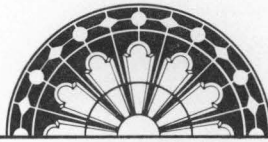


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T.H. Morris House
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas
Fulton County
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Mammoth Spring Quadrangle
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RE: T. H. Morris House - Mammoth Spring
Fulton County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

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

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:dg

Enclosures

