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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



February 3, 1977

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

Dr. John C. Peyton 403 Laurel Newport, Arkansas 72212

> Re: Empie-Van Dyke House Newport, Jackson County

Dear Dr. Peyton:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Empie-Van Dyke House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Donna DuVall of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

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I approve of the above property being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Yes No

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The attached property, the Empie-Van Dyke House, in Jackson County, Arkansas, reference number 77000257, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 12/28/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol. 43, No. 26, page 5170. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

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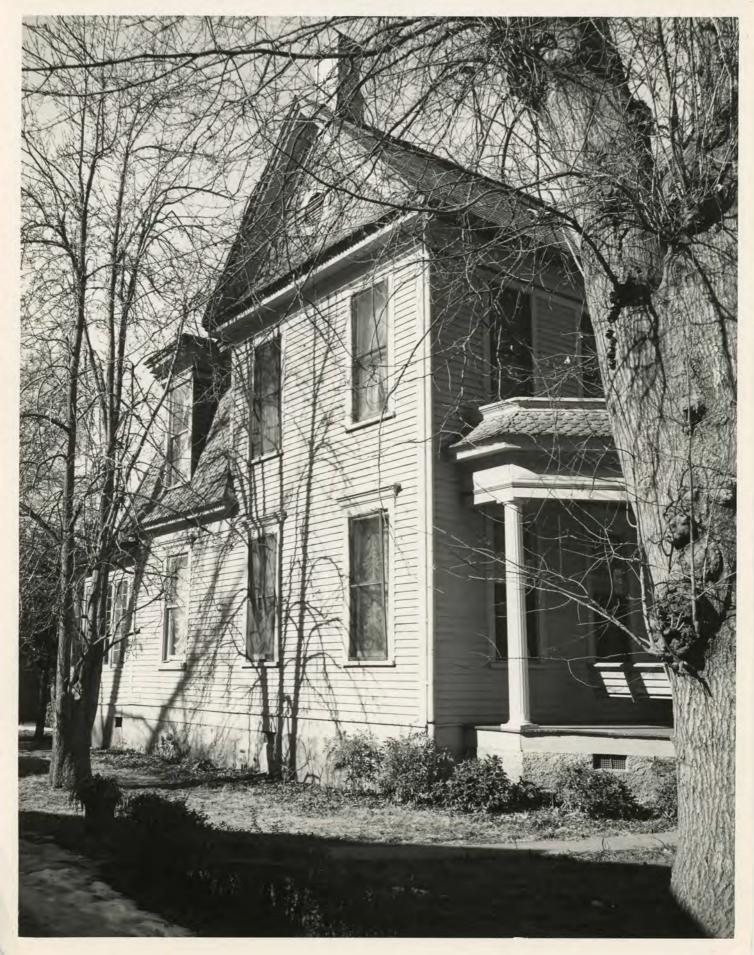
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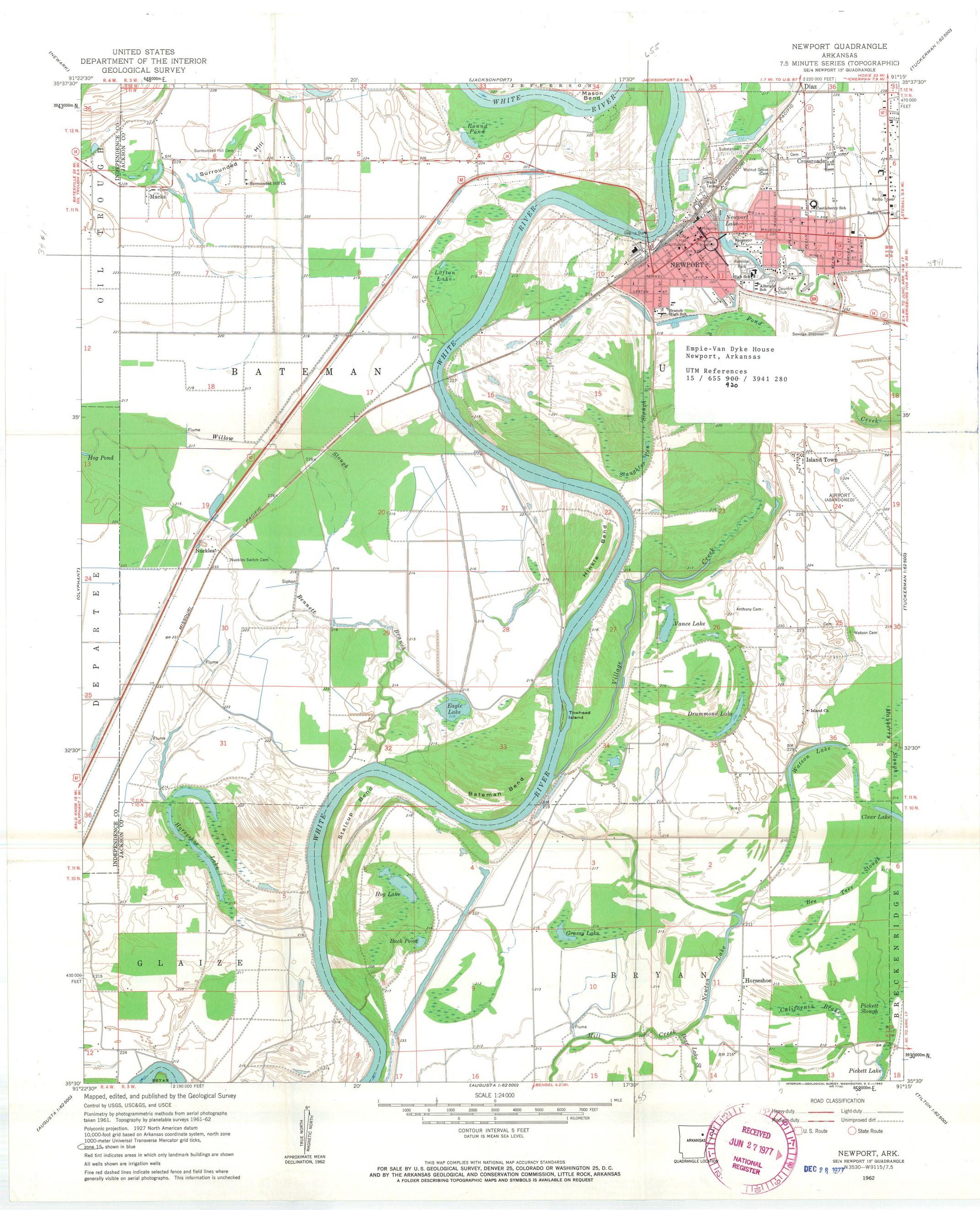
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



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