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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PR-079

Congressional District: Second

✓ Name: Bethel House (Thompson TR),

Current Owner: Ed Rieke

✓ Address: Erwin and 2nd Sts.

✓ Des Arc, Arkansas

Address: Erwin and 2nd

✓ County: Prairie

Des Arc, Arkansas 72040

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: 1918

Stylistic Influence: Craftsman

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 637440/3871160

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Watkins Survey  
Block 39, Lots 1, 2, 3,

Condition

☒ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated  
☐ Ruins  
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered  
☐ Altered

EXP. 12/31/84

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(Erwin and 2nd, DesArc, AR)

Physical Description

This one-and-one-half-story house is faced with weatherboards. The very broad cross gable which extends across the entire front of this house provides a dominant note of simplicity and unity. The main block of the house is capped by a composition shingle gable roof; an open porch with gable roof projects on the north side elevation. Supporting the cross gable, under which the porch is subsumed, are clusters of simple box columns on high rusticated stone plinths. Twin columns are placed at the porch entrance and clusters of three columns uphold the corners. The rusticated stone of the high plinths and the pseudo half-timbering of the front gable provide variegated and interesting textural effects. A group of four small multi-paned windows appears in the front gable. The sash windows in the house have six-over-one-lights.

Statement of Significance

The H. B. Bethel House in Des Arc is a simple small-town home designed by Charles L. Thompson in 1918. The house is located across a spacious lawn from a large Foursquare design, the B. B. Bethel House (listed on the NR 1978). The small Craftsman design of the H. B. Bethel House features a single, large, low, front gable, adding an unusual and dramatic effect to the small house. Sturdy box columns set on rusticated stone bases support the porch. Rich in textural effects through the use of pseudo half-timbering and rusticated stone, the H. B. Bethel House is a complementary contrast to the larger Bethel House in the same block. This attractive house reflects the firm's conscientious efforts to produce designs of quality for simple modest-sized houses.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources  
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. McRae, D. L., House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Shelton Byers 12/22/82

Attest

72. Bemis Florist Shop

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Shelton Byers 12/22/82

Attest

- 73. White House

Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

74. Bethel House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Shelton Byers 12/22/82

Attest

75. Geyer and Adams Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION  
Substantive ReviewKeeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

- 76. Christ The King Church

Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

77. Smith House

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78. Mann House

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National RegisterKeeper Shelton Byers 12/22/82

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- 79. SAU at El Dorado

Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Lee Drayl 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

80. Carnell, Ella, Hall

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Shelton Byers 12/22/82

Attest



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TR)  
Prairie County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3126  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82  
Action: ACCEPT 12/22/82  
RETURN  
Entered in the National Register  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
REJECT

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

Entered in the National Register  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
REJECT

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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> 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**

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





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CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -

A THEMATIC GROUP

Code Number: PR-079 (Bethel House)

Erwin and Second Streets, Des Arc, Arkansas

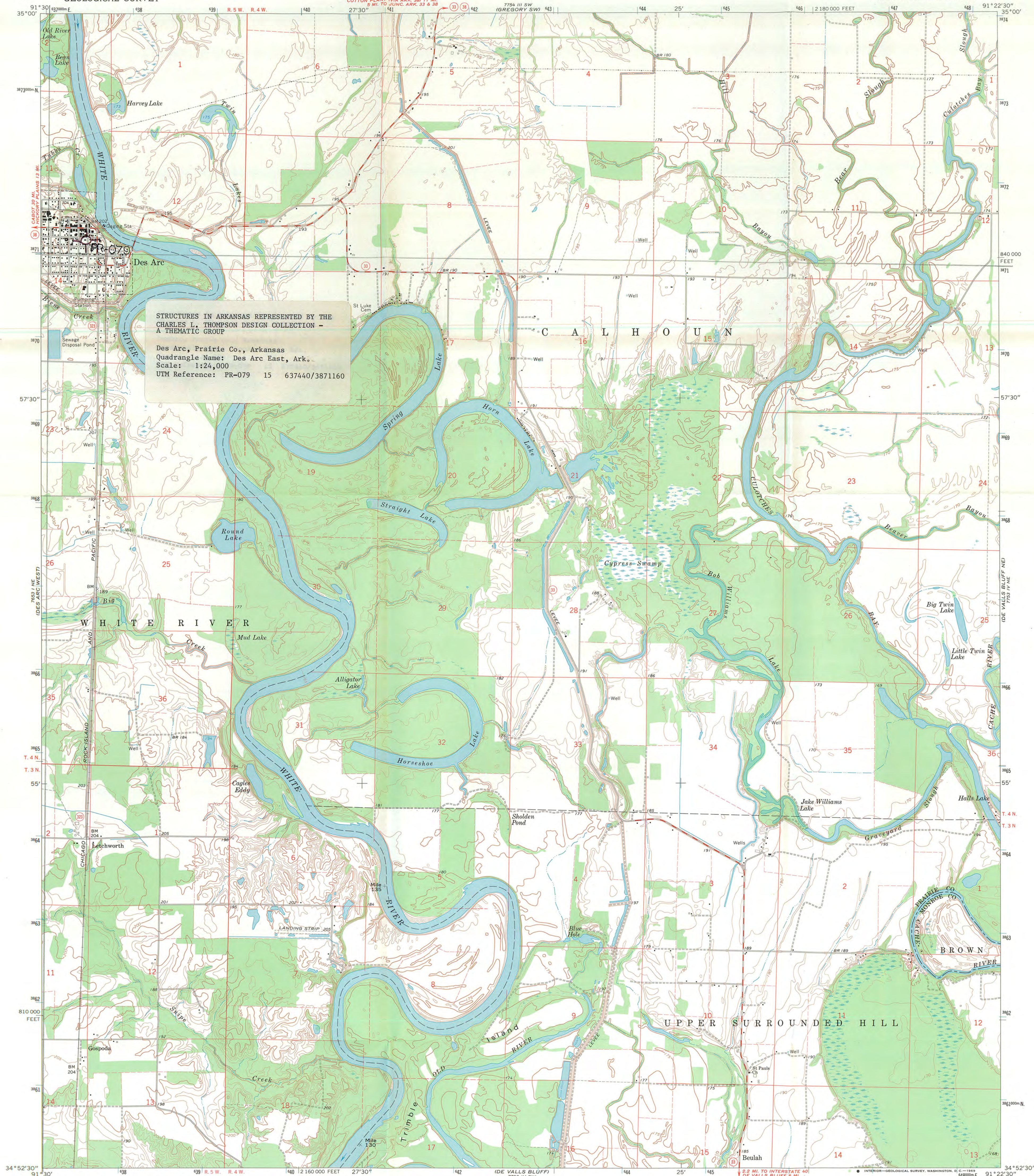
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April, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP

Viewed from the East





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Des Arc, Prairie Co., Arkansas  
Quadrangle Name: Des Arc East, Ark.  
Scale: 1:24,000  
UTM Reference: PR-079 15 637440/3871160

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1968  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1968 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt ———  
State Route ———

DES ARC EAST, ARK.  
NW/4 DE VALLS BLUFF 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3452.5—W9122.5/7.5

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