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REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Cherry House

other name/site number: PU 0092

2. Location

street & number: 217 Dooley Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72116

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of "Edgemont in Park Hill"

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Buford
Signature of certifying official

4-2-92
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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): _____

Patrick Andrews 6/1/92

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and 20 Century Revivals/
Colonial Revival

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Brick _____ roof Other/Composition Shingle
walls Brick _____ other Wood _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period(s) of Significance: 1930-1942 _____

Significant Dates: 1930-1942 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A _____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Designed by Frank Carmean/
Built by the Justin Matthews Company

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Summary

Obviously patterned after 18th century Colonial Georgian architecture, the design of the Cherry House is the most "correct" of Edgemont's period revival residences. The house features a five-part plan that was a common Southern variation on the Georgian style, with the "main house" linked by "hyphens" to flanking "dependencies."

Elaboration

Built in 1930 along with the two other pre-Depression houses on Dooley Road, the Cherry House was a distinct departure from all the other houses built in Edgemont up to that time. It was the first Colonial Revival-style house (though another, the Jeffries House at 415 Skyline Drive was built before development of Edgemont came to a halt), and its design more carefully copied the architecture that inspired it, in this case 18th century colonial Georgian homes. The house is oriented to the south on a two-lot site.

Comprised of a two-story central "main house" flanked by connected one-story "dependencies," the Cherry House is veneered with brick that has been painted. The symmetrical design of the side-gabled central section of the house features a three-bay composition with central doorway. A chimney at each end of the central section reinforces the symmetry. Departures from "correct" Georgian design include paired windows on either side of the door and a semi-circular portico that is derived from the Adam style. Unusual features of the main (south) facade are the small gables that extend the plane of the facade through the cornice above two of the second-story windows.

On the west side of the center section of the house, an original "hyphen"--defined by a row of three six-over-six, double-hung windows--connects to a "dependency" that contains the maid's quarters, which--though no longer used to house a servant--are largely unaltered. In the south end of the gable-roofed "dependency" is a large chimney, flanked on either side by small, multi-paned windows. A wall dormer interrupts the cornice line on the east side of the "dependency."

The "hyphen" on the east side of the central section of the Cherry House originally was an open breezeway or porch but has been enclosed for use as a sunroom. The sunroom's jalousie windows are an obvious departure from the original design of the house.

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The east "dependency," which does not perfectly balance the maid's quarters on the west because it is situated closer to the street, is a gable-roofed two-car garage. Interesting design conceits are four "bricked up windows," two in the gable above the garage doors and two on the rear (north) facade of the garage, which apparently never really were windows. They seemingly were designed to give "instant age" to the building, suggesting it had been altered over time.

At the rear of the Cherry House, two alterations are evident. On the east end of the rear facade, an addition was made to increase the size of the sunroom created when the original breezeway between the house and garage was enclosed. At the west end of the rear facade, a porch that ran along the north end of the maid's quarters has been enclosed.

The highlight of the interior of the Cherry House is the entry hall, where a curving stairway with Colonial-style detailing rises to the second floor. The wainscot along the stairway, and around the walls of the entry hall, is plaster designed to look like wooden paneling. A console table and mirror on the west wall of the entry hall enhance the Colonial design of the house.

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Summary

Criteria A and C, local significance

Built in 1930 for Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Cherry, Jr., the Cherry House is architecturally significant as Edgemont's major example of the Colonial Revival style and as the most "correct" of the area's period revival houses. It also is unusual in being one of the few Edgemont houses whose history does not reflect much of the Depression's trauma because its original owners, unlike most of their neighbors, were able to weather the financial crisis without losing their home.

Elaboration

Lewis W. Cherry, Jr., an investment banker and son of a prominent Little Rock businessman, moved to Edgemont with his wife, Anne, in mid-1930. Theirs was one of the most expensive houses in the area, costing a total of nearly \$13,000 and requiring a monthly mortgage payment of \$137.50. Although information on the Cherry House still on file at Metropolitan Trust Company indicates the Cherrys did fall behind on their mortgage payments during the Depression years, their mortgage was not foreclosed, and they lived in Edgemont until about 1950.

Since the departure of the Cherrys, the house has belonged to just two more families. It presently is the home of the grandson of the woman who bought it in the late 1950's.

At the time the Cherry House was built, it represented quite a change in approach to the design of a house in Edgemont. Previous Edgemont homes were loose interpretation of assorted picturesque styles: Spanish Colonial Revival, French Eclectic, Monterey, English Revival. Though still in the period revival mode, the Cherry House's more correct and formal Colonial Revival design stood in considerable contrast to its Edgemont neighbors, contributing to its significance today.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>568050</u>	<u>3848880</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

West half of lot 12, all of lots 13 and 14, east half of lot 15 in block 103,
Park Hill Addition to the City of North Little Rock

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the lot area originally platted for the construction of this resource, and two additional flanking half-lots that have been added to this property since the construction of the house.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Pulaski County Deed Records: Book 207, p. 599; Book 213, p. 137.

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		Date Listed
COVER	Substantive Review	6/1/92
1. Cherry House	Substantive Review	6/1/92
2. England, Joseph E. Jr., House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
3. Jeffries House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
4. Kleiber House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
5. Matthews--Bradsham House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
6. Matthews--Bryan House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
7. Matthews--Dillon House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
8. Matthews--Godt House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
9. Matthews--MacFadyen House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92
10. Owings House	Substantive Review	6/1/92
11. Young House	Entered in the National Register	6/1/92

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Cherry House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of Edgemont in Park H
NAME: ill MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 4/17/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/01/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/17/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/01/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000562

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: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/1/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This Colonial Revival house is historically significant as one of the largest & most ambitious houses built in this ~~planned~~ suburban development planned for affluent residents. It is one of the few residences constructed before the coming of the Great Depression aborted the ambitious plans of its developer, the Justin Matthews Co. It is also an architecturally significant example of Colonial Revival styling.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/ANC
REVIEWER Hopper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 6/1/92

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



Cherry House, 217 Dooley Rd. (PU 0092)
North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Nov. 20, 1990

Main facade, looking northwest

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP



Cherry House, 217 Dooley Rd. (PU 0092)
North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Nov. 20, 1990

Main facade, looking north

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHDP



Cherry House, 217 Dooley Rd. (PU 0092)

North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Feb. 2, 1991

Rear facade, looking southwest

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Cherry House, 277 Dooly Rd. (PU 0092)

North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Feb. 2, 1991

Entry hall, looking north

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500027