

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

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Dr. Charles Fox Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Mike Meyer House

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

420 Drennan Street

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Crawford

CODE

033

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Mike Meyer

STREET &amp; NUMBER

420 Drennan

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Crawford County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

STATE

Arkansas

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

**X\_EXCELLENT**

\_\_\_GOOD

—FAIR

\_\_\_DETERIORATED

—RUINS

\_\_UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

\_\_UNALTERED

X-ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

**X ORIGINAL SITE**

\_\_MOVED      DATE\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Fox Brown House, built in 1867, is a single storey, five bay house, ell-shaped in plan. The front section, facing northwest, is composed of two rooms with a central hall. The ell wing, extending to the southeast, contains two rooms. On the north side of the front section is an attached room built with the original dwelling to serve as a surgery. There have been minor alterations, including a brick addition built to the rear of the ell wing, a frame addition with screened porch southwest of the ell wing, and partial enclosure of the porch within the rear ell.

The house is constructed of brick which has been painted white. The roof covering the main section is gabled, with a lower gable roof over the surgery. Under the dormered gable articulating the entrance is a flat-roofed three-bayed porch. A second porch, partially enclosed, runs the length of the ell wing.

The main entry has a seven-light transom with triple lights in the sidelights. The porch posts are bracketed as are the eaves on the porch and front dormer. There is a stepped brick raking cornice beneath the front dormer. A pair of round arched windows accents the gable end above the entry.

Windows on the northwest are double-hung, six-over-six lights, and are slightly recessed. They are flanked by inoperable shutters. On the northeast are two sets of double windows, each double-hung with two-over-two lights. The surgery has two windows with operable shutters, one on the northwest and one on the northeast. A pair of arched windows on the north of the surgery have been bricked.

The interior retains its thirteen-and-one-half-foot ceilings, along with its original mouldings. The house has been continually occupied and is in excellent condition.

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Charles Fox Brown was a member of the Crawford County Medical Association, and served as president for the last fifteen years of his life. He was a charter member of the Arkansas Medical Association, a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the local I. O. O. F. Lodge. Prior to the Civil War, Brown had served as a trustee of the Wallace Institute, a school for young men. He served several terms on the city school board and city council and was president of both.

The historical association with one of the area's most important nineteenth century residents, coupled with its architectural significance, makes the Brown House an especially important structure in Van Buren.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Fox Brown House, built in 1867, is significant both in its architectural character and historical relationship to the community of Van Buren, Arkansas.

The house is representative of the transition from Greek Revival to Victorian eclecticism. Its symmetry, based on the five-bay system--portico, arrangement of rooms opening to a central hall--are Greek Revival; however, the detailing, dormers, post and brackets are Italianate. The house is delicately balanced between styles and this balance gives the house its uniqueness.

The house was constructed by Dr. Charles Fox Brown, a physician, as both a dwelling for his family and as a surgery for the examination and treatment of patients. Very few of these nineteenth century home/office buildings are still in existence in Arkansas.

Charles Fox Brown was born in Virginia in 1820, the son of Mary and Henry Brown, a veteran of the War of 1812. The elder Brown died when Charles, the youngest of ten children, was three years old. The family then moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where Charles attended school.

By the late 1830's Charles Brown had completed two years in the Baptist seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Brown then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became associated with a Major Pullian, a jeweler from Fayetteville, Arkansas. Eighteen-year-old Charles Brown returned with Pullian to Fayetteville, becoming a clerk in Pullian's store for a brief time. In 1840, Brown began a study of medicine under T. J. Pollard while clerking in Pollard's drug store. Four years later Brown left Fayetteville to study medicine at Louisville University.

In 1845 Brown returned to Arkansas to practice medicine with Dr. Pollard in Fayetteville. In December, 1846, Dr. Brown moved to Van Buren and began his own medical practice. In 1848 he entered Ohio Medical College, graduating in 1849. Brown then returned to Van Buren and practiced medicine there for the next forty-three years. In 1858 Brown married Miss Helen Bostick, the daughter of John Bostick, a prominent hotel keeper in Van Buren. The Browns had five children.

During the Civil War Dr. Brown served as a surgeon in the Third Battalion, Arkansas Infantry, CSA. After seeing action in the Battle of Oak Hill, he was transferred to hospital service in Mississippi.



## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE

EASTING

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

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STATE

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COUNTY

CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frezil Miller

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

13 September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Building

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 13 September, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-6-78

DATE

8-31-78

Property Brown, Dr. Charles Fox, HouseState Ark Working Number 2.28.78.2618

## TECHNICAL

Photos 2  
Maps 1

## CONTROL

OK 3.1.78

## HISTORIAN

Unusual mining base / doctor's office.  
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5-11-78  
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## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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## ARCHEOLOGIST

## OTHER

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## REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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8/29/78

## BRANCH CHIEF

## KEEPER

9/6/78

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered SEP 6 1978Federal Register Entry 10-3-78

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Brown House  
Van Buren, Arkansas Crawford County

Maiana Kirk photo, 1977

AHPP 6-77

facade, viewed from northwest

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Brown House  
Van Buren, Ark.

Crawford County

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facade, viewed from north

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Mike Meyer HUse

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1947; Photorevised 1971

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

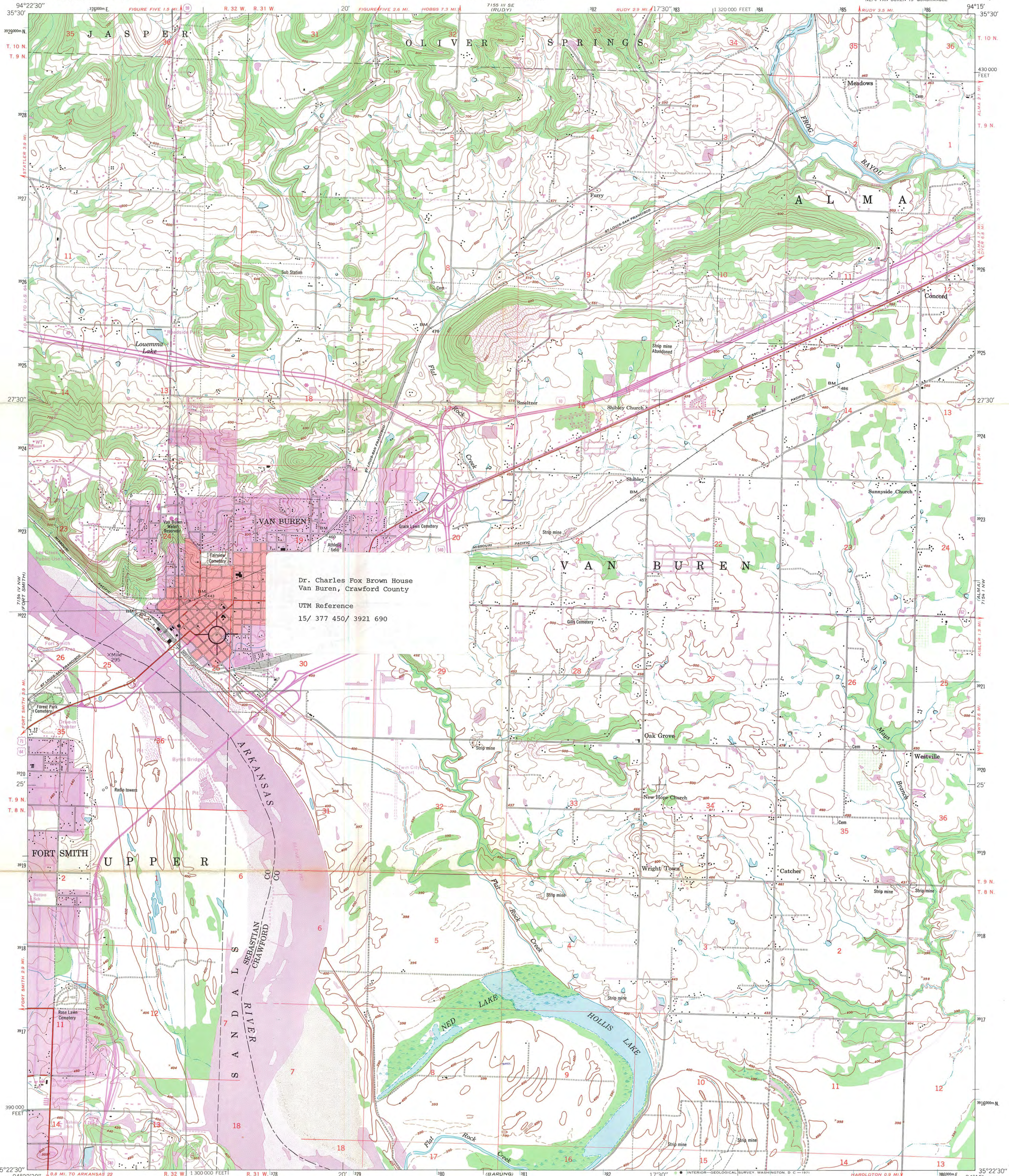
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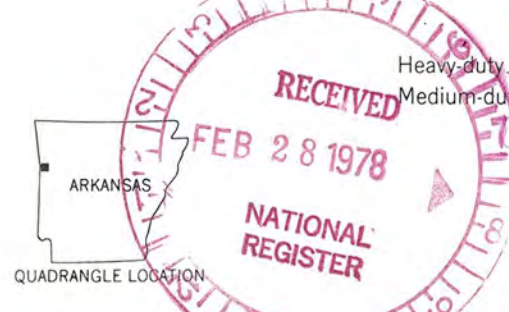
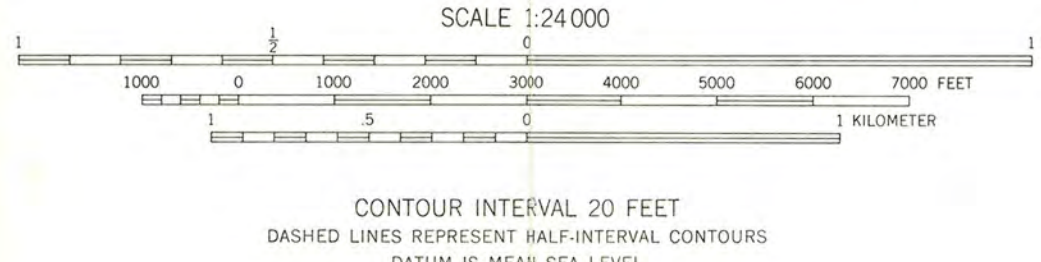
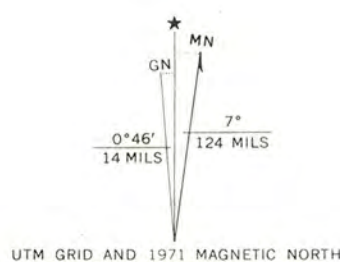
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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VAN BUREN QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Dr. Charles Fox Brown House  
Van Buren, Crawford County  
UTM Reference  
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Map by the Army Map Service  
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey  
Control by USCGS, USGS, and CE  
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1946. Field check 1947  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system,  
north zone  
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown  
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,  
commercial and industrial buildings  
Red tint indicates area in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light duty  
Medium duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt  
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VAN BUREN, ARK.  
NE/4 VAN BUREN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3522.5—W 9415/7.5  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from  
aerial photographs taken 1971. This information was field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

SEP 6 1978





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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



August 10, 1977

Mr. Mike Meyer  
420 Drennan  
Van Buren, AR 72956

Re: Meyer House  
Van Buren, Crawford County

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Meyer House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September 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 Dianna Kirk 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.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property  
to the National Register of Historic Places

X  
Yes

      
No

Comments:

Aug-12-1977 H. H. Mike Meyer.  
Date Signature

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      ARKANSAS

Date Entered      SEP 6 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brown, Dr. Charles Fox, House	Van Buren Crawford County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers

Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.  
Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

<b>① NAME as it appears on federal register:</b> Brown, R. Charles Fox, House		<b>② OTHER NAMES:</b> Meyer, Mike, House		<b>③ date of entry:</b> SEP 6 1978	<b>④ county code:</b> 33
<b>⑤ LOCATION street &amp; number</b> 420 krennan St.		<b>city / town</b> Van Buren	<b>vicinity of</b>	<b>state</b> AR	<b>county</b> Crawford
<b>⑥ NPS REGION:</b> SW				<b>⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:</b> Frezill Miller	
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<b>㉞ NAMES give role &amp; date</b> PERSONAL:  EVENTS:  INSTITUTIONAL:					
<b>㉟ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP</b>					