

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Henry Furniture Store Building

other name/site number: BE3057

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2. Location

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street & number: 107 West University

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Siloam Springs

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Benton

code: AR 007

zip code: 72761

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3. Classification

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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: Historic and Architectural Resources of Benton County, Arkansas

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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.

Catherine A. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

6-10-94  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 7.15.94

Entered in the  
National Register

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Specialty Store

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Professional

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th  
Century Revival / Beaux Arts

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt  
walls Brick other Wood bulkheads  
Stone

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: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1900 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: c. 1900 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**

Located at 107 West University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, the Henry Furniture Store is a single-story, brick masonry commercial building designed in the restrained, Classically-influenced style popular for commercial construction throughout the state during the early twentieth century. As was typical of such commercial storefront construction, the floor plan is rectangular, with its narrow street frontage contrasting with its remarkably long depth (23.5 ft. vs. 75 ft.). It is covered with a sloping, built-up tar roof that is supported by brick masonry walls and a brick foundation.

**Elaboration**

The southern or front facade is composed of a large, beveled storefront on the first story and a raised brick parapet above that is ornamented with decorative brick corbeling and capped with a decorative metal cornice. The beveled storefront is constructed of wood framing and large single panes of window glass atop simple wood bulkheads. The central, double-leaf entrance is surmounted by a single four-pane fixed transom. The entrance doors are composed of two large window panes, set one above the other, and finished by a simple wood panel near the bottom that mirrors the bulkhead panels. The beveled storefront is recessed behind two thin cast iron columns that support the brick parapet above.

The brick parapet is composed of a tall flat wall that is ornamented only by a central, rectangular, recessed signage panel and the brick corbelling above. The projecting, decorative metal cornice, on the other hand, is quite elaborate. It is composed of three brackets that divide the frieze, entablature and dentilled parapet above. A fourth bracket, formerly located at the eastern end of the facade, was removed at some point. The frieze is decorated with a row of egg and dart details that is itself surmounted by a dentil course. The entablature projects above that and provides the depth of the cornice. The three rows of dentils above are offset in such a manner as to create a geometric star pattern. The brackets themselves are ornamented at the bottom with a single acanthus leaf and at the top with a smaller, four-pointed leaf. The masonry facade is framed with ashlar-faced stone quoins.

The eastern and western elevations are party walls, and the northern elevation has been partially removed and replaced with corrugated metal. The interior has been largely refinished over the years, as is so often the case with retail commercial spaces, though some original flooring does

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remain. The Henry Furniture Store has undergone restoration and is in good condition. Some of the restoration work done includes the attachment of new wood trim, molded to match the original, to secure and improve the appearance of the front windows, most of which are original. New wood doors, identical in design to the originals, have been constructed and installed.



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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The Henry Furniture Store is locally eligible under Criterion C as the best single example in this section of downtown Siloam Springs of a c. 1900 commercial building designed in a slightly more elaborate interpretation of the typically simple commercial storefront design that was popular throughout the state during this period.

**Elaboration**

As noted in the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Benton County, Arkansas* Multiple Property Nomination, the community of Siloam Springs grew from the earlier, small town of Hico. It developed dramatically in the late 1870's in anticipation of the arrival of the railroad. Growth slowed when the railroad did not arrive as expected, but resumed after the Kansas City-Southern Railroad extended their line through Siloam Springs in 1892. The arrival of the railroad, a thriving tourist industry, and a successful period for local agriculture brought prosperity and high expectations to Siloam Springs and the downtown commercial streetscape reflected these trends. Distinctive commercial buildings, designed in the latest styles, sprang up along such principal commercial thoroughfares as Wright Street, University Street, and Broadway.

Constructed c. 1900, the Henry Furniture Store is by far the best surviving single example of this period of construction in downtown Siloam Springs. From Sanborn maps and tax records this building can be identified as a dry goods store as early as 1904. In 1914 maps indicate that it served as a millinery. Stuart McArthur was the owner of this property between 1926 and 1927. And S. R. Chesney owned it during the period between 1928 and 1940. 1948 records show the property as the Henry Furniture Store. Other properties historically sharing this block of University Street were a drug store, a bank, the Siloam Springs Post Office, and the Lakeside/Crown Hotel.

Though it is not the most elaborate commercial building of any period in the downtown, the Henry Furniture Store remains the best and most elaborate example of the typical single-storey, brick storefront commercial building that became as popular in Siloam Springs as it did in downtowns throughout the state. The stone quoins, the beveled storefront, the cast-iron columns and the elaborate, Classically-influenced metal cornice all elevate this particular design above the more simple brick storefronts from this era that remain in the surrounding downtown. It is because of these distinctive design features and their significance within the context of the extant

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commercial fabric of downtown Siloam Springs that this building is locally significant under Criterion C.

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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 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>361380</u>	<u>4005490</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the building's eastern party wall with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of University Street, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 25 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running through the building's western party wall; thence proceeding northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 80 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's northern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 25 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's eastern party wall; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 80 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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



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### Bibliography

Black, J. Dickson, *History of Benton County*, (Little Rock, 1975).

*City of Siloam Springs Plat Record*, Book "B", p. 109.

*Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*, 1897-1948.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Robin Louise Baldwin, Survey Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 06-09-94

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Henry Furniture Store Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Benton County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Benton

DATE RECEIVED: 6/17/94  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/13/94  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/27/94  
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/01/94

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000725

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 7-15-94 DATE Entered in the  
National Register

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 \_\_\_\_\_







Henry Furniture Store Building, Siloam Springs

Benton County, Arkansas

Ken Story, photographer

04/06/94

Negatives on file at AHPP

View of facade from south



Henry Furniture Store Building, Siloam Springs

Benton County, Arkansas

Ken Story, photographer

04/06/94

Negative on file at AHPP

View of Store Front From South





Henry Furniture Store Building, Siloam Springs

Benton County, Arkansas

Ken Story, photographer

04/06/94

Negatives on file at AHPP

view of storefront and cast iron columns from southwest





HENRY FURNITURE STORE BUILDING, Silbom Springs

BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

KEN STORY, photographer

04/06/94

Negatives on file at AHPP

Detail of bulkheads





Henry Furniture Store Building, Siloam Springs  
Benton County, Arkansas

Ken Story, Photographer  
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Negative on file at AHPP

Detail of parapet and cornice





Henry Furniture Store Building, Siloam Springs

Benton County, Arkansas

Ken Story, Photographer

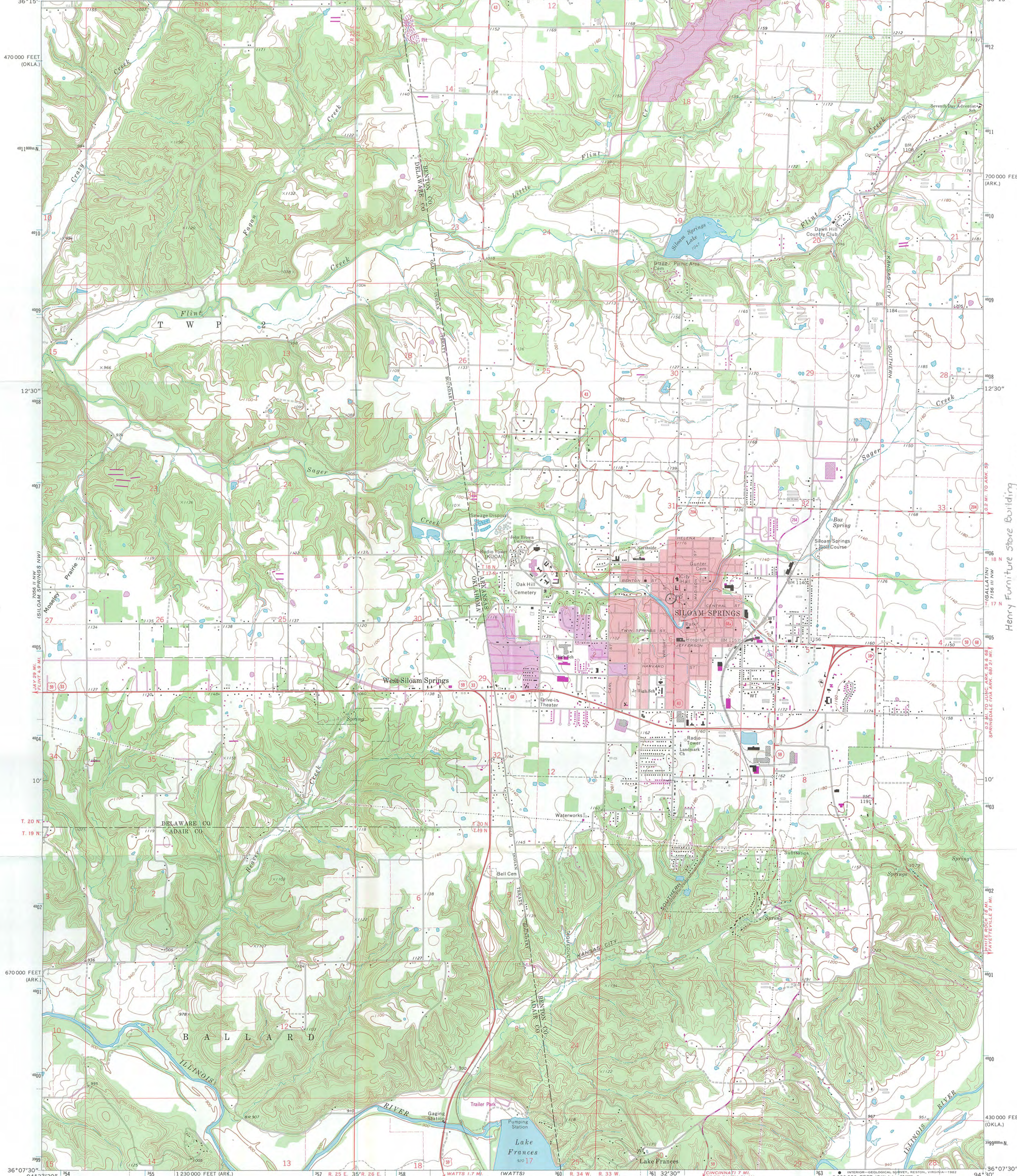
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Negative on file at AHPP

View of interior

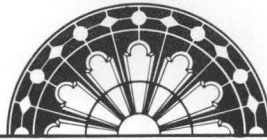






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Siloam Springs, Benton County, Arkansas  
107 West University  
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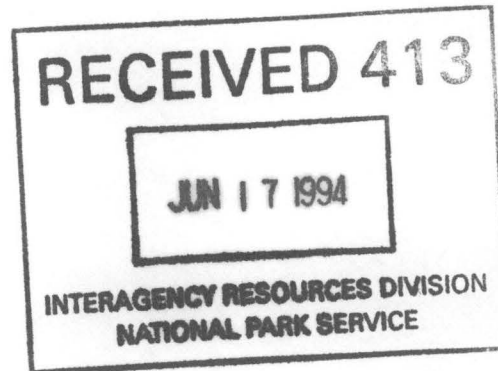




ARKANSAS  
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PROGRAM

June 10, 1994

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20002



RE: Henry Furniture Store Building  
Siloam Springs, Benton County

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 Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

