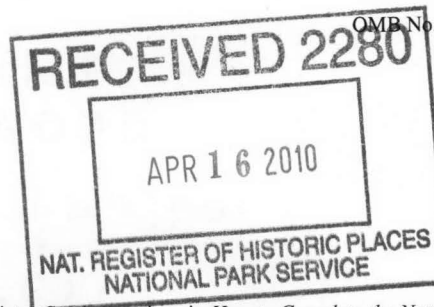


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.



1. Name of Property

historic name Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Cherry Street between Porter and Perry Streets and from Elm to the south  
side of Missouri Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Helena-West Helena

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Phillips code 107 zip code 72342

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐  
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathie Marshall  
Signature of certifying official/Title

3/5/10  
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 for additional  
comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Jim Dilling Signature of the Keeper

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

5/27/2010

**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☒ public-local  
☒ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☒ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

10

7

buildings

7 (vacant lots)

sites

structures

objects

10

14

Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

2

**6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/ financial institution, department

Store

GOVERNMENT/ courthouse

TRANSPORTATION/ rail-related

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/ financial institution, department store

GOVERNMENT/ courthouse

EDUCATION/ school

VACANT/ Not in use

**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements/

Commercial Style

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick, Concrete

walls Brick

roof Tar

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The amendment to the Cherry Street Historic District includes the Eastern and Western sides of Cherry Street one block North of Porter, and the Eastern and Western sides of Cherry Street two blocks South of Elm. The area in the proposed boundary increase includes a total of nineteen structures, twelve of which are historically significant to the development of downtown Helena and are contemporaneous with the period of significance of the original Cherry Street Historic District nomination.

### Elaboration

The areas included in the boundary increase to the Cherry Street Historic District are adjacent to the existing Cherry Street Historic District (listed in the National Register of Historic Places 8-17-87), and are protected by a local historic preservation ordinance. The proposed increase area has been determined eligible for listing in a boundary increase; the area contains ten contributing properties, two individually listed properties, and seven non-contributing. The two individually listed properties are the Phillips County Courthouse at 622 Cherry Street (PH0007) listed in the National Register of Historic Places 7-15-77, and the Helena Depot at 95 Missouri Street (PH0090) listed in the National Register 11-5-87. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Depot at 210 Cherry Street was constructed c. 1880. The other nine contributing structures are early twentieth century commercial buildings. The non-contributing structures are the three buildings from 111-117 Cherry Street (PH0058, PH0059, PH0060), the building at 113-117 Missouri Street (PH0092), the Mable Furniture Building at 105 Missouri Street (PH0447), the Kipp Delta College Preparatory School at 215 Cherry Street (PH0454), and the DBG Enterprises building at 604 Cherry Street (PH0465).

1. Phillips County Courthouse at 622 Cherry Street (PH0007). The Phillips County Courthouse was listed on the National Register 7-15-77. It was designed by Little Rock architect Frank W. Gibb who is also responsible for the design of several southern Arkansas courthouses, and constructed in 1914 at a cost of \$250,000. The classically designed building is two stories tall and rectangular in shape. It has a flat roof; a pent roof runs around the building detailed as classical cornices with dentils. A cast-stone water table encircles the building and there are main entrances on the north and west elevations.

The most distinctive features are the sections of engaged fluted Corinthian columns on the north, south, and west elevations. They are two stories tall and set one story above ground level. On the north elevation, five columns are set into a recessed panel of stone blocks to mark the entry. This four-bay wide section is identical to the recessed section on the south elevation with the exception that there is not an entry on the south façade. A main entry is on the west side, a seven-bay wide

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recessed panel with eight engaged columns features denticulated entablatures with decorative medallions over the entry door and the two windows flanking either side.

Decorative cast-stone medallions are found in pairs on the brick portion of the building at the frieze line. Window treatment is simple with those in the brick sections featuring keystones.

The east elevation houses the Phillips County Jail. Architecture on this elevation is devoid of ornamentation. Pairs of double-hung windows with transoms are regularly spaced. (IL)

2. DBG Enterprises at 604 Cherry Street (PH0465). The DBG Enterprises building was constructed c. 1965. It is a one-story brick building that is u-shaped with the main entrance on Cherry Street. Full-length plate glass windows flank the entrance. There are glass doors facing Cherry Street on both sides of the recessed central portion. A porch wraps around the west and south sides. The porch has white columns and a mansard style copper roof. The roof is flat and there is a raised flat section on the southern half of the building with the same copper roofing material visible. The building was constructed later than most buildings in the district. (NC)
3. Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Depot at 210 Cherry Street (PH0018) Also known as the old depot. Constructed c. 1880, the old depot is a standard nineteenth-century depot building with a rectangular plan. It rests on a continuous cast-concrete foundation. The one and one-half story building is constructed of buff brick. It has a hip roof and composite shingles. Multiple shed-style awnings span the western elevation, facing Cherry Street, and there is a one-story flat-roofed porch on the southern end of the eastern elevation. The eastern elevation has eight regularly-spaced window bays with transoms. The building has been modified for use as a Kipp Delta School but retains its original doors and bays. (C)
4. Helena Depot at 95 Missouri Street (PH0090) Also known as Missouri-Pacific Depot. The Helena Depot was listed on the National Register 11-5-87. The depot was constructed c. 1915 of red brick with limestone accents and remains a good example of early-twentieth century depot architecture in Arkansas. The building has Craftsman period detailing as well as Classical Revival influences. It was originally designed to be the regional headquarters for the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad. The northern section of the building is two stories and has more detail than the one story freight section. The depot has a steel frame structure and rests on a poured concrete foundation. A brick platform surrounds the building and continues south of the rear of the building. The lintels, sills, belt and string courses are all of limestone blocks. The exterior bricks are red with rounded edges and the mortar is reddish in color. The entire structure has a hip roof with composite shingles and large decorative knee braces supporting wide overhanging eaves. (IL)



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5. Garofas Building at 101 Missouri Street (PH0091). The two story commercial building at 101 Missouri Street was constructed in 1932. The building sits on a continuous cast-concrete foundation. The exterior walls are buff brick. A two-story porch and second story balcony spans the front of the building and wraps around the northeast corner to cover an entrance at the corner. The porch features posts on the first floor and a flat roof; there are some replaced elements. There are doors on the north and east sides of the northeast corner with stationary storefront windows with transoms. Some first story windows have been filled in, the second story features double-hung, one-over-one windows. It has a flat roof with a parapet and a mission-style arch on the front (north) façade that features a name and date plate that reads "1932 GAROFAS." (C)
6. Mable Furniture Building at 105 Missouri Street (PH0447). The one story building of pre-fabricated materials was constructed c. 1980. The walls are of corrugated metal. The front façade has stationary display windows and a flat roofed porch. A gabled roof with rolled roofing material covers the structure. The building does not contribute to the historic significance of the district. (NC)
7. Building at 113-117 Missouri Street (PH0092). The one story building at 113-117 Missouri Street was constructed in 1928. It is a standard twentieth century commercial building of frame construction with brick walls. It rests on a continuous brick foundation and has a one-story porch across the eastern half of the front façade with a shed roof. Brick columns divide four store fronts and the windows are boarded. A parapet hides the flat roof. The building is in disrepair and does not currently contribute to the historic significance of the district. (NC)
8. Building at 119-121 Missouri Street (PH0093) Also known as Boo's Kajun Korner. The two-story building at 119-121 Missouri Street was constructed c. 1900. It rests on a continuous brick foundation. It is a rectangular twentieth century commercial building; the front façade is covered in tan brick the other walls are red brick, part of which has been painted. The front (north) façade has two storefronts with stationary windows. The east storefront has a central recessed entry bay. The second story has c. 1950 refitted, resized two-over-two replacement windows with metal vents above and a corbelled brick parapet. (C)
9. Mayer and Sons Building at 103-105 Cherry Street (PH0061) Also known as Mayer Company Building. This one-story twentieth-century commercial building was constructed c. 1913. It sits on a continuous brick foundation. The brick exterior has been painted. There is a porch across the front (east) elevation with a flat canopy roof. The storefront has banks of picture windows flanking a central entrance bay with an original single-light glass and wood door. There is a row of fixed windows above the canopy. The rear façade has a concrete block veneer. The building has a flat roof. (C)

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10. Leo Mundt Building at 111-113 Cherry Street (PH0060) Also known as Parker's Hardware Building. This one and one half story brick building was constructed in 1909. It is a standard twentieth century commercial building of brick. It rests on a continuous brick foundation. A flat roof spans the front façade, the storefront windows are plate glass with panels and have been altered but the original wood doors remain. The building does not contribute to the historic significance of the district. (NC)
11. People's Grill at 115 Cherry Street (PH0059) Also known as River Road Restaurant. This one and one half story brick and stucco building was constructed c. 1913. It rests on a continuous brick foundation and has a flat roof. It was remodeled c. 1980 and has a Palladianesque arch with columns on piers over the front porch and the front façade has been covered with stucco, making it ineligible to contribute to the significance of the district. (NC)
12. Building at 117 Cherry Street (PH0058). This one story brick building was constructed c. 1913. It is a standard twentieth century commercial building and rests on a continuous brick foundation. The storefront was altered c. 1950 with plate glass windows and metal siding. It has a flat roof. The building does not contribute to the historic significance of the district. (NC)
13. Truempler Furniture Company Building at 137 Cherry Street (PH0055) Also known as the Delta Cultural Center. This two story commercial building was constructed c. 1913. It sits on a continuous cast-concrete foundation. It is rectangular, made of multi-colored brick. The first floor storefront has stationary windows and a shed awning across the front. The second story has one-over-one windows. The storefront was altered c. 1990 with reflective glass windows and door. The second floor windows are replacements but retain the original concrete lintels and sills. The roof is flat. (C)
14. A. Peters Mercantile at 141 Cherry Street (PH0054) Also known as the Delta Cultural Center. This two-story twentieth-century commercial building was built c. 1905. It is red brick in Flemish Bond pattern. The front façade has two entrances with plate-glass windows and shed awnings over each. The second floor has one-over-one, wood-sash windows. There is a concrete band above metal vents and the parapet has concrete coping, and the building has a flat roof. The rear façade has two doors with shed awnings. The first story of the rear (west) elevation has two-over-two, wood-sash windows; the second story has four-over-four, wood-sash windows. (C)
15. The Red Ball Store at 143 Cherry Street (PH0053) Also known as the Delta Cultural Center. The one and one-half story brick building at 143 Cherry Street on the corner of Cherry and Phillips streets was constructed c. 1900. This is a typical rectangular twentieth-century commercial building. It sits on a continuous brick foundation. The brick has been painted rust color. The first floor storefront

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was altered c. 1950 and again after 1985; it has plate-glass windows, a metal and glass door, and lacquered panels. The building has a flat roof and there is a shed-style awning over the first story across the front. (C)

16. Kipp Delta College Preparatory School at 215 Cherry Street (PH0454). The one story frame construction building at 215 Cherry Street was constructed c. 2000. It rests on a continuous foundation and has plate glass windows and transoms across the front façade. A porch with a shed roof spans the front façade on the first floor. A parapet hides the flat roof. The building does not contribute to the historic significance of the district. (NC)
17. Levy Goldsmith Building at 223 Cherry Street (PH0046). Constructed c. 1900, this is a rectangular, standard commercial twentieth-century red brick building of two stories. The building rests on a continuous brick foundation and has a flat roof with a parapet. The eastern façade faces Cherry Street and has recessed double doors in the center and fixed wooden windows; all with double-stacked transoms. Iron posts support a balcony with a central, single-light glass and wood door flanked by single-light windows. The rear of the building has a garage bay. (C)
18. Boston Dry Goods Store at 227-229 Cherry Street (PH0045). Constructed c. 1900, this is a two-story twentieth-century commercial building. It rests on a continuous brick foundation and has load-bearing brick walls. The front façade has two storefronts; the one on the south has a recessed doorway, it retains its cast iron columns and transoms. The one on the north has recessed double doors and was modernized sometime before the mid 1980s. The second story has six evenly-spaced rectangular windows with flat cast stone lintels. The western rear elevation has two large openings with double wooden doors on the first floor; the second story has evenly-spaced arched windows with lighter color contrasting sills. The front façade has brick bands and vents at the cornice level, and a parapet hides a flat roof. (C)
19. Building at 233 Cherry Street (PH0436). The one story brick building at 233 Cherry Street was constructed c. 1910. It rests on a continuous brick foundation and is constructed of red brick. There is a porch across the Cherry Street façade with a flat canopy roof. There are stationary windows and aluminum siding across the Cherry Street façade. The western end of the northern façade has three shop entrances with shed awnings above them. The building has a chamfered corner entrance with metal and glass double doors, aluminum siding, and plate glass windows c. 1950. The roof is flat. (C)

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<u>Address and resource number</u>			<u>Historic and common name/date</u>
1. IL	622 Cherry Street	(PH0007)	Phillips County Courthouse/1914
2. NC	604 Cherry Street	(PH0465)	DBG Enterprises
3. C	210 Cherry Street	(PH0018)	Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Depot/c.1880
4. IL	95 Missouri Street	(PH0090)	Helena Depot, Missouri-Pacific Depot/c.1915
5. C	101 Missouri Street	(PH0091)	Garofas Building/1932
6. NC	105 Missouri Street	(PH0447)	Mable Furniture Building/c.1980
7. NC	113-117 Missouri Street	(PH0092)	1928
8. C	119-121 Missouri Street	(PH0093)	Boo's Cajun Korner/c.1900
9. C	103-105 Cherry Street	(PH0061)	Mayer and Sons Building, Mayer Company Building/c.1913
10. NC	111-113 Cherry Street	(PH0060)	Leo Mundt Building, Parker's Hardware Building/1909
11. NC	115 Cherry Street	(PH0059)	People's Grill, River Road Restaurant/c.1913
12. NC	117 Cherry Street	(PH0058)	c. 1913
13. C	137 Cherry Street	(PH0055)	Truempler Furniture Company Building, Delta Cultural Center/c.1913
14. C	141 Cherry Street	(PH0054)	A. Peters Mercantile, Delta Cultural Center/c.1905
15. C	143 Cherry Street	(PH0053)	The Red Ball Store, Delta Cultural Center/c.1900
16. NC	215 Cherry Street	(PH0454)	Kipp Delta College Preparatory School/c.2000
17. C	223 Cherry Street	(PH0046)	Levy Goldsmith Building/c.1900
18. C	227-229 Cherry Street	(PH0045)	Boston Dry Goods Store/c.1900
19. C	233 Cherry Street	(PH0436)	c. 1910

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

### Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade

Architecture

### Period of Significance

1879-1960

### Significant Dates

c. 1880, c. 1900, c. 1905, c. 1910, c. 1913-1915, 1932

### Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

### Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

### Architect/Builder

Frank W. Gibb, Architect

L.R. Wright, Builder

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Summary

The Cherry Street Historic District (listed on the National Register of Historic Places 8-17-87) was nominated under National Register criteria A and C with local significance for its importance to the architectural and commercial development of Helena, the seat of Phillips County, Arkansas. The collection of buildings represents late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial architectural styles that were popular in towns of this size throughout the mid-south region. This amendment seeks to add areas adjacent to the existing district to the north and south containing a total of nineteen structures. Of these, ten contribute to the historic significance of the district and two are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The area in the amendment represents the same development and growth patterns historically important to the Cherry Street Historic District. The amendment also seeks to extend the period of significance up to 1960 to reflect the continued commercial importance of the district past 1935.

### Elaboration

The amendment to the Cherry Street Historic District contains portions of one block adjacent to the northern edge of the district, and portions of three blocks adjacent to the southern edge of the district. The area in the amendment contains a total of nineteen structures; two are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, ten contribute to the historic significance of the district, and seven do not. Of the non-contributing structures, there are four brick commercial buildings built c. 1900-1930, a prefabricated structure built c. 1980, the Kipp Delta College Preparatory School built c. 2000, and a one story brick office building.

The first downtown area of Helena was located along the riverfront along Water Street (non-extant) and what is now Ohio Street. Flooding in 1867 washed away many buildings and plans were made for a large-scale levee system to protect the town from further damage. The present configuration of the levee in downtown was completed in the 1930s. Businesses started locating away from the water c. 1880, and Cherry Street became the center of commercial activity in Helena.

Helena has been historically known as the only port in Arkansas; its location on the Mississippi River provided a means of transporting passengers and products to and from the city. Two railroad companies also utilized Helena as a link in east-west travel because they could avoid high fees for switching railroad cars charged in Memphis. The city prospered in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Buildings in the Cherry Street Historic District Boundary increase date from this period and represent the prosperity experienced by the city.

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The boundary increase to the north of the existing Cherry Street Historic District contains the Phillips County Courthouse at 622 Cherry Street. The Phillips County Courthouse was listed on the National Register 7-15-77. The County Courthouse is the most architecturally and politically important structure in Phillips County and is a local landmark.

Phillips County was established May 1, 1820, from territory taken from Arkansas County. It was the second county to be established by the Arkansas Territorial Legislature. It was named in honor of Sylvanus Phillips who settled near the mouth of the St. Francis River in 1797. Phillips County covers 704 square miles and is bounded by Lee County on the North, by the Mississippi River on the east, Desha County on the south and Arkansas and Monroe counties on the west. There are two distinct topographical divisions in the county: the alluvial river bottom lowlands and Crowley's Ridge in the northeast section.

Helena is situated on the Mississippi River and was made the county seat in 1830 and officially incorporated as a city in 1833. The first courthouse was a two-story frame building, fifty feet square, built in 1847. It burned in 1861 and no attempt was made to rebuild until after the Civil War. According to records, no courts were held from June of 1862 to May 29, 1865. Privately owned buildings were rented for court purposes until 1869. That year a large two-story brick courthouse with a dome was constructed for a cost of over \$44,000. The building was later razed and the lot used for a public playground.

In 1911 the Quorum Court of Phillips County appropriated \$10,000 to build a new courthouse and jail. The county later contracted with F.W. Gibbs and Company, Architects, to design the building and L.R. Wright and Company of Dallas, Texas, to construct the building. The county officially accepted the building on June 14, 1915.

The Phillips County Courthouse commands a prominent corner in Helena's downtown. Its governmental and architectural significance combine to make it a historically significant structure that anchors the north end of the Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase.

The southern portion of the Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase contains two railroad depots. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Dept at 210 Cherry Street (PH0018) was built in 1880. It has been modified for use as a school but it retains the original doors and bays. The Missouri-Pacific Depot at 95 Missouri Street (PH0090) was built c. 1915 on the site of an old Arkansas Midland Railway Company depot. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places 11-5-87. It is one of Arkansas's finest examples of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Company's architecture during the early twentieth century. It is Craftsman style with Classical Revival influences. It now houses the Delta Cultural Center. Both depots represent the architectural and commercial development of Helena and the railroad industry that contributed to the development of downtown.

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Also along Missouri Street are the Garofas Building (PH0091) at 101 Missouri, constructed in 1932; and the building at 119-121 Missouri Street (PH0093). Both represent the architectural and commercial development of Helena. The Garofas Building is a two story commercial building that retains its original mission-style arch parapet with a name and date plate that reads "1932 GAROFAS." The building at 119-121 Missouri Street, also known as Boo's Cajun Korner, is also a two-story commercial building, constructed c. 1900. In the early 1900s it housed Brocato's Store and Brocato Busline, which ran to Clarendon.

The Mayer and Sons Building at 103-105 Cherry Street (PH0061) was built c. 1913. It is a one-story standard twentieth-century commercial building. C.E. Mayer and sons operated the business for over fifty years until it closed in 1980. The corner of the building served as the Garofas Café.

Three buildings on Cherry Street are now part of the Delta Cultural Center. They are the Truempler Furniture Company Building at 137 Cherry Street (PH0055), A. Peters Mercantile at 141 Cherry Street (PH0054), and The Red Ball Store at 143 Cherry Street (PH0053). They are one and one-half twentieth century commercial buildings built c. 1900-1913. The Red Dry Goods Store operated from 1930-1970. All three buildings have been slightly altered but still represent the architectural and commercial development of Helena.

The remaining buildings on Cherry Street that contribute to the significance of the district are the Levy Goldsmith Building at 223 Cherry Street (PH0046), the Boston Dry Goods Store at 227-229 Cherry Street (PH0045), and the building at 233 Cherry Street (PH0436). The Levy Goldsmith Building and the Boston Dry Goods Store are two-story twentieth century commercial buildings both constructed c. 1900. The Boston Dry Goods Store operated from the 1930s to 1970s. The building at 233 Cherry Street was built c. 1910; it has a chamfered corner entrance with metal and glass doors, aluminum siding, and plate glass windows from c. 1950, and three shop entrances on the northern façade.

The population and industry of Helena and West Helena saw periods of decline in the early twentieth century, but began to recover in the mid-twentieth century. In 1941, radio station KFFA in Helena began broadcasting the program "King Biscuit Time" that featured blues music and helped launch the careers of several local artists. In 1942, a World War II Prisoner-of-War Work camp was built in West Helena that housed Italian and, later, German prisoners of war. The area grew steadily until the 1960s and downtown Helena remained a commercial center. Though there have been some alterations to buildings in the Cherry Street Historic District, many remain intact and represent the commercial significance of Helena from 1879 to 1960.

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#### **Statement of Significance**

The Cherry Street Historic District (listed in the National Register of Historic Places 8-17-87) was nominated under National Register criteria A and C with local significance for its importance to the architectural and commercial development of Helena, Arkansas. The collection of buildings represents late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial architectural styles that were popular in towns of this size and character throughout the mid-south region. This amendment seeks to add adjacent areas to the north and south of the district that contain a total of nineteen structures. Ten of these contribute to the historic significance of the district, and two are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Phillips County Courthouse (listed in the National Register of Historic Places 7-15-77) is located to the north of the existing Cherry Street Historic District; the Missouri-Pacific Depot (listed in the National Register of Historic Places 11-5-87) is located to the south of the existing district. The area in the amendment represents the same development and growth patterns historically important to the Cherry Street Historic District. The amendment also seeks to extend the period of significance up to 1960 to reflect the continued commercial importance of the district past 1935.

Cherry Street Historic District  
(Boundary Increase)

Name of Property

Phillips County, Arkansas

County and State

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Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase

Name of Property

Phillips County, Arkansas

County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** Approximately 10.5 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>15</u>	<u>721490</u>	<u>3823476</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>15</u>	<u>721600</u>	<u>3823467</u>

3	<u>15</u>	<u>721600</u>	<u>3823355</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<u>15</u>	<u>721492</u>	<u>3823354</u>



See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ralph S. Wilcox, National Register & Survey Coordinator

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

date February 5, 2010

street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street

telephone (501) 324-9787

city or town Little Rock

state AR

zip code 72201

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Multiple Property Owners

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_

zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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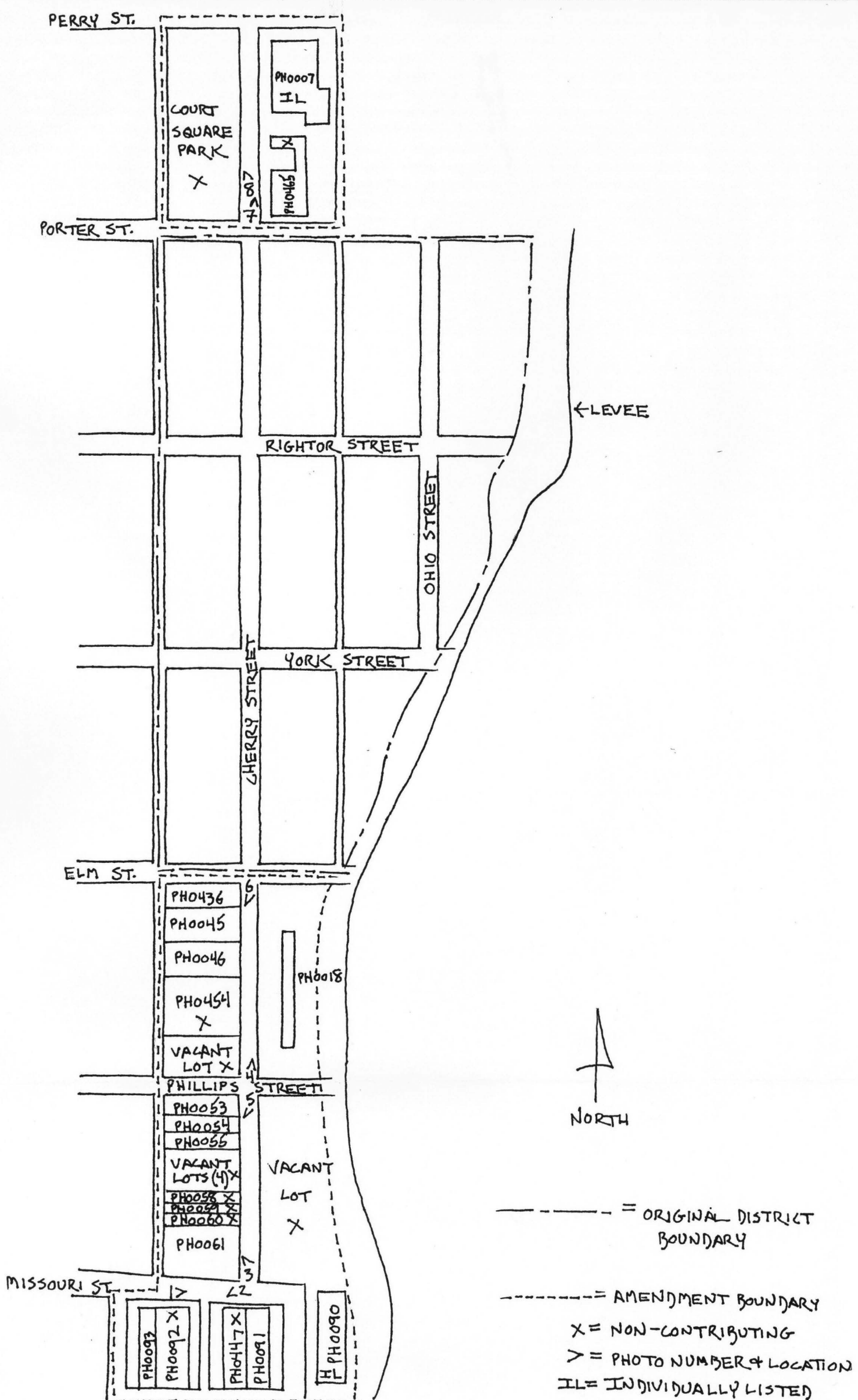
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6. 15	721606	3822631
7. 15	721477	3822647
8. 15	721494	3822647

### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary increase to the Cherry Street Historic District includes the Eastern and Western sides of Cherry Street one block North of Porter, and the Eastern and Western sides of Cherry Street two blocks South of Elm.

### Boundary Justification

The Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase includes the most intact area of Helena's Cherry Street Commercial Area not included in the original nomination. The boundary was also chosen so that the National Register historic district boundary coincides with the locally-ordinance district boundary.



CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY INCREASE  
HELENA, PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Phillips

DATE RECEIVED: 4/16/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/12/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/27/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/31/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000288

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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5/27/2010 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The newly included areas are consistent with the use and character of the original Cherry Street H.D., only a little more care-worn and altered.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER Jim Gabbey DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

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FEBRUARY 2010

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

VIEW SOUTHEAST ON MISSOURI STREET FROM THE ALLEY

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CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

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VIEW SOUTHWEST ON MISSOURI STREET FROM CHERRY STREET

#2





CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

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FEBRUARY 2010

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

VIEW NORTHWEST ON CHERRY STREET FROM MISSOURI STREET

#3.





CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

RALPH S. WILCOX

FEBRUARY 2010

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VIEW NORTHEAST ON CHERRY STREET FROM PHILLIPS STREET

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PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

RALPH S. WILCOX

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

VIEW SOUTHWEST ON CHERRY STREET FROM PHILLIPS STREET

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CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

RALPH S. WILCOX

FEBRUARY 2010

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

VIEW SOUTHWEST ON CHERRY STREET FROM ELM STREET

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CHERRY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE

PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK, AR

VIEW NORTHEAST ON CHERRY STREET FROM PORTER STREET

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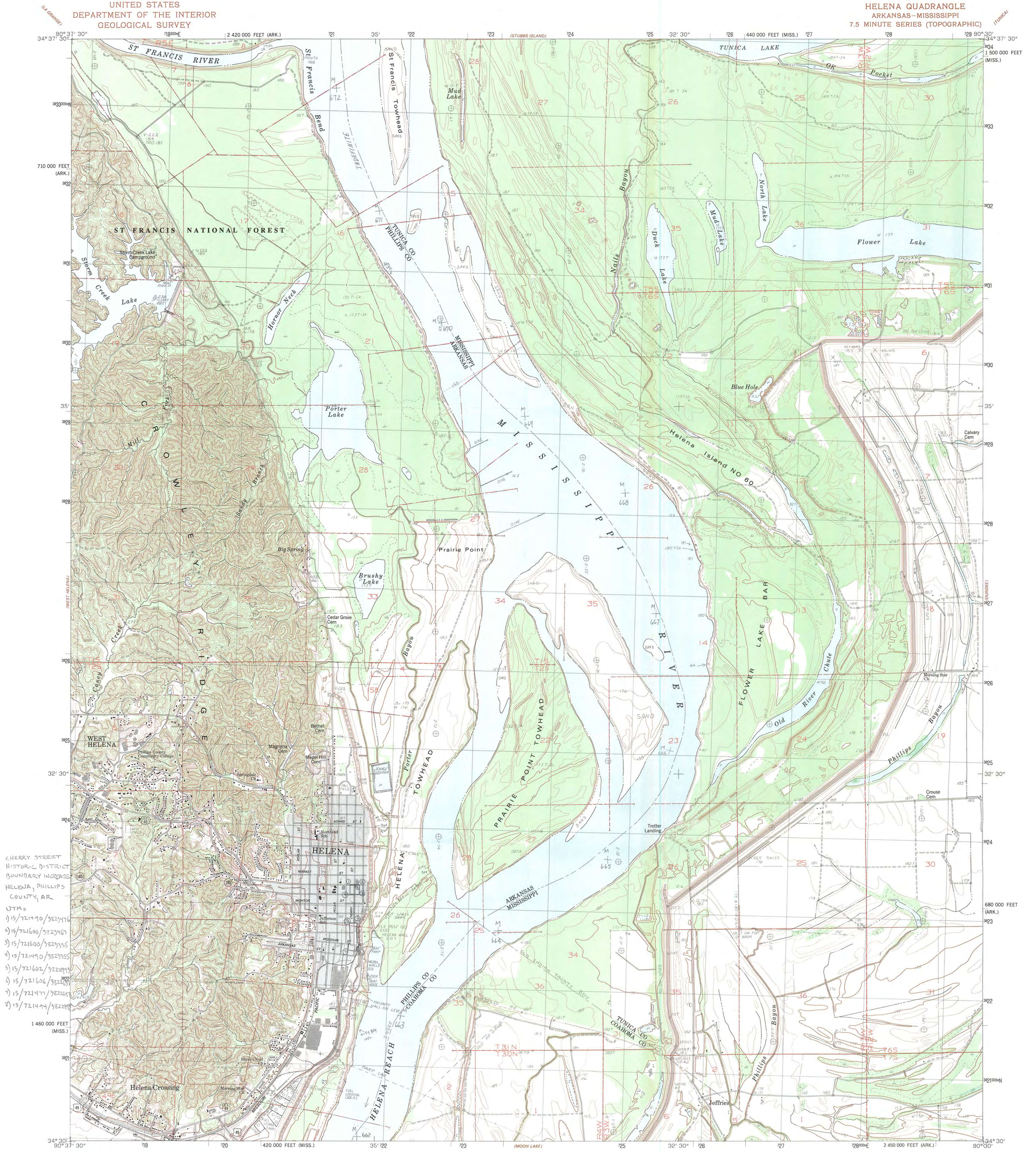
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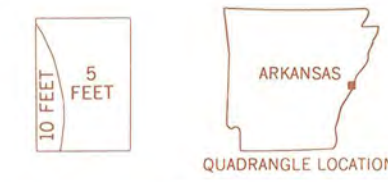
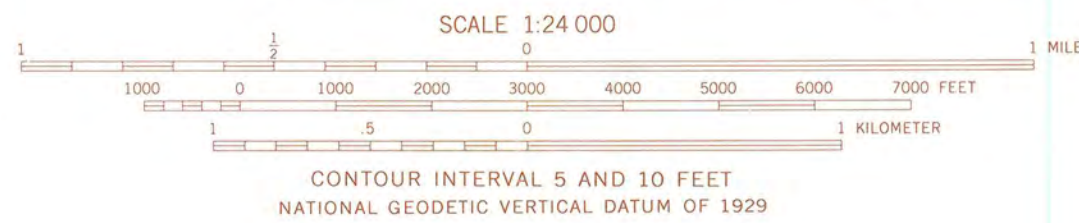
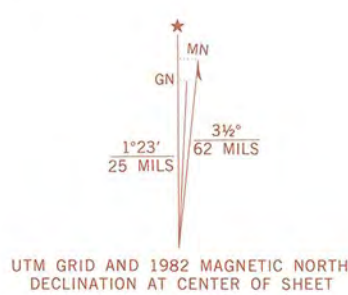
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CHERRY STREET  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY INCREASE  
HELENA, PHILLIPS  
COUNTY, AR  
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ROAD LEGEND  
Improved Road .....  
Unimproved Road .....  
Trail .....  
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

HELENA, ARK.—MISS.  
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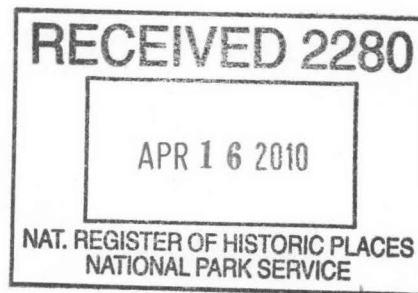
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Washington, DC 20005

RE: Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Increase – Helena,  
Phillips County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:rsw

Enclosure