

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC *mm*
**** Dearing House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *AR*
Highway 122 _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Newark _____ VICINITY OF *First*
STATE Arkansas _____ CODE 05 COUNTY Independence _____ CODE 063

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Lena Dearing Shipman (Mrs. E. E. Shipman)*
STREET & NUMBER *Route 1*
CITY, TOWN *Newark* _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE *Arkansas*

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Clerk's Office*
STREET & NUMBER _____
Independence County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN *Batesville* _____ STATE *Arkansas*

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____
DATE _____
_____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1901

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The T.H. Dearing House originated c. 1890 as a one-storey frame house in Akron, Arkansas. In 1901 the house was moved about five miles to its present site. In 1914 a second storey was added which was architecturally in keeping with the original section. Dated photographs show that the first storey has remained unaltered since its construction. The exterior of the two-storey structure has remained virtually unchanged since 1914.

The Dearing House is a two-storey, Victorian-style residence. The ell-shape of the two-storey section is modified by one-storey porches and projections on the south and west elevations. The basic floor plan has a central hall with four rooms on the south and two rooms on the north. The four room, second-storey addition lies above the east rooms.

The house is sheathed in narrow clapboard with narrow vertical boards at each corner and a wide baseboard over the upper portion of the stone foundation. Windows on the first storey are long and narrow with four-light double-hung sashes and a simple cornice. Upstairs windows are two-light sash with cornices identical to the lower window cornices.

The most interesting features of the house are the open porches on the east (front) and south elevations. Decorative woodwork cut in intricate patterns gives the porches their distinctive appearance. Trim on the two first-storey porches is identical. Square posts with a turned section in the middle divide the porches into bays. Handrails rest above jigsaw-cut balusters. Brackets on the porch posts are cut in a sunburst-like pattern and terminate in miniature pendants. Spindles in each porch bay are set between a scroll pattern above and a serrated pattern beneath. Though similar, the second-storey porch is less intricately trimmed than the first-storey porches.

Other interesting features include the two-storey bay on the facade and the patterned woodwork set into the east and southeast gable ends. The multi-gable roof is capped with cresting.

Because it has been continually occupied by members of the family, the Dearing House has been well cared for and remains in excellent condition. The house rests on a spacious tree-shaded site, an appropriate setting for the community's most architecturally interesting structure.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1854 a post office was established at Big Bottom in Independence County, Arkansas. As a commercial port on the White River and a stagecoach stop between Jacksonport and Batesville, the community grew into a small but relatively important commercial center. Its name was later changed to Akron.

When the railroad passed north of Akron through the Newark community, the decline of the earlier settlement began. After reaching its peak population in the 1880's the community began to diminish in size and commercial importance. Around the turn of the century several fires destroyed most of its business district, thus hastening Akron's demise.

Today the only physical remains at the site of the old Akron community consist of the cemetery, which overlooks the White River; however, one structure originally located in Akron, but since moved, is still standing. The T.H. Dearing House, built in Akron about 1890, was moved to Newark in 1901. This house symbolizes the general movement from river ports to railroad depots which occurred often in late nineteenth-century Arkansas. Moreover, the Dearing House is tangible evidence of Newark's ties to Akron.

The Dearing House was built by Thomas Hindman Dearing as a residence for his large family. Though the exact construction date is not known, descendants of the builder concur that it was probably constructed about 1890. In 1901 Dearing moved both his family and his house to the nearby community of Newark.

Dearing was a farmer who was active in Independence County politics. From 1894 to 1898 he served as circuit clerk for Independence County, and in 1911 he was appointed sergeant-at-arms for Arkansas' 38th General Assembly. The house he built for his eight children is now owned by his youngest daughter, Mrs. Lena Dearing Shipman.

The Dearing House is a white-frame, Victorian-style structure which, in 1914, was enlarged by the addition of a second storey. Several features give the house its distinctive appearance; these include the ornately trimmed porches on the east and south elevations, a two-storey bay on the east facade, metal cresting on the roof and decorative woodwork set into the gable ends. Besides being the most architecturally significant structure in the Newark community, the Dearing House is also one of the oldest still standing.

- Architecturally, the Dearing House is one of the most important Victorian-style structures in Independence County. Built by a farmer and politician,

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Gazette, April 1, 1938.

McGinnis, A.C. "First Post Offices of Big Bottoms." Independence County Chronicle, Vol. II (January, 1961).

Shipman, Lena Dearing. Interview at Dearing House, September 5, 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	6 4 1 1 6 0	3 9 5 1 8 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

12-9-75

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501)-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

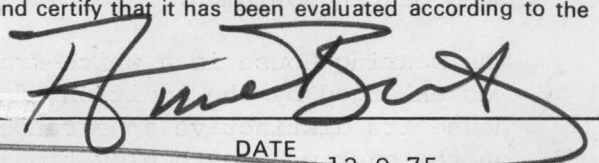
NATIONAL

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 12-9-75

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

Acting 

DATE

5/3/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:



DATE

5-3-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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the house typifies the tastes of such a man at the turn of the century. Moving the house from a declining to a growing community represented the shift in population brought about by the railroad. The Dearing House, as the last surviving structure from Old Akron, is a continual reminder of Newark's heritage from the older community.

Property Deasing House

State Ark.

Working Number 12.29.75.2261

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 3

Maps 1

pl
OK 1.5.76

A moved structure but significant primarily for architecture. ~~is~~ Also significant as the surviving structure associated with a town that has ceased to exist.

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
1-21-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

moved 1901

Accept
Selovich
1-29-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-28-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Thurp
5.3.76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Re-submit _____



Searing House
Independence County
Arkansas

east facade + south elevation

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 5/3/76

Title: Searing House

Independence Co., Arkansas

Loc. East facade and south
elevation, viewed from the
southeast.



Dearing House
Independence County
Arkansas

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(Rev. 10-74)

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Dearing House

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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Newark

___VICINITY OF

STATE
Arkansas

COUNTY
Independence

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
c. 1910 photograph of house, East facade

PHOTO NO.

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Porch detail, Northeast corner

PHOTO NO

3 43

INT: 2983-75

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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CITY, TOWN

Newark

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Independence

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

United States Geological Survey, Newark Quadrangle

SCALE

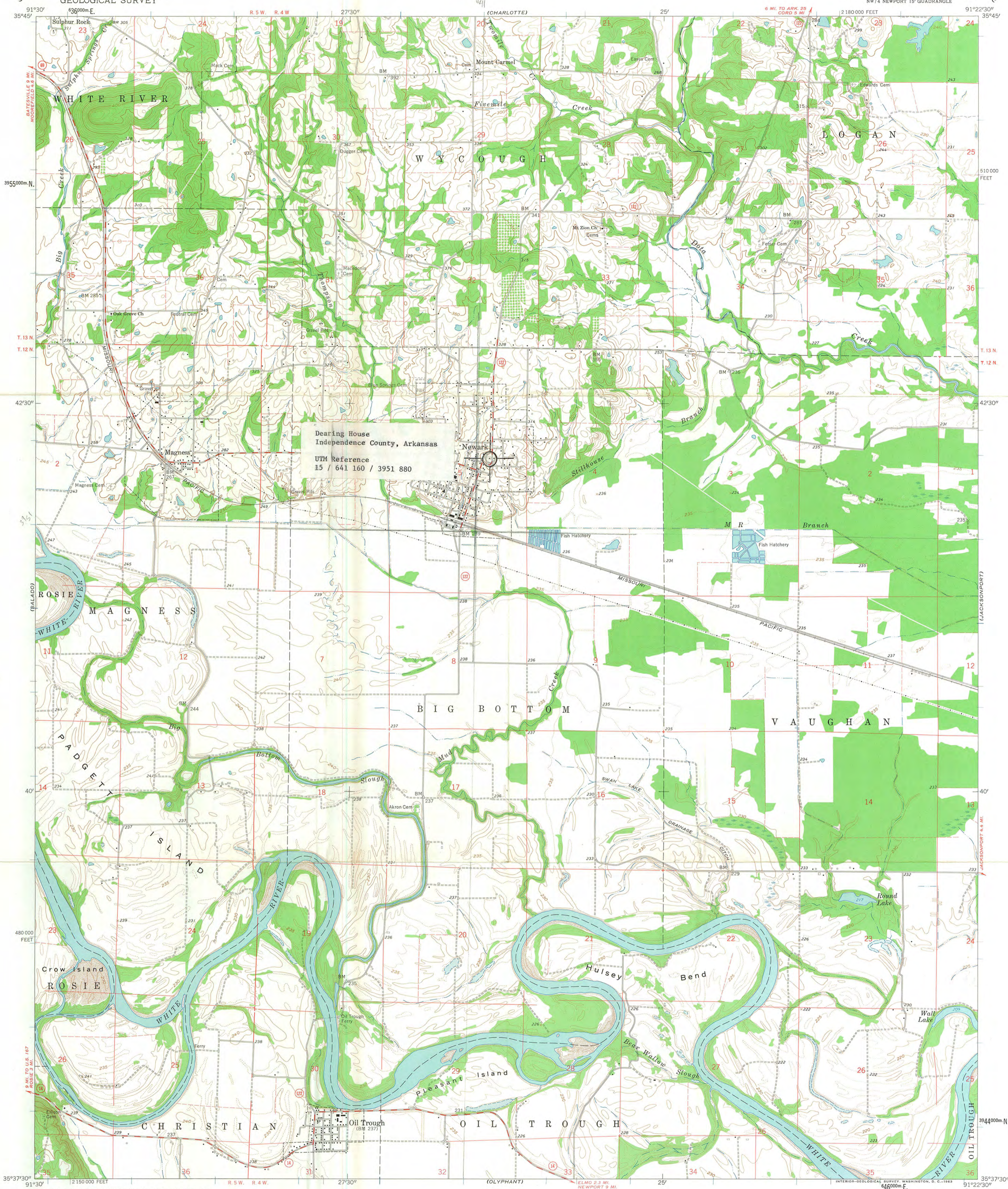
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DATE 1962

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

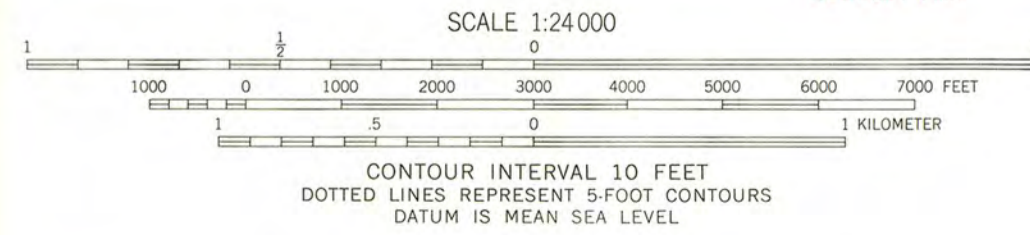
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Dearing House
Independence County, Arkansas
UTM Reference
15 / 641 160 / 3951 880

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Geological and Conservation Commission
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1961 and planetable surveys 1956 and 1962
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north 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

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1962



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

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NEWARK, ARK.
NW 1/4 NEWPORT 19 QUADRANGLE
N 3537.5 - W 9122.5 / 7.5
1962

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER 25, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MAY 3 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (St. Mary's Church)	Altus Vicinity Franklin County
Dunham, Joseph Starr, House	Van Buren Crawford County
O'Neel-Blackburn House	Daisy Vicinity Pike County
Blakely House	Social Hill Vicinity Hot Springs County
Stitt House	Hot Springs Garland County
Short-Dodson House	Hot Springs Garland County
Dearing House	Newark Vicinity Independence County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Humphreys
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Hon. Ray Thornton
Hon. Bill Alexander
Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Department of Natural and Culture
Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

✓PR:M Mott:coc 5/5/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **DEARING HOUSE** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **5-3-76** 4 county code: **063**

5 LOCATION street & number **AR 102** city / town **NEWARK** vicinity of state **AR** county **INDEPENDENCE** 6 NPS REGION: **SOUTHWEST**

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL 10 FUNDED? YES NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT **1ST** 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL if state who prepared form? 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO 15 ACREAGE **3 ACRES** LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved - 1901 good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated 17 features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 20 SAVED? YES 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY) ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **HOUSE** CURRENTLY: **DITTO** 24 dates of initial construction: **c. 1890** major alterations: **1914 - 2ND STORY ADDED** historic events: 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): **EASTLAKE ELEMENTS** 27 architect: 28 master builder: 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer: 31 interior decorator: 32 artist: 33 artisan: 34 builder/contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: **THOS. H. DEARING - ORIGINAL OWNER - PROMINENT FARMER.** EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 2 1/2 STORIES, L-SHAPED, GABLED AND HIPPED ROOF SECTIONS, INTERIOR CHIMNEY, OFF-CENTER FRONT ENTRANCE IN 2-STORY EASTLAKE RECESSED PORCH, 2-STORY PROJECTING FRONT GABLED PAVILION WITH 2-STORY POLYGONAL BAY, 1-STORY GABLED SIDE PROJECTIONS, BARGEBOARDS; 2ND-STORY ADDED, 1914; MOVED, 1901. EASTLAKE ELEMENTS BUILT FOR THOMAS HINDMAN DEARING, PROMINENT LOCAL FARMER, WITH THE COMMERCIAL DECLINE OF TOWN OF AKRON, HOUSE WAS MOVED TO THRIVING COMMUNITY OF NEWARK.**