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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

Bechle Apartment Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1000 East Ninth Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Apt.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Hampton Roy and Nancy H. Roy

STREET & NUMBER

2021 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Second & Markham

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 77 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bechles Duplex is a two story Colonial Revival structure designed by Charles Thompson. The 1909 brick structure faces south. The plan is rectangular with a hipped roof. A single dormer is centered on the front. The dormer has Palladian proportioned windows with stick work radiating from the centers. The pedimented gable is deeply inset and supported by brackets. A two-story portico runs the length of the south side. The portico has a wide frieze board with dentiled cornice, which is supported by four Tuscan columns mounted by short, brick piers.

The first on the front (south) has two single doors on the east end and on the west, a twelve over one central window flanked by six over one sidelights. Above, on the second story, the window repeats but there is only a single door.

# 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
<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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bechle duplex is significant in its associations with the commercial prosperity of a German immigrant to the United States. Little Rock, in the latter 19th century had a large population of German immigrants. The brick building was designed by Charles Thompson, the most prominent architect in Arkansas at the time. The brick apartment house is historically significant in its association with Thompson.

On September 12, 1896, Mr. G. Bechle and his wife, Elizabeth, bought the property. Mr. Johann Christian Bechle was born in 1852 in Stuttgart, Germany. In 1882, he came to Little Rock with Mr. and Mrs. Stegmar. He stayed with the Stegmar's sister Elizabeth in 1883. Mr. G. Bechle started to work in 1882 for the C. J. Penzel Company, wholesale grocers at Seventh and Sherman Streets. By the time he retired, he had become president of the company. His wife, Lizzie, worked as a homemaker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bechle died in July, 1915. Mr. Bechle asked his nephew, Mr. Otto Stegmar, and his wife, Tillie, to come live with him soon after. Upon his death in 1936, the Bechle's apartment building became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Stegmar. Mr. Bechle is buried in Oaklawn Cemetary. Mr. Otto Stegmar worked at the Houck Piano Company.

Renovation of the structure was begun in 1976 by the present owners for apartments. Located in an area of Little Rock separated from the downtown by an Interstate Highway, renovation of the Bechle Apartment Building is a first step in recognition of this isolated section of the city's historic resources.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Otto Stegmar, 1975

Abstract of the property.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Little Rock

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 0 | 3, 8, 4, 4, 2, 2, 0

B      |      |     

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C      |      |     

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 7 and 8 and the south fifty feet of lots 5 and 6, block 10, Woodruff's addition to the city of Little Rock, Arkansas.

### 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

F. Hampton Roy and Nancy H. Roy - Edited by Frezil Miller,

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

6-20-78

STREET & NUMBER

2021 Main Street

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

*Donna Bentley*

TITLE

DATE

8-23-78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

*William Helovich*

DATE

10/2/78

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*William Helovich*  
for CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

last 11, 1978

Property

*Bechle Apartment Building*

State

*Ark.*

Working Number

*8.28.78.3974*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos *5*

Maps *1*

**CONTROL**

*pl*  
*OK 8.29.78*

**HISTORIAN**

~~I~~ Found this building significant in a preliminary certification - although I remember uncertainty about it at the time. Minimal local significance in architecture - possibly commercial historical assoc.

*Shaffy*  
*9.6.78*  
*accept*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Considering the resource, Arkansas has done a pretty good job under section 8. I guess that it is a locally significant structure and a decent example of colonial revival style. However - I do have some problems with considering this a potential N.R. listing. -

*Braverman*  
*9.6.78*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

in local context, this bldg has limited, but adequate significance as early twentieth century dwelling by prominent architect and owned by successful commercial figure.

*given preliminary certification*

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept*  
*Leborich*  
*9/11/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

*Leborich for*  
*Herrington*  
*9/11/78*

**KEEPER**

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

Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Entered *OCT 2 1978*

INT:2106-74

## Missing Core Documentation

<b>Property Name</b>	<b>County, State</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>
Bechle Apartment Building	Pulaski, Arkansas	78003201

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form (Photocopy from NR present)

Photographs

USGS Map



BECHLE APARTMENT BUILDING

(Resource Name)

PULASKI

(County)

78003201

(Reference Number[s])

ARKANSAS

(State)

9/18/86

(Date form completed)

Mark Z. Bark

(Completed by)

STATUS:

1. MISSING  2. REMOVED/ DEMOLISHED  3. NHL  4. TR  5. MRA  6. OVER-SIZED  7. NPS - UNDOCUMENTED  8. DOE - OWNER OBJECTION  9. RESTRICTED

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (  ); Map(s) (); Photos (  
Available on: Microfiche (); Optical Disk (  )

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Cause for removal) \_\_\_\_\_ / / (Date Removed)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (NHL Name, if different than NRHP Name) \_\_\_\_\_ / / (Date Designated)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (If multi-state/county TR, state/county where filed and location)

\_\_\_\_\_ (TR or MRA Name)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ (If multi-state/county MRA, state/county where filed and location)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ (Location of oversize file)

7. \_\_\_\_\_ (Current source of partial documentation) \_\_\_\_\_ / / (Target Date)

COMMENTS: PHOTOCOPY OF NOM. FOUND. MAPS/PHOTOS STILL MISSING  
(Where found, or source of replacement)

9/24/86  
(Date Found/Replaced)

August 22, 1978



Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation  
and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As owners of 1000 East Ninth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, we fully understand that the tax deductions under section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 are contingent upon listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We have asked the State Historic Preservation Officer to nominate this property to the National Register and to expedite this procedure, waive the thirty day comment period.

Sincerely,

*Nancy H. Roy*

Dr. and Mrs. F. Hampton Roy

*1800 Arch  
Little Rock, Ark 72206*



September 28, 1978

Dear Bill Lebovich;

Enclosed is a new nomination for the Bechel Homes in Little Rock. The nomination which is now in your office is for one structure. We would like that one returned and the attached nomination reviewed in its place. This nomination is for two structures, one of which was originally, considered altered passed eligibility, but is now under restoration. The owners have already used the tax act. Plans for the restoration are included in this nomination and we will be overseeing construction.

*Geoff Miller*

*Beckle Government  
NR*



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

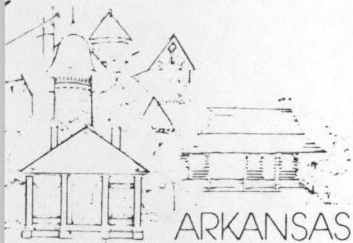
Date Entered OCT 2 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bechle Apartment Building	Little Rock Pulaski County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers  
Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.  
Honorable James G. Tucker, Jr.

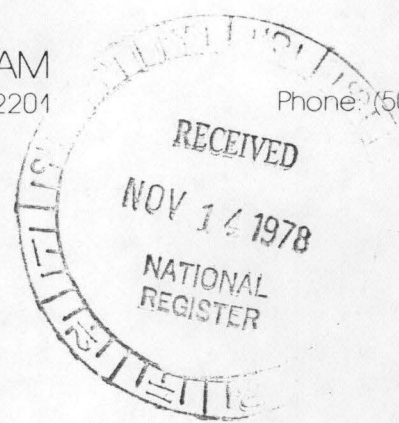
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Markham and Main Streets  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

500, Continental Building - Markham and Main - Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763



November 8, 1978

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attn: Bill Lebovich

Re: Nomination of the Bechle House  
to the National Register;  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please amend the National Register nomination of the Bechle Houses, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas to include only the Bechle House located at 1004 East Ninth Street. Please exclude the sections nominating the Bechle Apartment Building. The Bechle Apartment Building was entered on the National Register on October 2, 1978. Therefore its presence in the Bechle Houses nomination is redundant.

An explanation lies in that both Bechle properties were and are still involved with the Tax Certification process. In June, 1978, the Arkansas State Review Committee approved the Bechle Apartment Building but tabled the Bechle House at 1004 Ninth pending restoration plans. At the June meeting both structures were included in the same nomination. In August, the owners of the property requested that the Bechle Apartment Building be sent to your office as an individual nomination. In the September State Review Committee Meeting, plans for restoration of the structure at 1004 Ninth were presented and approved. Therefore, the original Bechle Houses nomination, including both structures was submitted to your office to supercede the Bechle Apartment Building nomination. However, at our request the apartment building nomination had been expedited and was listed on the Register October 2, 1978.

I do apologize for this confusion and restate my request that the nomination entitled Bechle Houses be amended to include only the structure located at 1004 East Ninth and be entitled the Bechle House.

Sincerely,

*Anne Bartley*

Anne Bartley  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

AB/STS/kt



# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Bechle Apartment Building**      ② OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_      ③ date of entry: **OCT 2 1978**      ④ county code: **119**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **1000 E. 9th St.**      city / town: **Little Rock**      vicinity of: \_\_\_\_\_      state: **AR**      county: **Pulaski**      ⑥ NPS REGION: **SW**

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

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  NABS  HAER  NHL      ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO      ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **2**      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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

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

⑰ ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown      ⑱ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO      ⑲ SAVED?  YES  NO      ⑳ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENTLY: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉔ dates of initial construction: \_\_\_\_\_ major alterations: \_\_\_\_\_ historic events: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

㉖ architectural style(s): \_\_\_\_\_      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:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP