

Survey Number LR0022Owner Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. KaufmanProperty Name Fulk BuildingAddress 300 Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Original Name _____

Location 300 Main StreetConstruction Date 1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Fulk Building has a conventional commercial plan with its entrance located on the east, or Main Street, facade. It utilizes load-bearing brick construction with interior iron posts. It exhibits Romanesque Revival details, the most notable of which are the two-story arches with limestone keystones over the third story windows. The windows on both the second and third floor are ten-light double casements; at the second, the transoms are rectangular and, on third, they are semicircular. On the east face, the windows are arranged in groups of three; on the north they are in pairs. Face brick with butter joints in common bond is the principal finish on the east elevation; the quoins are picked-out with rusticated brick. The building's crown is marked with a series of small arches over-top rectangular attic vents; this feature is underscored with simple brick dentil work and highlighted with brick corbelling. A metal name plate is set in-line with the vents. The chief alterations to the building are at ground level, where the storefronts have been given false facades.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fulk Building was built by Judge Francis M. Fulk, a prominent Little Rock attorney and property owner. Built in 1900 to replace an earlier structure that had been destroyed by fire, this building is Main Street's best visible example of late Victorian commercial architecture. The Fulk Building, and the neighboring Taylor Building, recall the era when two-and three-story brick structures lined Main Street from Markham south to Tenth Street. Several well-known local businesses have occupied the Fulk Building, including Wolf-McGrath Dry Goods Company and the England National Bank. A plaque on the side of the building identifies the site as the location of the first meeting of the Little Rock City Council.

Verbal Boundary Description Lot 12, Block 76, Original CityAcreage Less than oneQuadrangle Name Little Rock, ArkansasQuadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15Easting 566730Northing 3844910

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Little Rock Main Street MRA
State Pulaski County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Albert Pike Memorial
Temple

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

Date/Signature

11/13/87

William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/87

2. Rose Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/87

3. Fulk Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 11/13/87

4. Gus Blass Department
Store

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for Keeper

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5. Taylor Building

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for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

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6. St. Andrews Catholic
Cathedral

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

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7. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

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8. Worthen Bank Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

William B. Bushong

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9. Donaghey Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWBS OBJECTION

10. State Bank Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWBS OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Fulk Building (Little Rock Main Street MRA)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

Substantive Review

Working No. OCT 1 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 11/1/86 - 11/15/86

Action: ACCEPT 11-13-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Built by prominent Little Rock attorney Francis M. Fulk, the Fulk Building is Main Street's best example of late Victorian commercial architecture. The building has housed several well known local businesses including the Wolf-McGrath Dry Goods Company and the England National Bank.*

Recom./Criteria Accept, A3C

Reviewer Noble

Discipline Historian

Date 11/7/86

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



OCT 1 1986

Fulk Building- LR0022
Little Rock Main Street MRA
Little Rock, Pulaski Co.
Photographed by Sarah Brown, 1985
Negatives on file at AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000028