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Central High School Neighborhood Pulaski County ARKANSAS 96001555
Historic District

BOUNDARY INCREASE APPROVED


for Signature of Keeper

1-17-97

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001555

Date Listed: 1/17/97

Central High School Neighborhood

Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Pulaski

AR

Property Name

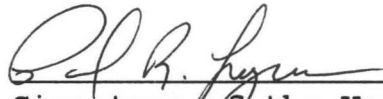
County

State

N/A

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

1.17.97

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

U. T. M. Coordinates:

The correct UTM coordinate for the church building is: 15 564320 3843350
[This point is located within the boundaries of the extended area defined by the UTM's given in the original nomination.]

Acreage:

The correct acreage is: less than one.

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary description should refer to the scaled map provided.
This area reflects the property historically associated with the church.

Criteria Considerations:

The property meets Criteria Consideration A as a religious property that derives its contributing significance from architectural and historical importance and is an integral feature of a larger historic district.

This information has been confirmed with Patrick Zollner of the AR SHPO.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 Cathryn A. Slatu
Signature of certifying official/Title

 11-1-96

Date

 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

United States Department of the Interior
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Amendment to the Central High School Neighborhood
Historic District
(Boundary Increase)
Little Rock, Pulaski County

Description

This amendment seeks to add a single contributing building to the existing Central High School Neighborhood Historic District. It thereby increases the number of contributing buildings within the district from 417 to 418.

Built in 1906, the Wright Avenue Christian Church (now known as the Church of the Living God), located at 1850 S. Park Street (the southwest corner of the intersection of Park and Wright Avenues), is a single-story, wood frame church building designed in a unique synthesis of the Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles. Its fundamentally rectangular plan is augmented only by a later, relatively small Craftsman style front porch, and a c. 1958 rear addition that projects from its western end. Its asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls all rest upon a foundation that is composed of both brick piers and continuous sections.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Wright Avenue Christian Church is architecturally unique as one of the latest known manifestations of the Greek Revival style in Little Rock, and possibly the only known example of one that blended this style with the Gothic Revival. Its immediate proximity to the southwestern boundary of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District -- a neighborhood of which it was historically a part -- makes it only logical to expand the boundary to include this building.

It is also worthy of note that in the non-historic period, this property has become the home of an African-American congregation that has used, maintained and preserved this building for the last several decades.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Central High School Neighborhood Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 12/12/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/24/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/09/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/26/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001555

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Central High School Neighborhood Historic District is amended to include the historic Wright Avenue Christian Church, which was a important focal point for cultural activity in the neighborhood. The modest wood-frame structure is compatible with the existing properties in the district in terms of materials, design, period of construction, and historic use. The original nomination noted several local churches that were an integral part of the neighborhood development in the West End of Little Rock. The Wright Avenue Christian Church contributes to the district's ability to convey the scale and importance of community development activities in the West End/Central High School neighborhood during the early twentieth century.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Boundary Increase

REVIEWER P. Lusignan DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 1/16/97

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



WRIGHT AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH (AMEND. TO CENTRAL H.S.N. H.D.)
LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI CO., AR
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VIEW FROM NORTH



WRIGHT AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH (AMEND. TO CENTRAL H. S. N. H. D.)
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DETAIL OF INTERSECTION OF ORIGINAL
SECTION & c. 1958 SECTION



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WINDOW DETAIL



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~~FRONT~~ WINDOW DETAIL



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FRONT (EAST) ENTRANCE DETAIL



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VIEW FROM NW



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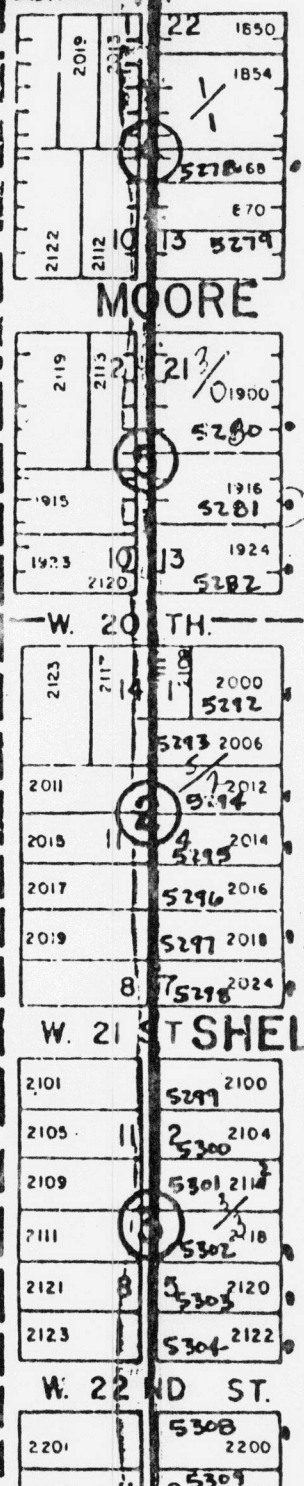
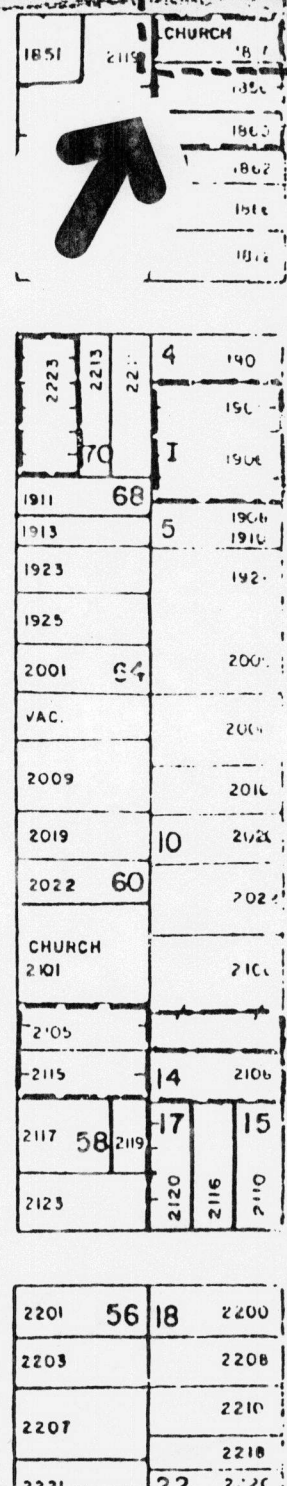
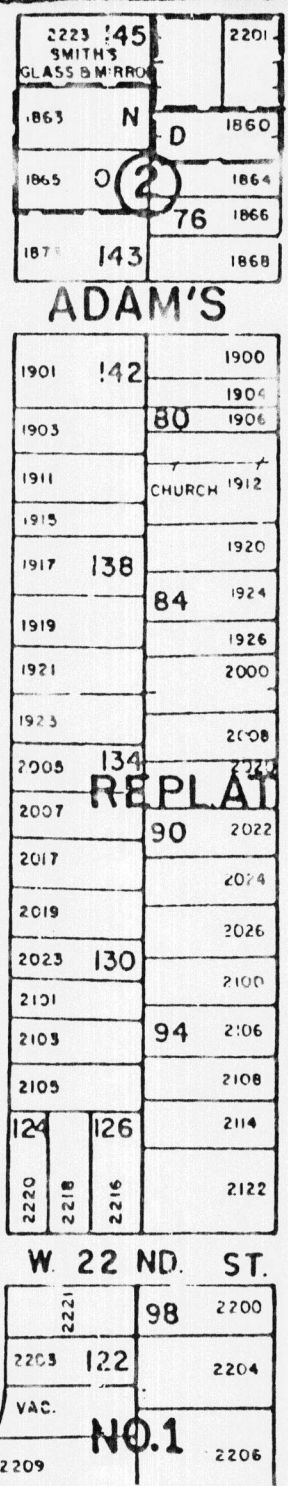
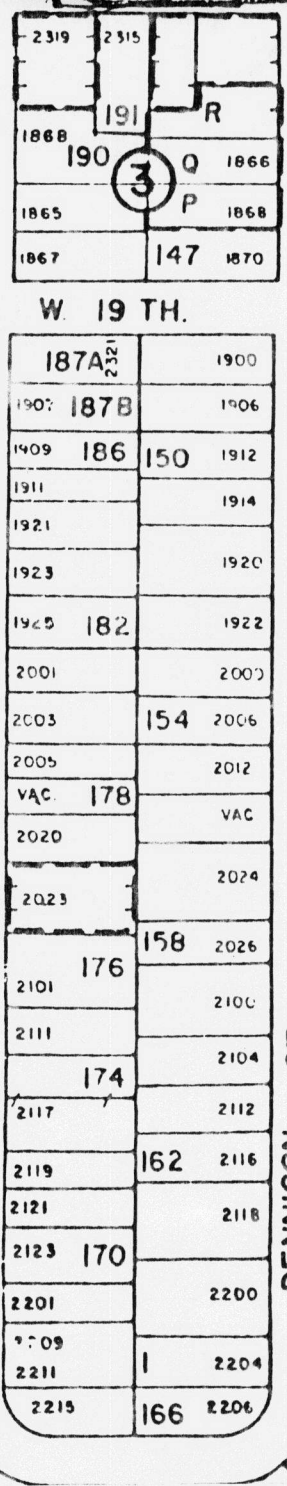
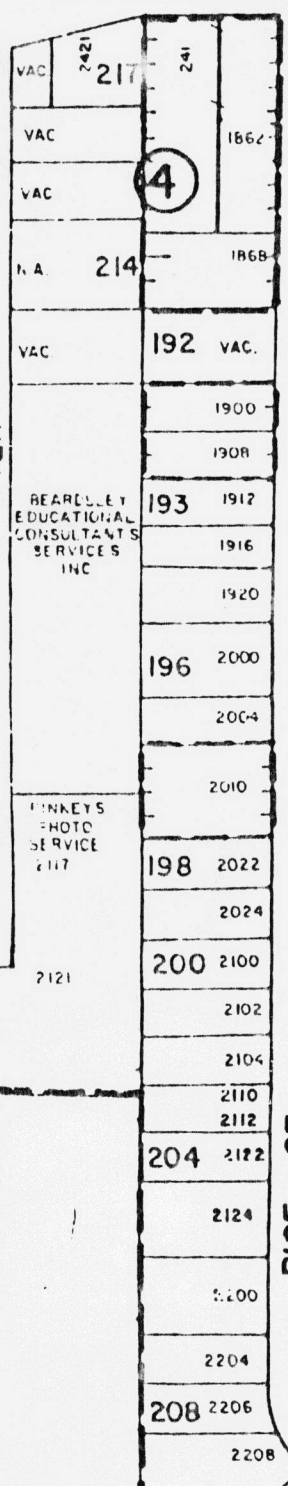
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VIEW FROM EAST

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**Amendment to the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District
(Boundary Increase)**
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Approximate Scale: 1" = 200'

Contributing Resources: ●

Original Boundary: —————

Boundary Increase: - - - - -

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(BOUNDARY INCREASE)

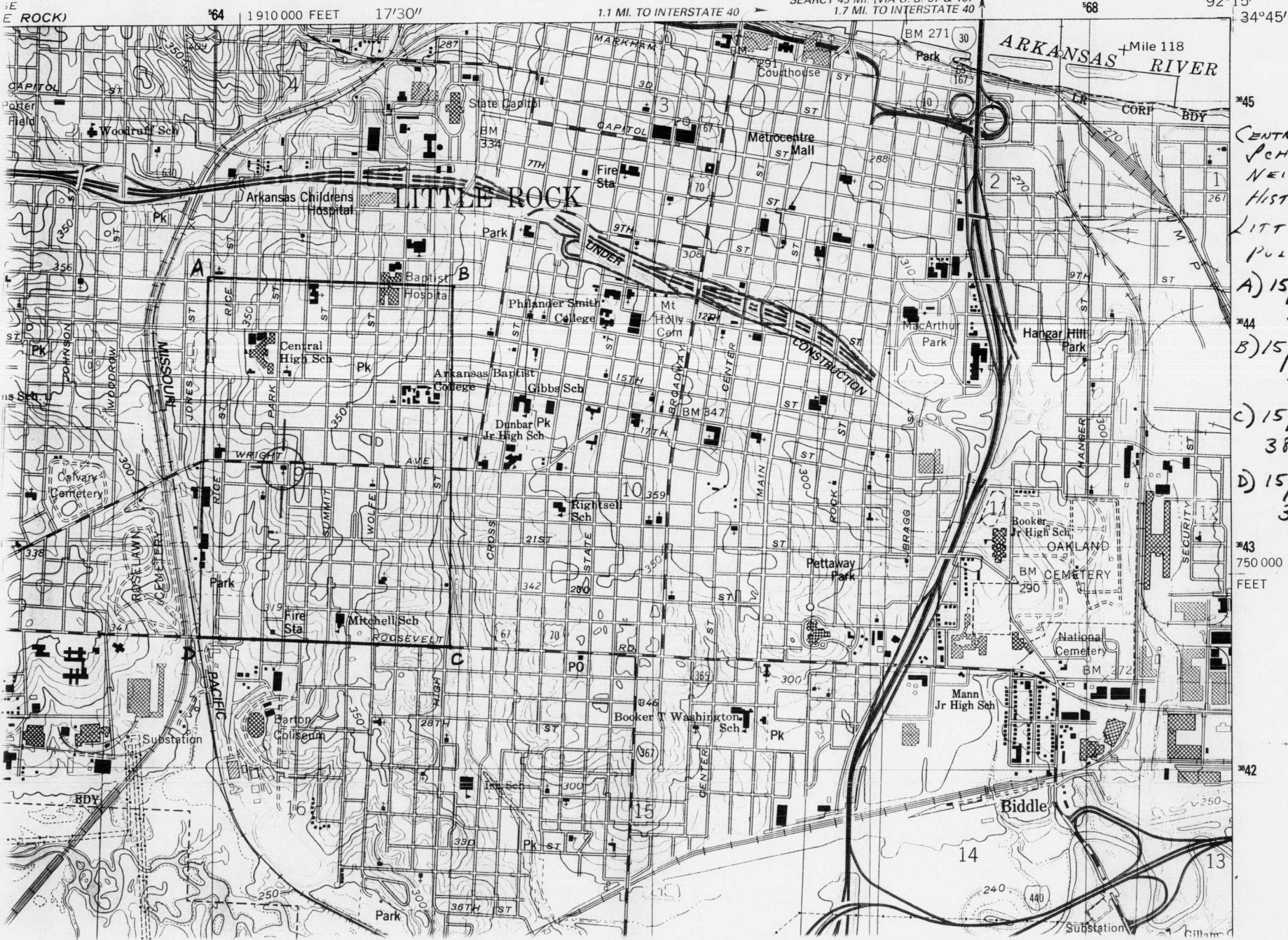
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ARKANSAS

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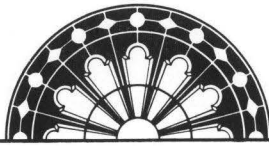
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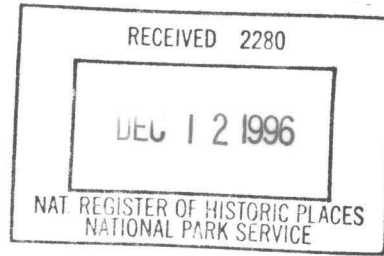
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November 1, 1996



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

RE: Wright Avenue Christian Church
(Amendment to the Central High School Historic District)
Pulaski 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

CBS:rm

Enclosures

