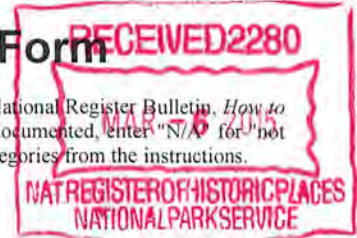


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Camp Chaffee Historic District – Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation

Other names/site number: SB1391-SB1403 & SB1405

Name of related multiple property listing:

"We've Gotta Get Tough": History of World War II Home Front Efforts in Arkansas, 1941-1946.

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

2. Location

Street & number: Roughly Bound by Ward Ave on the Southwest, Railroad spur on the southeast, Taylor Ave. Rd. on the Northeast and Terry St. on the Northwest.

City or town: Fort Smith State: Arkansas County: Sebastian

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

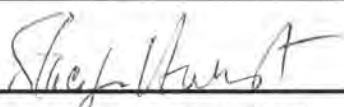
I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 X A B C D

 <hr/> Signature of certifying official/Title: <u> Arkansas Historic Preservation Program </u> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	<u>2-26-15</u> <hr/> Date
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In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
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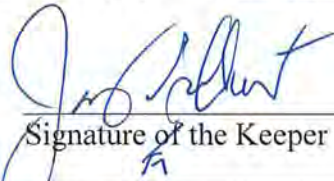
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) Accept Additional Documentation



Signature of the Keeper

4-6-2015

Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u>7</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

The updated count for the previously listed district is as follows:

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Defense: military facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Vacant

Commerce/Trade: business

Social: meeting hall

Religion: religious facility

Defense: military facility

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Plain-Traditional

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Aluminum

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

This boundary increase adds nine contributing buildings and one contributing structure to the existing Camp Chaffee Historic District, as well as accounts for vacant lots throughout the district that were not considered in the original nomination. The nine additional structures are contiguous to the current district on its eastern and northeastern border and are located on Ward Avenue, Terry Street, Redwood Drive, Taylor Ave. Road, and the southeastern boundary being a set of two railroad spur lines just southeast of Building #139. This would increase the total number of resources within the boundaries of this district to 64. Of these resources, 80 percent (51 resources total) maintain a high level of integrity and contribute to the district or are already listed. The boundary increase fits within the district's period of significance from 1942 to 1946 as the eleven contributing structures were built or added-on to during World War II. The boundary increase adds to the strong collection of support buildings and administration buildings within the district that are associated with the effective running of the military facility during World War II. The previous nomination focused specifically on the barrack buildings and support buildings associated with the housing of members of the Armored Division and non-divisional troops.

Narrative Description

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The site, on which the Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation is located, is generally set on the northwest side of the camp in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Surrounding the barracks on the northwest side of the current Camp Chaffee Historic District are the buildings associated with the officers stationed at Camp Chaffee and the Camp Chaffee camp administration buildings. Nearly all of the buildings have been clad in aluminum siding since they were constructed c. 1942. Even though many of the buildings have been clad in aluminum siding, the original weatherboard siding is still located beneath the aluminum. Several of the previous and current tenants of buildings within the district boundary have taken steps to remove the aluminum to rehabilitate the buildings exteriors to their c. 1942 cladding.

Updated information for the original section of the Camp Chaffee Historic District is being included to take into account several demolitions that have occurred because of building deterioration. Buildings #822, #824, and #857 have been demolished due to failed roofing systems that occurred during a storm. Therefore the buildings are no longer contributing to the Camp Chaffee Historic District and are being designated as non-contributing resources.

As previously stated, there are eight different types of building designs for the various one-story structures, one building design used for the two-story structures (rear of the Administration office), a fountain, and railroad tracks. Of the eight designs, the biggest difference the two groups come from the one-story structures. The one-story buildings have significant differences between the two types of building. In one type, the entire building is elevated using piers, while the other type of budding is constructed on a concrete slab; with the back half elevated using piers.

Enchanted Wedding Chapel Fountain- NC

The Enchanted Wedding Chapel fountain was constructed on the former site of Building # 129 which was used as a Recreation Building (RB-1). It is unknown at this time when the Recreational Building was razed. However, the Enchanted Wedding Chapel Fountain has been located on this location since the closure of the base following the Base Realignment and Closure in 1995.

The Enchanted Wedding Chapel Fountain consists of an inner and an outer square set of walls. The walls are constructed using local stone which is consistent with other building foundations throughout Camp Chaffee. Located in-between these two stone walls, there is backfilled potting soil/dirt which is used to allow flowers to grow around the fountain. Located within the inner stone wall, there is the pool of water used by the large concrete fountain. The fountain itself consists of a Victorian era pedestal, adorn with baby angels and lion faces. A larger baby angel sitting on top of the globe is centrally located on top of the Victorian pedestal.

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Building #130, Infirmary (I-2)-NC

Building #130 was one of 11 infirmary buildings located on Camp Chaffee by 1942. All 11 of the infirmary buildings were built identical to each other under building plan 800-1429. However, because the building was used as an infirmary, current practices called for the abundant use of natural light and the movement of fresh air throughout the building. In the original design plans for plan 800-1429, the use of ten windows on each of the two long elevations.¹ Due to the lack of windows along these long elevations, the building is not contributing to the district.

The front elevation of Building #130 contains little ornamentation and consists of only an offset entrance to the left of center and a central flue which rises out of the heater room through the ridge of the gable roof. The northwest elevation also contains limited fenestration and consists of only four evenly spaced windows. The northeast elevation consists of a central steel doorway accessed by an "L" shaped set of steps and covered by a small cantilevered porch. A one-over-one, double-hung window flanks both sides of the entranceway. Located with the gable portion of this elevation is a small, square, louvered vent. The southeast elevation also contains limited fenestration. Moving right to left across the elevation there is a similar one-over-one, double-hung window to the windows on the northeast elevation on the northeast corner of this elevation. Another similar window is centrally located on the elevation. Located between these two windows is a small, horizontal, rectangular window located along the upper-third of the elevation. Located between the central one-over-one, double-hung window and the southwest corner, there is a set of double steel-doors that allows access in to the heater room. The heater room floors are cast in concrete unlike the rest of the building which is set on piers.

Building #133 Foundation (E-3) - NC

Building #133 was used as one of seven E-3 Exchange Buildings built on Camp Chaffee. There were five other Exchange Buildings within the camp, but those other five were E-2 Exchange Buildings. These buildings provided a small assortment of goods and necessities for those soldiers and officers living on the base or camp.

Building #133 Exchange Building foundation is all that is left of the building. It is unknown at this time when the building was razed. The foundation was constructed using local stone to create the exterior of the foundation, but also probably used cast concrete piers, found throughout the camp, to support the floor joist throughout the interior of the building. None of the interior piers remain and only a 77' section of the foundation remains above ground at the time. The

¹ Library of Congress, Photocopy of War Department drawing (original located at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin). PLANS, ELEVATIONS & SECTIONS, PLAN NUMBER 800-1429 - Fort McCoy, Building No. T-351, 100' South of Intersection of East Twelfth Avenue & East "H" Street, Sparta, Monroe County, WI," Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/wi0411.photos.217265p/> (accessed on June 19, 2014).

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stone foundation is broken up into two parts separated by what was probably a door or entranceway into the building. The first section consisting of a 20' section of wall located to the right of the opening or south and another 50' section of foundation is located to the left of the opening. The second section of foundation which totals roughly 50' of foundation, consist of 18' of stone before it turns northeast and consists of 25' of stone before turning back northwest for an 7'. All of the measurements are rough estimates and not ground trothed at this time.

Building #134 (RB-1) - C

Building #134 was constructed as a Recreational facility under Plan No. 700-310. This building is/was one of ten recreation building throughout Camp Chaffee. With the loss of buildings to fire and deterioration it is unknown how many of the ten RB-1 type buildings are left between the Chaffee Crossing property and the active National Guard portion of the former base.

Front façade of Building #134 contains limited ornamentation and consists of only a centrally located set of double-glass doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. A small louvered vent is located to the left of the double entrance way to allow the heat room to vent to the exterior. Another small square louvered vent is located within the gable. The foundation of Building #134 is like other building through the camp where the building is mostly set on piers with the exception of the heat room which has a cast concrete foundation under just that room. Most of the buildings that are set on piers also have a metal skirting about the base which was added at the same time all the buildings were clad in aluminum. The northwest elevation of Building #134 consists of a set of steel double-doors that allows access into the heat room. To the left of the double-doors is an exterior concrete box with a ventilation stack that rises above the roofline. To the left of the ventilation stack and centrally located on this elevation, there is a single, one-over-one, double-hung window. To the left of that window is another one-over-one, double-hung window. To the left of and adjacent to that window is another set of steel double-doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. The northeast elevation consists of a centrally located single steel door, accessed by a large set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. To the right of the steps is a concrete pad with the HVAC system located on the pad. To the left of the entrance steps is a small room that juts out and is covered by a shed roof. The only ornamentation found on the jut out portion consists of a small louvered vent in the upper-right corner of the elevation. Another louvered vent is located just above the tip of the shed rood, while a third louvered vent is larger and located within the gable of the roof. The southeast elevation consists of a set of steel double-doors that allows access into an exterior room that is also the jut out described in the previous elevation. To the left of the double -doors is another area that juts out from the main portion of the building and consist of only a single steel door and a set of fire hose connections to the left of the door. The rest of the main portion of the building consists of only two other double-hung, windows one of which is centrally located on the elevation and the other is centrally located between the other window and the small room that juts out.

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Building #136 Foundation (CERS)-NC

Building #136 (CERS) was probably constructed under the original building contract ordered in 1941. It is shown on a planning document completed by the Black and Veatch Company, who was the architect and engineer for the project. In a later planning document from 1942, for the same area, the building is not shown. However, with the construction of Building #136 (CERS), the building was used for a Clothing and Equipment Repair Shop, which usually is designated as a type CERS-1. This type of building (CERS-1) is still located with the expansion area and will be described later. Consequently, since there are both types of building the building type CERS was probably used as a storage location for equipment and uniforms which were repaired in the larger repair shop.

All that is left of Building #136 is the solid cast concrete foundation of the long narrow building. Due to the loss of the rest of the building, it is designated as non-contributing in the district expansion.

Railroad Tracks- C

The railroad tracks located between Taylor Ave. St. and Ward Ave. were instrumental in the logistics that accompanied the establishment of Camp Chaffee. The railroad tracks would have delivered materials during the construction of the base, as well as troops and equipment once the base was established, especially the transportation of large tanks and armored vehicles which were stationed at the camp between 1942 and 1946. All of the tracks located within Camp Chaffee (Fort Chaffee) were spurs off of the main Missouri Pacific Railroad line.

The construction of the railroad tracks consist of parallel steel rails of standard American gauge, which is 4' 8.5", tied together by wooden cross ties. The rails are fastened to the ties with steel tie plates and steel spikes.

Building #137 (CERS-1) - C

Building #137 (CERS-1) was used as a Clothing and Equipment Repair Shop. This location would have probably housed a tailor for the fitting of uniforms. This location probably would have also repairs small equipment such as weapons and other small mechanical objects, but not vehicles. The building is currently used as a banquet facility due to its open floor plan.

The gable roofed building is set on piers with the exception of the heating room which is cast concrete. The building's front facade consist of one set of steel double-doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning on either side of the center of the building. The double-doors set to the left of center retain the small steps in profile, but has had a concrete wheelchair ramp added over them to allow for ADA accessibility. There are also two windows on the front façade of the building with one window located to the far right and far left corners of this elevation. The northwest elevation consists of a one-over-one, double-hung window located in the southwest corner of the elevation. To the left is a large HVAC unit that

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may have taken out a window for the placement of the ductwork. To the left of the HVAC unit are five evenly spaced one-over-one, double-hung windows. To the left of the five windows is another set of steel double-doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, however, there is no cantilevered awning over the porch like other entranceways in this area. Between the double-doors and the northwest corner of the building is a single one-over-one, double-hung window that is centrally located between the doors and the corner of the building. On the northeast elevation there is a set of steel double-doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. There are two, one-over-one, double-hung windows on either side of the double-doors. A small louvered vent is located beneath the gable on the upper portion of the elevation. The southeast elevation consists of two, one-over-one, double-hung windows on the northeast corner of the elevation. To the left of the windows is another set of steel double-doors, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, however, there is no cantilevered awning. To the left of the double-doors are four evenly spaced one-over-one, double-hung windows between the double-doors and another large HVAC unit. To the left of the HVAC unit is another set of another set of steel double-doors, which leads to the heating room. To the left of the steel double-doors is another one-over-one, double-hung window.

Building #139 (F-2) - C

Building #139 was used as one of five F-2 Fire Station Buildings built on Camp Chaffee. These buildings provided firefighting capabilities to the camp while it was active between 1942-1946 and once it was established as a fort in 1956. With the construction of fire stations, it is noted that all fire hydrants are distributed within spacing limits as provided by the war department regulations.²

Building #139 is a "T" shaped building with intersecting gables. The Front Façade of Building #139 consists of three garage bays one located for each of the fire trucks located at this location. The Foundation under this part of the building is constructed of case concrete. The middle of the three bays has been changed to allow for a smaller single entrance, while still showing the reveal of the original bay door. The northwest elevation consists of two bays with the first bay extending out past the second bay. The southwest corner of the northwest elevation consist of a single, one-over-one, double-hung window, located to the right of center, and a single, steel, door covered by a small cantilevered awning is located to the left of center on this elevation. A small louvered vent is located within the gable near the ridgeline. The building is then set back from the previous bay and contains another small louvered vent in the heating room. To the left of the louvered vent is a set of double-doors that are not covered by an awning. To the left of the steel doors is the end of the cast concrete foundation and the beginning of the piers that support the floor. At this point the floor line steps up from the cast concrete floor on a wooden floor. Located to the left of the break in foundation materials there are three, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. These windows are much higher on the elevation, with the top of the

² Post Planning Board, *Analysis of Existing Facilities: Camp Chaffee* (Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Post Planning Board, 1946), 58.

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window frame in line with the bottom edge of the roof. The northeast elevation contains only a single, central entranceway, accessed by a set of five steps and a landing area. The entranceway is also covered by a small cantilevered awning, with a small louvered vent located within the gable above the awning. Upon turning to the southeast elevation there are three, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows, with a fourth smaller, more narrow window located to the left of the third window of the three. There is no fenestration between the narrow window and the inside corner of the building before the building extends out again similar to the northwest elevation. On the portion that extends outward, there is only a single, one-over-one, double-hung window, located to the left of center with a small louvered vent located within the gable of the roof.

Building #123 (GH-2) - C

Building #123 is located along Terry St, or the former West Warehouse St. The building originally housed a type GH-2, unit guardhouse through at least the 1982, when it was used for administration purposes.³ The building was one of six of these type of building constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract. The building was built for \$33,481 though the original estimate calls for the cost to be \$20,672 per this type of building.⁴

Building #123 contains little to no ornamentation on any of the elevations, however, the entire building is set on piers with the exception of the heating room which has a cast concrete foundation and floor, while also being covered by a gable roof. The front façade of the building faces Terry Street and contains a small one-over-one, double-hung window toward the southwest corner of the elevation. There is also a single steel door, accessed by a small set of steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. The northeast elevation can be split into two bays by window arrangements. The northern half of the building contains three, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The southern half of the elevation contains two, one-over-one, double-hung windows adjacent to each other, with the third window being located near the southeast corner of the elevation. The southeast elevation contains only a single, entranceway that is offset to the right of center and is accessed by a set of seven concrete steps and a landing area. The entranceway is also covered by a small cantilevered awning. To the left of the concrete steps is a set of steel double-doors, which leads to the heating room which has the cast concrete foundation and floor. This entranceway is located at ground-level unlike the other entrances. The southwest corner of the southwest elevation contains another ventilation stack with concrete base similar to the one found on Building #134. However unlike Building #134 the ventilation stack is no longer connected by the ductwork as it was been retrofitted for modern HVAC. The rest of the elevation consists of four, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows located

³ Mott and others, *Building Information Schedule, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas January 1983: Prepared for Installation Planning Board, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas*, (Fort Smith, Arkansas: Mott Mobely McGowen and Griffin, P.A. Architects, 1983), 1.

⁴ The original paperwork shows a GH-12 and a GH-24 building type. There were no building types designed with that designation. We assume that these designation refer to GH-1 and GH-2 building types. (Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942. (U.S. Engineer Office, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, 1942), 108.)

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between the cast concrete foundation of the heating room, which contains no window openings, and the northwest corner of the building.

Building #125 (M-172) - C

Building #125 is located along Redwood Drive St, or the former Officers Road. The building originally housed a type M-172, officer mess hall that accommodated 172 people through at least the 1982, when it was used for administration purposes.⁵ The building was one of seventy-nine of these type of building constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract. However, this was the only M-172 building constructed specifically for an officer mess hall. It is not distinguished in the original building contract, but is distinguished in the project cost summary of the 1942 Completion Report. The building was built for \$8,141 though the original estimate calls for the cost to be \$8,045 per this type of building.⁶ In the initial cost estimate they had planned for seven type M-172 mess halls to be built for the officers though this is the only one ever constructed. The building is currently occupied by the Vietnam Veterans of America Organization.

The front elevation of Building #125 does not face Redwood Dr., but the northeast elevation does front the street. The building is set on a pier foundation and is covered by a gable roof. The front façade faces northwest and consist of only single, entranceway that is offset to the right of center and is accessed by a set of seven concrete steps and a landing area. The entranceway is also covered by a small cantilevered awning. The Steps have been covered by a wooden wheelchair ramp to provide access in the building. The northeast elevation is broken into three bays with the first bay containing no ornamentation. The second bay extends outward from the rest of the elevation and also contains no ornamentation, but is covered by a smaller gable roof. The third bay of this elevation consists of three, one-over-one, double-hung windows, before having a large unornamented area and then another one-over-one, double-hung window. The southeast elevation consists of a central steel doorway accessed by a small set of steps. A one-over-one, double-hung window flanks both sides of the entranceway, while a small rectangular louvered vent is located just above the entranceway. Like the northeast elevation, the southwest elevation is broken into three bays. The first bay is identical to the third bay of the northeast elevation with its windows arrangement. The second bay again extends out from the rest of the elevation and contains no ornamentation but it covered by an extension of the gable roof. The third bay consists of only two, one-over-one, double-hung windows, which are centrally located within this bay.

Building #122 Chimney (RB-3) - NC

Building #122 is located along Redwood Drive, or the former Officers Road. The building originally housed a type RB-3, Officers Recreation Building through at least the 1982, when it was used for administration purposes.⁷ The building was one of nine of these type of building

⁵ Mott and others, 1.

⁶ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 105.

⁷ Mott and others, 1.

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constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract. The building was built for \$7,950 though the original estimate calls for the cost to be \$5,300 per this type of building.⁸ This is the only RB-3 type building in this section of the base. The other eight are/were located in the east cantonment which is partial still an active base.

The remaining element of Building #122, is the chimney. It is made of local stone and still exhibits the stone hearth, mantle, and chimney flue.

Building #102 (FB-1) - NC

Building #102 is located along Taylor Avenue, or the former Headquarters Drive. The building originally housed a type FB-1, Station Finance Office Building through the base closure.⁹ The building was the only one of these type of building constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract. The building was built for \$22,316 though the original estimate calls for the cost to be \$20,617 per this type of building.¹⁰ The building is non-contributing because it was enlarged as part of the enlargement of the base in the 1950s creating a larger finance office for more employees. It is at this time that it took its "H" shape compared to its original rectangular shape. The building is currently occupied by the River Valley Community Church and the United States Coast Guard.

The front elevation of Building #102 does face Taylor Avenue. However, it is separated by the roadway by a parking area for the administration. The building is generally set on a pier foundation and is covered by an intersecting gable roof. The front face or east elevation, is broken into three bays due to its "H" shape design created after the addition. The first bay is located on the south side of the east elevation and consists of a central steel double- door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. A one-over-one, double-hung window flanks both sides of the entranceway, while a small rectangular louvered vent is located just above the entranceway. The middle bay is recessed. Along the southern wall of the recessed area there is only a small, single, one-over-one, double-hung window located within the inner back corner of the recess. Along the inner connection of the recessed area, there is only a single, central, steel, doorway that is accessed via a wooden deck that was added to the property in 2012. Along the northern part of the recessed area it is broken up into three bays. The inner bay, closest to the connection, contains no ornamentation. The third bay also contains no ornamentation but extends out from the rest of the elevation, creating what looks similar to an enclosed bay window extending off of the elevation. To the right of the extending wall, and set back along the original elevation, is a small, one-over-one, double-hung window. To the right of the small window is a small unornamented space before coming to a single steel double- door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. The entrance is near the north, inner edge of the "H" shaped design. Upon turning the corner the bottom of the northern leg of the "H" shape design is not fenestrated with the exception of the rectangular louvered vent in the gable of

⁸ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 108.

⁹ Mott and others, 1.

¹⁰ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 108.

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the roof. Upon turning the corner for the Northern Elevation more ornamentation exists and starts with in the eastern edge of the north elevation. Located just to the right of the corner is another single steel double- door entranceway accessed by a small porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. Another single, steel double-door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning is centrally located on this elevation. Centrally located between the two entrances, are two small, one-over-one, double-hung windows. To the right of the door centrally located in the elevation is a small unornamented section of building before coming to another small, one-over-one, double-hung window. Adjacent to the small window is another steel double-door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. Located between this entranceway and the northwest corner of the building, there are four, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The west elevation is similar to the east elevation in that it has three large bays taking into account the "H" shaped design. The northwest bay consists of a central steel double- door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. A one-over-one, double-hung window flanks both sides of the entranceway, while a small rectangular louvered vent is located just above the entranceway. Upon turning into the recessed area, the inner northern wall contains three, one-over-one, double-hung windows, another single, steel double-door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning, and another small one-over-one, double-hung window located within the inner corner of the "H" shaped design. Along the connection of the "H", there is a small, one-over-one, double-hung windows, another single, steel double-door entranceway accessed by a small set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. The inner southern wall contains a small, one-over-one, double-hung window adjacent to duct work for a new HVAC system. To the right of the ductwork, are two small, one-over-one, double-hung windows and a long section of unornamented elevation. Near the western corner is a small square louvered vent which leads from the heating room. Like other buildings, the entire building is built on piers with the exception of the heating room. The third bay consists of a central steel double-door entranceway accessed by a concrete wheelchair ramp and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. A one-over-one, double-hung window flanks the right side of the entranceway, while a small rectangular louvered vent is located just above the entranceway. To the left of the double-door entranceway, is a set of central, steel, double-door, which provides access to the heating room. The southwest corner of the south elevation consist of an unornamented section of wall before coming to two, small, one-over-one, double-hung windows. Adjacent to the small windows are four, larger, one-over-one, double-hung windows, which are evenly spaced. To the right of the four windows is another small unornamented section of wall before coming to another single, one-over-one, double-hung window. To the right of the single window is another long section of unornamented elevation before coming to another steel double- door entranceway accessed by a large set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. To the right of the entrance are two HVAC units located below another unornamented section of the elevation.

Building #100 (mod. A-18 and A-6) - C

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Building #102 is located along Taylor Avenue, or the former Headquarters Drive. The building, was originally buildings, and originally a type A-18 building and a type A-6 building, Station Head Quarters Building and Administration Building, through the base closure.¹¹ The type A-18 building was the only one of these type of building constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract. Though there were seven type A-6 building constructed on the camp. The A-18 type building was built for \$9,381, while the A-6 building was built for approximately \$6,020.¹² The building is contributing because the two buildings were connected during the period of significance, in order to expand the Station Headquarter building. The building is currently occupied by the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority.

Building #100 is similar to other buildings on the camp and is set on piers, with the exception of the heating room. Overall, the building is covered by intersecting gable roofs, though while it was two building parallel to each other they were each covered by a gable roof. The original A-18 type building is two-story, while the original A-6 and connection are one-story. The front elevation is symmetrical with a set of central steel, double-door accessed by a set of stone steps and porch, covered by a gable roof. Located on either side of the central entranceway, are two, one-over-one, double-hung windows. One window is located near the entrance, while the second window on each side of the entrance is located out toward each of the corners. The south elevation is broken into three flush bays designated by the two original buildings and later connection. The eastern bay contains a single, one-over-one, double-hung window, which is offset to the right of center. Offset to the left of center is a single, steel-door that provides access into the original heating room. Located within the gable is a small, square, louvered vent to provided ventilation in to the attic space. The middle bays consists of two, small, one-over-one, double-hung windows, and a single steel doorways accessed by a large set of concrete steps and porch covered by a cantilevered awning, moving right to left across the bay. The third bay consists of two-stories, the first floor contains a small, one-over-one, double-hung window along the right side of the bay, while a single steel door provides access to the heating room on the left side of the bay and is located at ground level. The second story contains two, one-over-one, double-hung windows equally spaced in the bay with a square louvered vent located within the gable. The west elevation, like the third bay of the south elevation is two-stories. Working from right to left there is no ornamentation for a long about one-third of the first floor. Following the unornamented section of wall, there is a set of steel double-door accessed by a small concrete wheelchair ramp and porch, covered by a small cantilevered awning. Between this set of doors and the opposite corner, there are three, one-over-one, double-hung windows, equally spaced across the rest of the elevation. The second story consists of three, equally spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The central window and the left windows each correspond with windows below. The north elevation also consists of three bays with the middle bay being recessed. The northwest bay contains no ornamentation except for a second story doorway located in the upper left corner of the bay. It was accessed by a zig-zag staircase with concrete steps near the bottom. The inner western wall, also two-stories, contains three, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The second story consists of three centrally located, evenly spaced, one-over-

¹¹ Mott and others, 1.

¹² Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 108.

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one, double-hung windows. The connection between the two original buildings consists of two, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The inner eastern walls contain four, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The third bay contains two, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows, with a louvered vent located within the gable.

Building #101 (mod. PO-2) - C

Building #101 is located along Taylor Avenue, or the former Headquarters Drive. The building originally housed a type PO-2, Post Office Building through the base closure.¹³ The building was the only one of these type of building constructed at Camp Chaffee during the original 1942 construction contract, though other T.O (Theater of Operation) post offices existed in a temporary fashion.¹⁴ The building is contributing because the building was expanded during the period of significance. The building is currently occupied by a CDL truck driving academy.

Building #101 is similar to other buildings on the camp and is set on piers, with the exception of the heating room, which is cast concrete and the rear recessed connection which has a concrete block foundation. The southern part of the building was original to 1942, but was expanded during World War II. Due to the addition during the war, the front façade contains three bays. The main door on the front of building is located in the original southern bay of the elevation and contains a set of centrally located steel, double-doors, accessed by a large set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a cantilevered awning. A single, one-over-one, double-hung window flanks either side of the centrally located entrance in the first bay. The middle bay has a shallow pyramidal roof, which looks flat but does have a low pitch. The elevation of this bay only contains a single, one-over-one, double-hung window, off-set to the right of center. The third bay is covered by a front gable roof contains two, one-over-one, double-hung windows, with one centrally located in the bay and the other one adjacent to it on the right. Located above the central window in the bay, is a small, rectangular, louvered vent located within the gable end. The northern elevation there are six, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows. Like the east elevation the west elevation contains three bays. The first bay is located on the north side of the elevation contains a set of steel, double-door, accessed by both a small set of concrete steps and a concrete wheelchair ramp. A small porch is covered by a cantilevered awning. A small louvered vent is also located within the gable end. The middle bay is slightly recess and only contains a single, one-over-one, double-hung window located within the southern corner of the recessed area. Along the inner southern wall of the recessed area, there is a single, steel door providing access to the heating room. The third bay faces west again and contains a set of steel double-doors, accessed by a large set of concrete steps and porch, covered by a cantilevered awning. To the right of the double-doors is a single, one-over-one, double-hung window, located between the door and the corner of the building. A small louvered vent is located within the gable-end. The south elevation consists of four, evenly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung windows.

¹³ Mott and others, 1.

¹⁴ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 108.

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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.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Military

Period of Significance
1942- 1946

Significant Dates

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Camp Chaffee Historic District is significant under Criterion A for its association with military base construction in Arkansas. Its period of significance spans the years from 1942 to 1946. The Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation adds to the Criterion A, argument in the use of the building historically. Many of the building being added to the Camp Chaffee Historic District are either buildings associated with officer living or camp/base operations. Under Criterion A, all of the structures being nominated in the boundary increase represent an additional theme of live in Camp Chaffee between 1942 and 1946. Additionally all of the structures fall into the district's period of significance.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

This boundary increase adds nine contributing buildings and one contributing structure to the existing Camp Chaffee Historic District, as well as accounts for vacant lots throughout the district that were not considered in the original nomination. The nine additional structures are contiguous to the current district on its eastern and northeastern border and are located on Ward Avenue, Terry Street, Redwood Drive, Taylor Ave. Road, and the southeastern boundary being a set of two railroad spur lines just southeast of Building #139. This would increase the total number of resources within the boundaries of this district to 64. Of these resources, 80 percent (51 resources total) maintain a high level of integrity and contribute to the district or are already listed. The boundary increase fits within the district's period of significance from 1942 to 1946 as the eleven contributing structures were built or added-on to during World War II. The boundary increase adds to the strong collection of support buildings and administration buildings with in the district that are associated with the effective running of the military facility during World War II.

Similar to the buildings located within the original Camp Chaffee Historic District, the buildings within the increase were all constructed as part of the original 1942 construction contract between the United States and the Architect and Engineer, Black and Veatch, of Kansas City, Missouri. With the planning and design started under Black and Veatch, the proposed site for Camp Chaffee included Armored Division housing, housing for two tank battalions, 834 bed hospital, warehouses, and utilities "to serve an aggregated Military[sic] population of 21,535."¹⁵ The construction of Camp Chaffee was assembled through two major programs known as the Armored Division and the Tank Destroyer Battalions. On August 6, 1941, contract plans and

¹⁵ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942. U.S. Engineer Office, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Completion Letter. i.

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specifications were sent out to eight perspective bidders.¹⁶ Of the eight perspective bidders, only four proposals were submitted. Of those four proposals, the company of A. Farnell Blair of Decatur, Georgia, came in with the low bid of \$15,512,786.25. With the bidding process completed, A. Farnell Blair agreed to the construction contract on September 5, 1941.¹⁷ It was March 26, 1942, that A. Farnell Blair completed the initial construction and layout of the camp for the Armored Division and attachment units.¹⁸

As the camp began to take shape, changes to the layout and design were always in flux, as new orders were sent down out of the Quartermaster's office. Even with the changes to the layout of the camp, the biggest changes came in the form of a new series of buildings. They were to be built at Camp Chaffee with a limited amount of labor and cost, therefore the Military went with a very simple form of building. As part of this ease of construction, "framing remained simple. Anticipated work force shortages made it necessary to use unskilled labor. Only a portion of those employed on building crews would be experienced in carpentry, so framing techniques were intentionally designed to be uncomplicated."¹⁹ The need for this plain style of construction was seen when the Office of the Quartermaster General replaced the 700 series plan, with the 800 series plan, which was new the camp was implemented in late 1941 but modified in 1942. The elements typically found in the 800 series of building include: the elimination of the skirt roof over windows, the proportions of the two-story barracks buildings, ceiling height increased by five inches, from the apron of the building to the apex of the roof was increased from 24'6" to 26'5", as well as shortening the over-hanging eave from three feet to nine inches with a boxed fascia and soffit. These elements, which were modified on creating the Series 800 building, are all found in the barracks, mess halls, company administration and storage buildings at Camp Chaffee.

Due to the timing of the changes of the Building Series from a 700 Series building to an 800 Series buildings, some of the first buildings constructed on the camp were built under the 700 Series plans. Due to the importance of the Camp Headquarters Building and the associated buildings surrounding the headquarters, many of them are also 700 Series building. A description, of which buildings are constructed under the 700 or 800 Series buildings plans, is listed in the Section 7.

Much of the buildings being added to the Camp Chaffee Historic District are associated with the daily operations of the camp including the headquarters building, the exchange building, an infirmary, and officer mess and recreation buildings. Due to their importance to the entire installation, these buildings were some of the first to be constructed in September 1941.

¹⁶ Jeffrey A. Blakely and John D. Northrip, "World War II Structures at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas" (Washington, D.C.: Department of Defense, 1991, University of Arkansas Fort Smith, Boreham Library, Library use only), 4-3.

¹⁷ Ibid, 4-23.

¹⁸ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 1.

¹⁹ John S. Garner, *World War II Temporary Military Buildings: A Brief History of the Architecture and Planning of Cantonment and Training Stations in the United States* (Champaign, IL: US Army Corps of Engineers, Construction Engineering Research Laboratories, 1993), 39.

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However, even through June of 1941, the location of the buildings was still being shifted.²⁰ On June 22, 1941, a large portion of the area included in the expansion of the historic district was changed following a visit by the "Armored Force, Quartermaster General's Office and the Zone Constructing Quartermaster's Office."²¹ The Revised layout from June 22, 1941 really effected the location of the buildings within the expansion of the historic district, while the fourth layout had no real influence on the construction of these buildings.²² The revised layout placed the warehouse area to a site to the west of the Armored Division.²³ In completing this action, it allowed for further changed to be made to the headquarter buildings. Still the construction of these buildings especially the Post office, Finance building, and Post Headquarters Building would be relocated from the center of the cantonment area, which was original going to be centrally located within the motor storage area and the armored division housing area, to an area just north of the warehouse area on September 25, 1941.

With the layout finally finished and construction underway, the A. Farnell Blair Company began to subcontract the work out to the following companies for the building:

Interstate Roofing Co., Anniston, Ala., Roofing and Sheet Metal work.
O'Pry Heating and Plumbing Co. Atlanta, Ga., Plumbing and steam heating.
George E. Reese Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., Hot Air and Duct work.
Miller Electric Co., Jacksonville, Fla., Electrical work.
Frank H. Abel, Dallas, Texas, Painting.²⁴

Only a day after the buildings were beginning to be constructed on September 18, 1941, grading was started on September 19, 1941.²⁵ Like the rest of the camp, "the railroad construction was sublet by the General Contractor, A. Farnell- Blair, to Western Contracting Corp., who retained the grading and drainage but sublet the track work to E.D. Martin Company, Dallas, Texas."²⁶ All of the "construction on the railroad track was supervised by an Assistant Engineer and an Inspector."²⁷

²⁰ Through the initial planning of the camp, there were three layouts designed for the camp during a two month time period. The original layout was presented in May 1941, the second was a revised layout completed June 17, 1941 and the third was designed June 22, 1941. A fourth layout change occurred following the June 22, 1941 visit in which barracks were supposed to house 63 men, but were changed to 74 men. Due to the increase in men, the barracks were enlarged and all previous survey work was nullified and a new survey and layout for the barrack area was completed. (Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 2.)

²¹ Ibid, 3.

²² The original layout had the housing to the east and the motor storage to the west, due to the prevailing winds. However, as part of the revised layout of June 22, 1941, they would be switched "to obtain more convenient access to the training area without necessitating heavy traffic through the housing area." (Ibid.)

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Ibid, 64.

²⁵ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 60.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Ibid.

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"Camp Chaffee is served by the Paris Branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, running from Fort Smith to Paris [Arkansas]. There were no facilities available for unloading materials in the vicinity of the cantonment site at the time construction started, the nearest track being a 15-car passing track at Barling [Arkansas], one mile west of Camp Chaffee.

The track system inside of the camp consists of a wye leading from two points on the Missouri Pacific main track, two classification tracks, one main switching lead extending through the Warehouse Area, two double-ended tracks serving the Warehouses, two crossovers connecting the Warehouse tracks with the switching lead, a spur serving a permanent end loading and unloading ramp."²⁸

While another section of track was laid on the north and east side of the camp at the same time, they are outside of the boundary expansion area. The section of track located within the expansion of the National Register Nomination were noted as being the most difficult to work on. These sections of tracks lead to the Warehouse Area and because of torrential rains in the fall, three foot of topsoil had to be removed in order to reach "stable material."²⁹ Once they reached the stable material, selected borrow material was used to "bring the roadbed [track] up to grade."³⁰

With multiple projects overrunning the seemingly wet site, the railroad tracks within the Warehouse area were finally completed and "accepted by the Office of the Area Engineer and transferred to the jurisdiction of the Post Authorities March 31, 1942."³¹

With the completion of the first railroad tracks on the camp completed in the Warehouse Area and the other tracks completed between March 31, 1942 and May 13, 1942, all of the loading and unload of the material brought into the camp was done via the main branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad which still parallels Arkansas Highway 22. Trucks would then shuttle supplies from the main Missouri Pacific railroad line to the camp site delivering supplies and materials.³²

With all of the construction being completed by multiple companies, the entire operation was "essentially" completed by May 26, 1942,³³ with the transfer of jurisdiction to the Post Authorities on the same date.³⁴ It was reported that the only thing that really slowed down the

²⁸ Ibid, 57.

²⁹ Ibid, 61.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ Ibid, 62.

³² "Highway Near Camp to Be Closed Until New Track Completed," *Fort Smith Times Record*, 10 December 1941.

³³ Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 68.

³⁴ Even though the majority were already transferred over to the Post Authority, the "last building was not transferred to the jurisdiction of the Post Authority until April 23, 1942. (Camp Chaffee, Arkansas: Completion Report, Initial Construction Program, 1942, 68).

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building process was the abnormal amount of rain in October.³⁵ However other unforeseen circumstances slowed the construction project as well. One instance involved a picket of the construction project by the Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.), who demanded jobs at the site following A. Farnell-Blair's announcement that the American Federation of Labor was the sole bargaining agent for the project.³⁶ In another instance, it was the site of the construction site that caused visitors/sightseers to move slowly down the highway and caused trucks to be hindered in moving from the supply source to the campsite.³⁷ Though it had no effect on the speed at which the construction team worked, once the United States declared war on Japan in December 1941, security at the construction site became much tighter with increased civilian guards. However, by December 14, 1941 the camp site had already secured more than 250 guards for the Camp Chaffee construction site.³⁸

The Post Headquarter area along with the other affiliated buildings provides an opportunity to explain military history to those that come to see what is left of what was Camp Chaffee and later Fort Chaffee. With the divisions serving in all magnitudes of military and social life throughout the Camp Chaffee area, it is easy to see the history start to fade, as Camp Chaffee is lost in the record books. Thus keeping the barracks and other buildings associated with the life of a soldier during World War II only helps continue to maintain the military heritage that the area around Fort Chaffee has been living since 1817. Expanding the Camp Chaffee Historic District to include the buildings located with the Post Headquarter Area and Officer's Area would greatly increase the educational experience for those that visit the site.

³⁵ Ibid. 98. (It should also be noted, that the A. Farnell-Blair Company "credit[ed] ... for the contractor's efforts and accomplishment[s] in preparing the buildings to take troops on or before the completion dates," but that the all other aspects suffered due to lack of adequate direction and coordination. (Ibid.)

³⁶ "Fort Smith Camp Project Picketed," *Joplin News Herald*, 23 September 1941 and "CIO Threatens Army Camp Work," *The Camden Times*, 25 September 1941. What is interesting to note, is that by 1955 the Congress of Industrial Organizations had merged with the American Federation of Labors.

³⁷ Wagner, Ralph, "Chaffee Chatter," *Southwest-Times Record*, 1 March 1942. 6.

³⁸ Wagner, Ralph, "Chaffee Chatter," *Southwest Times Record*, 14 December 1941.

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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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Fort Chaffee Barracks Museum

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): SB1391-SB1403 & SB1405

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 22 (Total Acres after addition 42)

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

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Or
UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Zone: 15 | Easting: 381735 | Northing: 3908479 |
| 2. Zone: 15 | Easting: 381975 | Northing: 3908241 |
| 3. Zone: 15 | Easting: 382016 | Northing: 3908307 |
| 4. Zone: 15 | Easting: 382107 | Northing: 3908517 |
| 5. Zone: 15 | Easting: 382110 | Northing: 3908452 |
| 6. Zone: 15 | Easting: 381991 | Northing: 3908753 |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Starting at the corner of Terry Street and Ward Avenue, go southeast to the southern edge of the double set of railroad tracks just south of Fort Chaffee Boulevard. Then follow the railroad tracks until the tracks intersect with Taylor Avenue. Go north on Taylor Avenue until you come to the northern entrance of the Camp Headquarters area. To go west to the northwest corner of the Camp Headquarter area for turning south where the road intersects with Terry Street. Turn west along Terry Street until you reach the original starting location.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary increase is adjacent to the original boundary of the historic district. It is being expanded to meet the needs of a constituent, who is using state tax credits. That constituent was the driving force behind the nomination, and after looking at the properties on the block, it was evident that they would add to the historic architectural and cultural nature of the Camp Chaffee Historic District.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town: Little Rock state: AR zip code: 72201
e-mail _____
telephone: _____
date: July 25, 2014

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase

City or Vicinity: Little Rock

County: Sebastian

State: Arkansas

Photographer: Callie Williams

Date Photographed: May 15, 2014

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Perspective of the northeast corner of Building #123. Camera facing southwest.

Photo#2 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Perspective of the southwest corner of Building #123. Camera facing northeast.

Photo#3 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the Front (West) elevation of Building #130. Camera facing east.

Photo#4 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the South elevation of Building #130. Camera facing north.

Photo#5 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the North elevation of Building #130. Camera facing south.

Photo#6 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the Front (North) elevation of Building #125. Camera facing South.

Photo#7 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the West elevation of Building #125. Camera facing east.

Photo#8 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the East elevation of Building #125. Camera facing southwest.

Photo#9 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the Front (West) elevation of Building #134. Camera facing east.

Photo#10 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
Additional Documentation_0010)

Photograph of the North elevation of Building #134. Camera facing southeast.

Photo#11 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and
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Photograph of the remaining chimney of Building #122. Camera facing south.

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Photo#12 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0012)

Photograph of the railroad tracks that are entering the Warehouse area of the base from the Historic District expansion area. Camera facing west.

Photo#13 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0013)

Photograph of the Front (West) elevation of Building #137. Camera facing east.

Photo#14 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0014)

Photograph of the South elevation of Building #137. Camera facing northeast.

Photo#15 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0015)

Photograph of the East elevation of Building #137. Camera facing west.

Photo#16 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0016)

Photograph of the Front (West) elevation of Building #139 or fire station. Notice the bay door area still visible. Camera facing east.

Photo#17 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0017)

Photograph of the South elevation of Building #139. Camera facing north.

Photo#18 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0018)

Photograph of the railroad tracks that are entering the Warehouse area of the base from the Historic District expansion area. These railroad tracks represent the southern boundary of the expansion area. Camera facing west.

Photo#19 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0019)

Photograph of the North and West elevations of Building #139. Camera facing southwest.

Photo#20 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0020)

Photograph of the East elevation of Building #102. Camera facing west.

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Photo#21 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0021)
Photograph of the East elevation of Building #100. Camera facing west.

Photo#22 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0022)
Photograph of the South elevation of Building #100. Camera facing northwest.

Photo#23 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0023)
Photograph of the North elevation of Building #100. Camera facing south.

Photo#24 (AR_Sebastian County_Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation_0024)
Photograph of the East elevation of Building #101. Camera facing west.

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Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation,
Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas



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



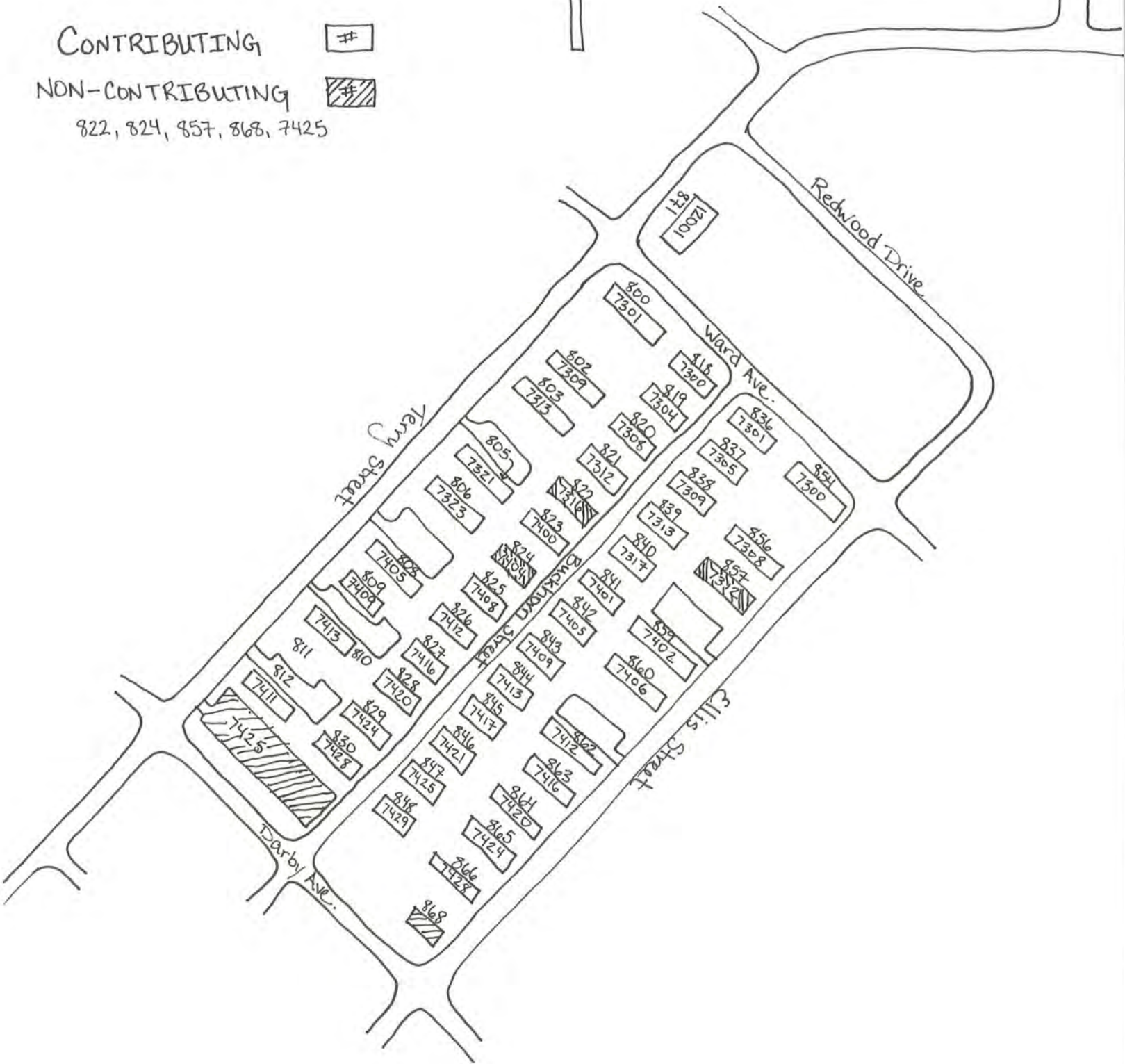
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Camp Chaffee Historic District
Updated Map Jan. 28 2015



CONTRIBUTING 
NON-CONTRIBUTING 
822, 824, 857, 868, 7425



Reflects Additional Documentation for original nomination 11/20/15 693

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E (5)	Zone: 15	Easting: 382110	Northing: 3908452
F (6)	Zone: 15	Easting: 381991	Northing: 3908753

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Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Addition Documentation – Contributing and Non-Contributing Map, Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas



Camp Chaffee Historic District Boundary Increase and Addition Documentation –

Photo Map, Fort Smith, Sebastian County



123





A brick chimney with a white metal flue pipe extending to the roof.

A small brown awning above the door.

A brown door with a small window.

Concrete steps with a wooden handrail leading to the door.

A grey electrical meter mounted on the side of the house.

130

A larger house with a green roof and light-colored siding in the background.





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134



A two-story building with light-colored horizontal siding and a green roof. A tall, rusted metal chimney stands in front of the building, supported by a concrete base. The building features a set of stairs on the left side and another set of stairs on the right side. A brown door is visible on the right side, with the number 134 above it. There are several windows on the left side of the building.

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137







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The building is a long, single-story structure with a green roof and yellow horizontal siding. It features a gabled section on the left side with a brown roofline. The main body of the building is rectangular with a long, low profile. There are several windows: one in the gabled section and four along the side of the main section. Two chimneys are visible on the roof. The building is situated behind a set of railroad tracks with gravel ballast. In the background, there are other buildings, a stop sign, and a utility pole under a cloudy sky.

STOP



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Sundays 10 a.m.
modern worship, classic Christianity

River Valley
Community Church



Fort Chaffee
Redevelopment Authority

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Camp Chaffee Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE NAME: World War II Home Front Efforts in Arkansas, MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 3/06/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/21/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001202

DETAILED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 4-6-2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Return Comments Addressed
Accept AD & B1*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER J. Galt DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/ see attached SLR Y/

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Camp Chaffee Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE NAME: World War II Home Front Efforts in Arkansas, MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 12/12/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/21/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/05/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/27/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001202

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1-21-2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: *Needs*
See Comments map w/old
J New boundaries
Status of old

RECOM./CRITERIA *Return*
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PROPERTY NAME: Camp Chaffee Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: World War II Home Front Efforts in Arkansas, MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sebastian

DATE RECEIVED: 8/11/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/26/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1-28-2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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National Register of Historic Places Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name: Camp Chaffee Historic District (Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation), Sebastian County, AR

Reference Number: 14001202

Reason for Return

The Camp Chaffee Historic District (Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation) nomination is being returned for technical correction.

Section 3 has Criteria A and C checked, while Section 8 checks (and supports) only Criterion A. Please un-check Criterion C in Section 3, or check it and defend it in Section 8.

The nomination does not include a site/sketch map (see page 61 of Bulletin 16A). The map should clearly show the boundaries of the newly nominated area, as well as the previously listed area. The map should also indicate the status of properties in the boundary increase as well as the previously listed area, since some have changed from contributing to noncontributing. If it is not too cluttered, a photo key can be included on the map. If this makes the map too hard to read, please provide a separate photo key map.

The location map provided indicates six UTM coordinates (A-F) but only five (A-E) are noted in the legend. Please provide all six. Also, please consider numbering them instead of using letters, in order to match the information in Section 10.

The narrative for the boundary increase should explain why the area nominated was not included in the original nomination and why it should now be appended as a boundary increase.

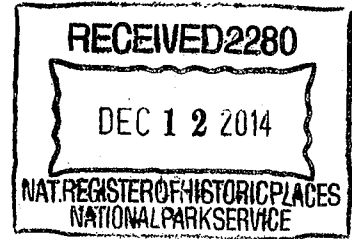
We appreciate the opportunity to review this nomination and hope that you find these comments useful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (202) 354-2275 or email at <James_Gabbert@nps.gov>.

Jim Gabbert, Historian
National Register of Historic Places
1/28/2014



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Dear Ms. Shull:

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 Travis Ratermann of my staff at (501) 324-9874. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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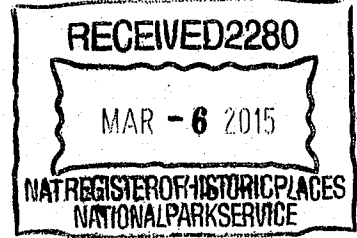
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Dear Mr. Loether:

We are enclosing for your review the **resubmittal** of the Camp Chaffee Historic District- Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation 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 Travis Ratermann of my staff at (501) 324-9874. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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