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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC *
 * Howell-Garner-Monfee House
 AND/OR COMMON
Monfee House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
300 West Fourth Street ___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
 CITY, TOWN North Little Rock URBAN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 STATE Arkansas VICINITY OF Second CODE
CODE 05 COUNTY Pulaski CODE
05 119

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Andrew J. Monfee
 STREET & NUMBER
300 West Fourth Street
 CITY, TOWN North Little Rock VICINITY OF STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk's Office
 STREET & NUMBER
Pulaski County Courthouse
 CITY, TOWN Little Rock STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Howell-Garner-Monfee House, built c. 1906, is a two-and-one-half storey brick structure which is rectangular in plan. The roof is hipped with wide eaves and four pediment dormers. A semi-circular porch runs across the east and north sides. The porch has a dentiled cornice and brick pillars.

The entrance door has a transom composed of semi-circular shapes joined by a straight piece. The side-lights are one-over-one and double-hung. The door has a large fixed-glass panel. Between the door and side-lights are engaged columns with Ionic capitals.

The interior of the house has had little alteration. The east side of the porch has been glassed in to create a sun room, and a modern kitchen has been added on the previously existing back porch.

The flooring in the house is oak. An oak stair with two turns leads to the second floor from the entrance hall. To the side of the stair, at the first turn, is a built-in oak bench.

The house has three significant fire places. Two are of cut Arkansas marble and were added c. 1940. The original mantle is an ornate "pattern book" design with Griffins holding up the top shelf. French doors lead to the front parlor from the entrance hall.

The Howell-Garner-Monfee House rests on its original corner lot in a quiet residential neighborhood just north of the Arkansas River. Just across the street to the east is the Manees House, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located west of North Little Rock's original business district is one of the city's most historically significant residential neighborhoods. Several of the remaining houses date from the early twentieth century and reflect the city's most prosperous neighborhood in that period. One such structure is the Howell-Garner-Monfee House.

Constructed about 1906, the house is an architecturally significant residence reflecting the period in which it was built. Just to the east is the Manees House a late 19th century structure which was added to the National Register of Historic Places on August 6, 1975. To the west is the Faucette-Farmer-Gray House, built c. 1912 and significant for both its architectural features and historical associations. The continued existence of these three structures, lying along the south side of Fourth Street, is necessary for the neighborhood to retain its historic significance.

The Howell-Garner-Monfee House is a two-and-one-half storey structure with a very fine brick veneer. A one storey porch, encircling the east and north elevations, features a boxed cornice with a decorated frieze. Similar trim appears on the gable ends and cornice of the gabled dormers. White wood trim and cast stone lintels and lugsills contrast the red brick wall surface. The interior of the house retains most of its original features, including the oak stairway in the entry hall and moulded trim and corner blocks around windows and doors.

Dr. Andrew R. Howell, a noted North Little Rock physician, is believed to have been the first owner of the house. In 1925 Mrs. Laura Garner purchased the residence and rented the upper bedrooms. For over thirty years Mrs. Garner operated a boarding house in her home. The house now belongs to Mrs. Garner's nephew, A. J. Monfee, and continues to serve as both a private residence for the owner and a boarding house.

Like the Manees House and Faucette-Farmer-Gray House which flank it, the Howell-Garner-Monfee House is important as one of the last representatives of what was once North Little Rock's most prosperous residential neighborhood. These three houses are an important record in bricks and mortar of North Little Rock's history.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 R. L. Polk and Company, 1907
 Thaxton, Margaret Faucette. Telephone interview, 30 August, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frezil Miller, Dianna Kirk

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

13 September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500 Continental Building, Markham and Main Streets

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

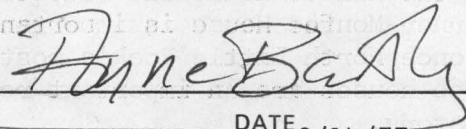
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley



TITLE

State Historic Preservation Program

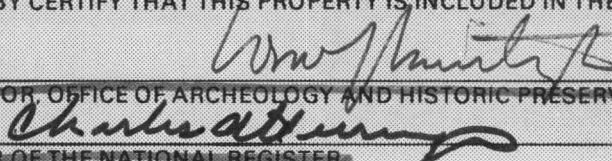
DATE

9/14/77

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

ATTEST:



KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1.4.78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1.3.78

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Howell-Garner-Monfee House
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Please make the following corrections:

7 Description

paragraph 2 line 1 change entrance door to window located on porch
paragraph 2 line 3 change door to window

8 Significance

Paragraph 3 line 2 strick veneer

Property

Howell - Garner - Monfee House

Pulaski CO.

State

Ark.

Working Number

11.14.77.1855

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TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl 11.15.77

HISTORIAN

I still don't understand its significance except that it is ^{one of} the last representatives of the ^{prosperous} town's residential neighborhood. So why not do a district? Agree w/ Bell 12.9.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

If this were part of a district I could accept it. However, I can't see nominating it on the basis of architecture, even if it were the last house in the town.

Reject 12.9.77 Brasham

ARCHEOLOGIST

Can they find out more about occupants i.e. be certain about Dr. Howell's occupancy

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

spoke with Diana; very little remains of neighborhood destroyed by urban renewal. House is unusual for North Little Rock which has little from this early in twentieth century along with other houses nominated, it conveys sense of early North Rock's finest neighborhood. Also details in windows, domers, pitch of roof, brickwork reflect period of construction and are therefore significant

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept Laboviel 12/12/77

BRANCH CHIEF

House is a good example of its type, period and location. Since much of neighborhood has been destroyed, this represents a survival. Owner wants to preserve and is suing local Redevelopment agency.

1.3.78

KEEPER

1.4.78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

3.7.78

Re-submit _____

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Howell - Garner - Monfee House
North Little Rock, Arkansas
Bob Dunn, photo 1977
AHPP

north facade, viewed from the north

#1

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Form No. 10-301a
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COUNTY

Pulaski

STATE

Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 1977

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

North facade, viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

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Howell-Garner-Monfee House
North Little Rock, Ark.
Bob Dunn photo Aug., 1977

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South (rear) and east elevations, viewed from the southeast

PHOTO NO.
2



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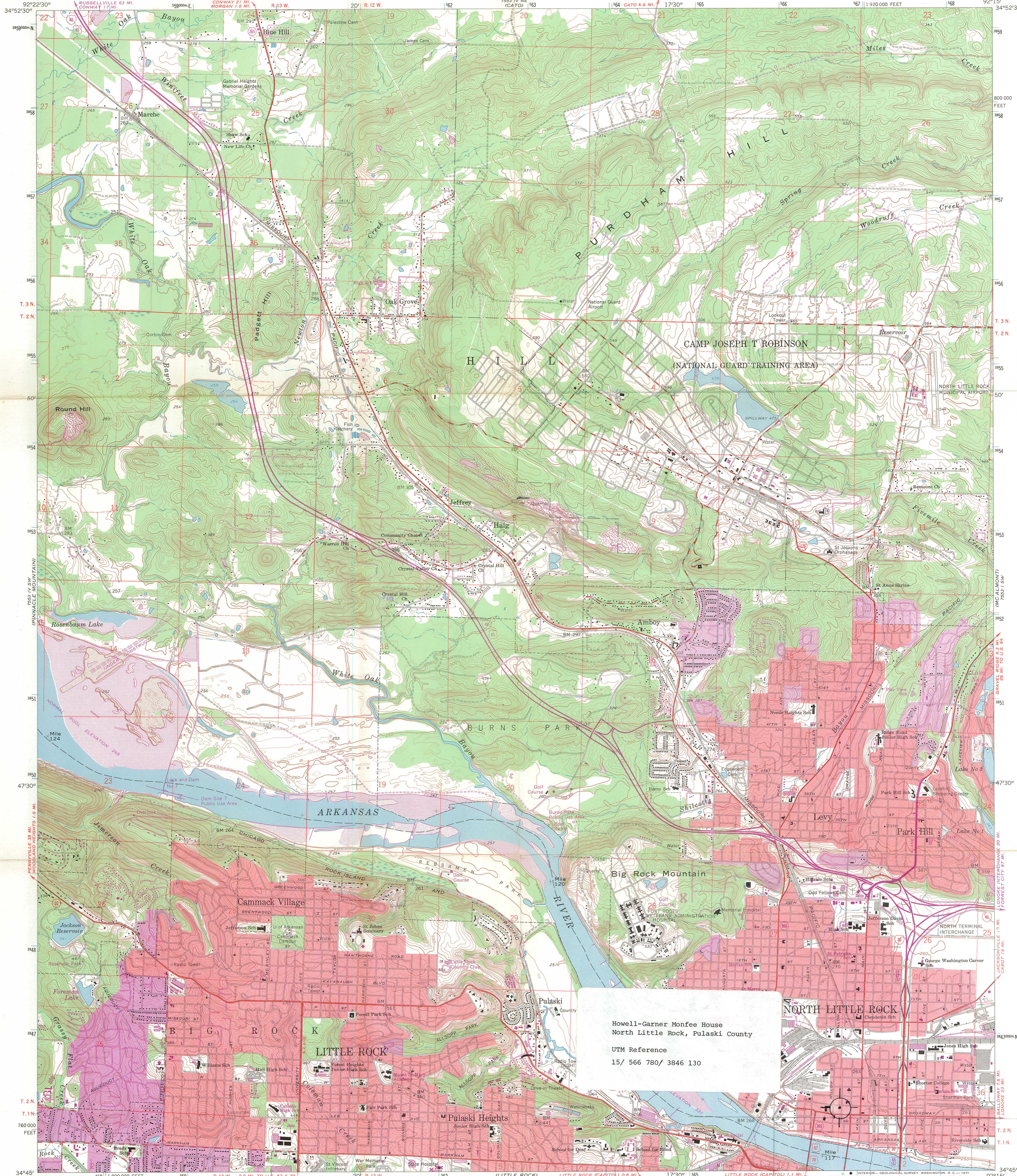
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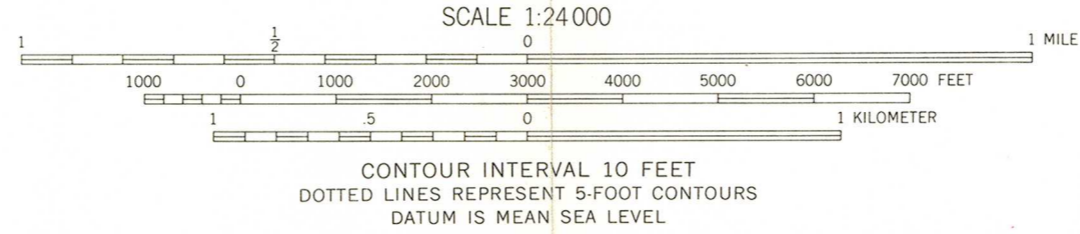
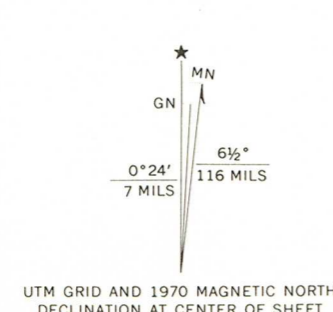
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

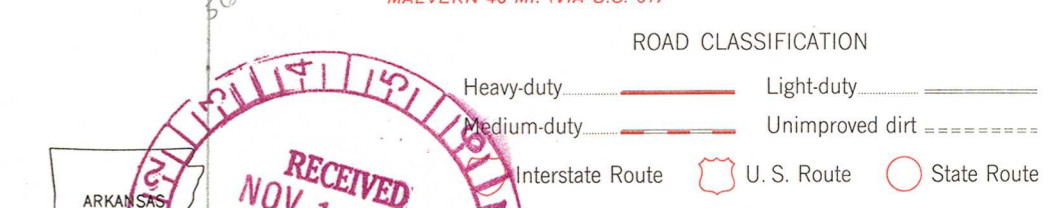
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
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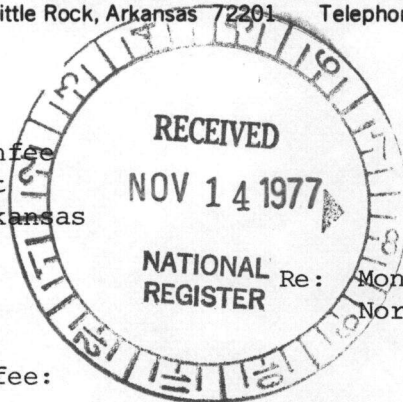
ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

August 10, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Monfee
300 West Fourth Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas



AUG 16 1977

Re: Monfee House
North Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Monfee:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Monfee House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Dianna Kirk of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.

X Yes No

Comments: *We would like to preserve this home, live in it and restore it ourselves and are willing to do so.*

15 Aug. 77
Date

Mrs. A. J. Monfee, A. J. Monfee
Signature



*see James
Peter Faucette House
(North Little Rock) nomination
for phone log
response*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NORTH LITTLE ROCK URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

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P. O. BOX 5510

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72119
(501) 372-0256

MAYOR
EDDIE POWELL

DIRECTOR
OLEN THOMAS

November 17, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Our agency has recently learned that you are considering adding at least two properties in the City of North Little Rock located at 300 West 4th Street and 316 West 4th Street, to the National Register of Historic Places. Our agency wants to be placed in opposition to these structures being included. For the past 10 years, the City of North Little Rock, through its Urban Renewal Program, has been in the process of redeveloping the downtown area of the City of North Little Rock. The properties described above are included in the properties to be acquired. The structures are old and dilapidated, but there is certainly nothing historic about the structures.

We have just received a copy of the documentation and material submitted to the National Register of Historic Places and would like to have an opportunity to object to the submission. This will be done as soon as the City's legal and architectural departments have had an opportunity to review the submission. The Mayor of the City of North Little Rock has now learned of the proposal and will also communicate his objections to adding these structures to the National Historic Places.

Action was taken by the North Little Rock Urban Renewal Agency to condemn these properties in January of 1975 and the Court is now asking that the cases be tried. The property owners have been successful in getting the cases delayed from time to time and we are of the opinion that the attorneys are trying to get these structures included in the National Register of Historic Places to further delay

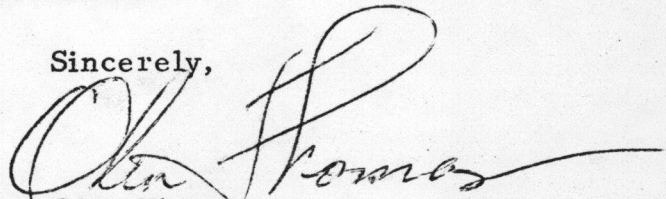
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Dr. William J. Murtagh
Washington D. C. 20240
November 17, 1977

the redevelopment activities in the area.

I would appreciate your consideration of our objections to the application before you placing the above described properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Olen Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Olen Thomas
Executive Director

OT/pt

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JAN 4 1978

Name

Location

Howell-Garner-Monfee House

North Little Rock
Pulaski County

Faucette, James Peter, House

North Little Rock
Pulaski County

Also Notified

Hon. Dale Bumpers

Hon. Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.

Hon. James G. Tucker, Jr.

Regional Director, Southwest Region

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1/5/78

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

PULASKI^{CO}, ARK.

November 30, 1978

Mr. Robert Embry
Acting Assistant Secretary
Community Planning and Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Embry:

We have been informed by Ms. Anne Bartley, Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer, that the ~~Monfee~~ and Gray Houses, North Little Rock, Arkansas, properties that are included in the National Register of Historic Places, will be affected by the Westgate Urban Renewal Project. We have also been advised that the Department of Housing and Urban Development may be involved in this undertaking through its support and involvement in the Urban Renewal Agency of North Little Rock.

Please investigate this matter to determine whether your agency's involvement requires the comments of the Council pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. If you have further questions, please call Michael C. Quinn at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Signed

Louis S. Wall
Assistant Director
Office of Review and Compliance, Denver

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ORC:Quinn
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SHPO:AR
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