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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Matthews-Bryan House

other name/site number: PU 0093

2. Location

street & number: 320 Dooley Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72116

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of "Edgemont in Park Hill"

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**  
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd \_\_\_\_\_ 4-2-92  
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**  
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Alonzo Byrd 6/1/92  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

RECORDED IN THE  
National Register

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Domestic Secondary Structure

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Domestic Secondary Structure

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and 20 Century Revivals/  
English Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Brick roof Other/Composition Shingle  
walls Stone other Stucco  
Brick Wood/Weatherboard

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
Community Planning and Development  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1930-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1930-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Designed by Frank Carmean/  
Built by the Justin Matthews Company  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

Distinguished by the use of a variety of sheathing materials, the Matthews-Bryan House is yet another of Edgemont's variations on the English Revival style. A steeply-pitched cross gable and broad chimney dominate the house's main facade, which has changed little since the residence was constructed in 1930.

**Elaboration**

One of the three houses erected on Dooley Road before the Depression, the Matthews-Bryan House faces north on a site originally comprised of a lot and a half. The one-and one-half-story house has a steeply-pitched, side-gabled roof with a front-facing cross gable. Veneered with stone, the cross gable contains the house's main entrance, which is flanked by small, multi-paned windows. Directly above the entrance, a small round window is centered in the gable.

Adjacent to the east side of the cross gable; a broad chimney rises above the ridge of the main roof. The chimney is stone-veneered from the foundation through the eave line, where the stone gives way to brick. The same mixture of materials is found elsewhere on the main (north) facade. Stone veneer is used on the cross gable and the portion of the facade to its east; the section of the facade west of the cross gable is brick-veneered. The east and west ends of the house are veneered accordingly: stone on the east end; brick on the west end. The rear (south) facade of the house is veneered with brick.

Two hip-roofed dormers are located in the north face of the main roofline. The walls of the dormers are stuccoed, as are the walls of three dormers located in the main roof's rear (south) face. Each of the rear dormers is different: the one farthest to the east has a hipped roof like the dormers on the north side of the house; the center dormer has a gabled "saltbox" profile, with weatherboards covering the gable end; and the west dormer has a shed roof. The gable end of a one-story ell that projects south at right angles to the rear facade also is sheathed by weatherboards.

All of the house's original windows either are multi-paned casements or have six-over-six, double-hung sashes. Shortly after buying the house in 1959, the present owners had panes of fixed glass installed to enclose a porch located at the east end of the house. This porch enclosure is the only significant alteration that has been made to the house.

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The original hip-roofed, brick-veneered garage and maid's quarters still stands at the rear of the property, where it is connected to the southwest corner of the house by a brick archway. Although it has been converted to use as a home office/workshop, the garage generally retains its original exterior form.

Inside, the Matthews-Bryan House shares two characteristics in common with many of its pre-Depression Edgemont neighbors: the liberal use of arches and rough-textured plaster walls. Of particular note is the barrel-vaulted hallway that runs from a sunroom at the east end of the house to the kitchen at the west end. Also of interest is a vintage circular shower stall, its original black and white tile intact, located in the first-floor bathroom.

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**Summary**

Criteria A and C, local significance

One of the last houses built in the Edgemont section of Park Hill before construction was halted by the Depression, the Matthews-Bryan House--like most of its neighbors--has a history that speaks of the effects of the Depression. The house is of significance architecturally largely because of its unusual English Revival-style design, which utilizes several different wall materials.

**Elaboration**

Built speculatively in 1930 by the Justin Matthews Company, the Matthews-Bryan House was sold in August of that year to Henry G. Clok and his wife, Dixie, for \$12,950. The Cloks made only a \$100 cash payment and financed the balance with two mortgages one for \$8,000 to Prudential Insurance Company and a second for \$4,850 to Metropolitan Trust Company. The sale to the Cloks was short-lived; the transaction was canceled in May of 1931, after the Cloks had been able to make only one of their mortgage payments.

Following a pattern typical in Edgemont, the house then was occupied by renters until 1940, when it was purchased by Stuart L. Bryan, a statistician with the U.S. Agricultural Marketing Service, and his wife, Thelma. Three years later, the Bryans sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Howard French, who, in turn, sold the house in 1959 to the present owners.

Altered only slightly since its construction in 1930, the Matthews-Bryan House is an unusual example of a popular 1920's architectural style, as well as a reminder of the effects the Depression had on Edgemont's development.

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## **Bibliography**

Little Rock-North Little Rock city directories for the years 1928 through 1959.

"Lot 5 and the East Half of Lot 4, Block 105, Park Hill," file at Metropolitan Trust Company, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Pulaski County Deed Records: Book 213, p. 167, Book 243, p. 90; Book 267, p. 566. Book 294, p. 83.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>568240</u>	<u>3848780</u>	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

East three-quarters of lot 4, all of lot 5, and the west one-half of lot 6; block 105, Park Hill Addition to the City of North Little Rock

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the lot areas originally platted for the construction of this resource, and additional area that has since been added to the property since the construction of the historic buildings.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72206

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Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of Edgemont in Park Hill MPS ARKANSAS

	Substantive Basis	Date Listed
COVER		<u>6/1/92</u>
1. Cherry House	Substantive Basis	<u>6/1/92</u>
2. England, Joseph E. Jr., House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
3. Jeffries House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
4. Kleiber House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
5. Matthews--Bradsham House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
6. Matthews--Bryan House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
7. Matthews--Dillon House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
8. Matthews--Godt House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
9. Matthews--MacFadyen House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>
10. Owings House	Substantive Basis	<u>6/1/92</u>
11. Young House	Entered in the National Register	<u>6/1/92</u>

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CLASSIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

COUNT

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

FUNCTION

PROPERTY NAME: Matthews--Bryan House

MULTIPLE NAME: Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of Edgemont in Park Hill MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 4/17/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/01/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/17/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/01/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000560

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6/1/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in National Register

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acresage  
UTM  
verbal boundary description  
boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps  
USGS maps  
photographs  
presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

RECOM./CRITERIA  
REVIEWER  
DISCIPLINE  
DATE

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

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Matthews-Bryan House, 320 Dooly Rd. (PU 0093)  
North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Feb. 2, 1991

Main facade, looking south.

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPR



Matthews-Bryan House, 320 Dooley Rd. (PU 0093)

North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Feb. 2, 1991

View looking southwest

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP



Matthews-Bryan House, 320 Dooley Rd. (PU 0093)  
North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Nov. 20, 1990

Entry hall, looking south  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP



Matthews-Bryan House, 320 Dooley Rd.  
North Little Rock, AR (PU 0093)  
Cheryl Nichols  
Nov. 20, 1990

Bedroom/rear hall, looking east.  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP



Matthews - Bryan House, 320 Dooley Rd. (PU 0093)

North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Feb. 2, 1991

View looking southeast

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP



Matthews-Bryan House 320 Dooly Rd. (PU 0093)  
North Little Rock, AR

Cheryl Nichols

Nov. 20, 1990

Rear facade, looking north

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

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

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