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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Crow, Oscar, House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 404 Washington Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Star City

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Lincoln

code: AR 079

zip code: 71667

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	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: N/A

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 9-1-92  
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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**Entered in the  
National Register**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_ Delores Byrd 10/5/92  
    \_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
fn Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt  
walls WOOD/Weatherboard other N/A

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: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1929-1936

Significant Dates: 1929

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

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Verdue, Robert and Doug  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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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>606530</u>	<u>3755790</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

Beginning at a point 10 chains and 51.34 lengths North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 9 S, Range 7 W, thence west 264 feet; thence south 57 feet; thence east 264 feet; thence north 57 feet to the place of beginning, all in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 9 S, Range 7 West.

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

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: August 31, 1992

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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**Summary**

The Oscar Crow House is a single-story, wood frame residence designed in the Craftsman style. Though not a true shotgun house in plan, it does feature a gable end front entrance set beneath an open porch and a series of rooms placed directly behind. The house has recently been restored, including the removal of a later shed addition to the rear and the replacement of the original front porch balustrade. An historic (though not original) combination garage/tool shed is also included in the nomination.

**Elaboration**

The Oscar Crow House is a single-story, wood frame residential building designed in a restrained interpretation of the Craftsman style. Though it is not a true shotgun house in plan (the rooms do not recede from the front entrance in a strictly linear fashion), it does feature a gable end front entrance set beneath an open porch and a series of rooms placed behind. There are no masonry chimneys. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the novelty sided walls rest upon brick piers.

The eastern or front elevation features the gable end of the roof above a recessed porch that is supported upon two box columns. A rectangular vent is placed in the center of the upper "pediment" section, directly beneath the gable peak. The wall of the recessed porch beneath is symmetrically organized, with a central, single-leaf entrance separating two identical three-over-one wood sash windows. The box columns are ornamented by a simple wood balustrade.

The northern, side gable facade is fenestrated by four irregularly-placed three-over-one wood sash windows. The southern elevation is lit by a single three-over-one wood sash window in the eastern, slightly-recessed wall, and another identical window just to the west. The western elevation features a recessed porch also, and is entered via a single-leaf door to the north that is flanked by two pair of modern six-over-six sash windows. The projecting porch roof is supported upon four turned posts.

Given the simple, restrained nature of this home, the significant exterior details are rather few. The exposed rafters that accent the roofline and the three-over-one wood sash windows throughout comprise the bulk of the detail.

The interior is simply-appointed, as it has always been, with unornamented plank moldings

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throughout and little other ornament of note.

The alterations to this structure have been limited to the addition of the balustrade on the front porch and the gable roof rear addition that replaced a shed roof addition that was probably historic, though not original.

Also included in the nomination is the combination gable/shed roof garage/outbuilding that is currently undergoing restoration. This structure, constructed three years after the house itself, is largely intact and historic.

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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The Oscar Crow House is eligible under Criterion C locally as the best example of a restrained version of a Craftsman style residence. The exposed rafters, the two-tier, asymmetrical roof line and the three-over-one windows are all characteristic elements of this style.

**Elaboration**

In 1929, Star City, the county seat of Lincoln County, was a small town of approximately 1,000 people. Lincoln County was then, as now, a rural county bisected diagonally (northwest to southeast) by Bayou Bartholomew, the customarily-understood boundary between the Mississippi alluvial floodplain and the Gulf coastal plain. The main industries were agriculture, with the primary crops being cotton and timber.

The Crow family first settled in what is now Lincoln County in 1850. Several generations remained in the area, and Randolph Crow, the father of Oscar Crow, the first resident of this structure, moved to Star City in 1927 to open a store on the courthouse square with his son. After the first store burned, Oscar and his brother Willie Bob established Crow Drug on the south side of the square in 1928. This business prospered and remained in business until 1955.

The Oscar Crow House was built by the brothers Robert and Doug Verdue, two well-known local builders in Star City of the period. It was built for Oscar Crow and his wife, Hazel Vick Crow. Unfortunately, the couple lived together in the house only a few years, as Oscar died five years later, in 1934.

Ironically, it was Oscar's passing that may have been the primary reason that the house has survived in such good condition, as it was typically the expanding needs of a growing family that resulted in the alteration of many residences through the addition of more rooms and the rearrangement of original interior floor plans. The Oscar Crow House suffered the addition of only a single shed room on the rear of the house in 1936, seven years after its construction; otherwise the interior of the house has remained as it has always looked. As simple as it is, the Oscar Crow House remains an intact example of the simpler, more economical housing that prevailed for the less wealthy, local middle-class laborer and merchant that were the economic backbone of many such small communities as Star City. As such, the Oscar Crow House remains an excellent example of one of these early twentieth century vernacular residences that modern architectural history has only really begun to appreciate in the last ten years.

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## **Bibliography**

Interview with Leta Bailey Crow; October 1, 1991.

Interview with Bobbie Ann Verdue; October 17, 1991.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Crow, Oscar, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lincoln

DATE RECEIVED: 9/08/92      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/22/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/8/92      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/23/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001343

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    10/8/92    DATE

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National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY 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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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



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VIEW FROM EAST



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VIEW OF GARAGE/OUTBUILDING FROM WEST



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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST



OSCAR CROW HOUSE

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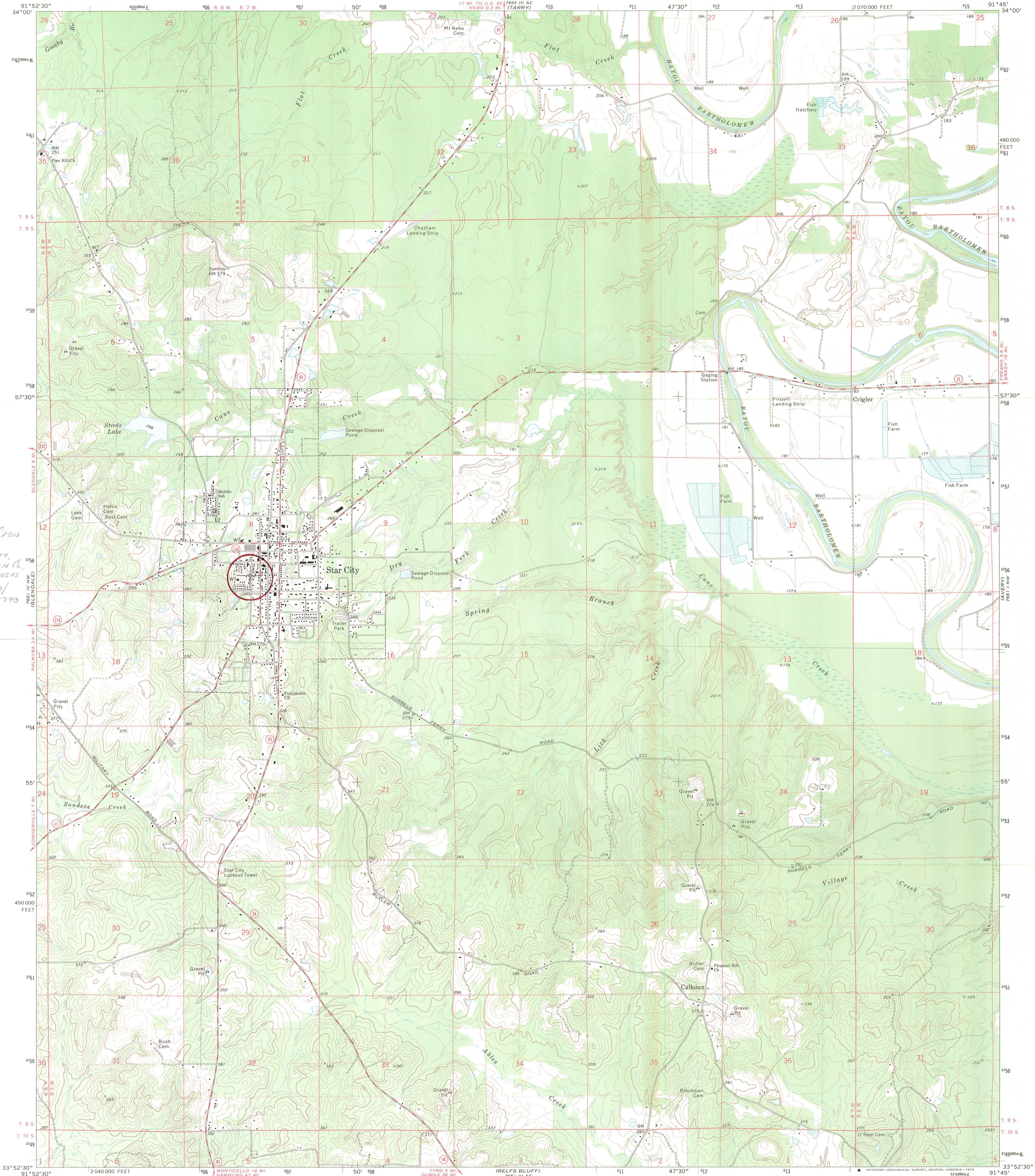
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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

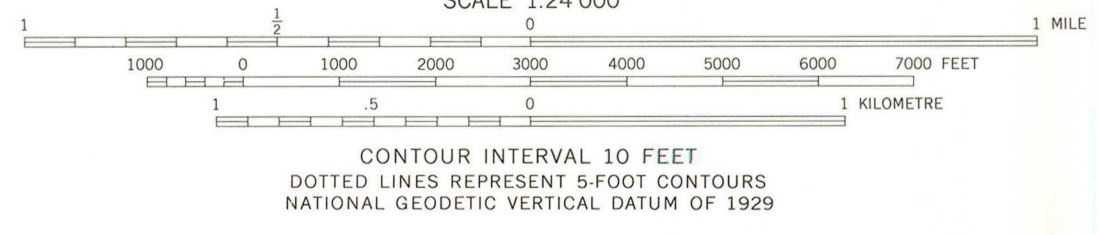
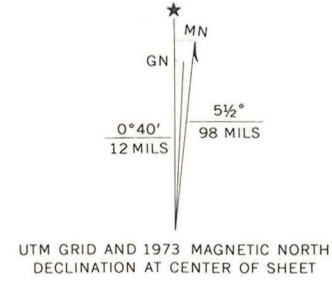


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Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973  
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate  
system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

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STAR CITY, ARK.  
NE 1/4 STAR CITY 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3352.5—W9145.7.5  
1973  
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Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1100 "L" Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Oscar Crow House  
Star City, Lincoln County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:kg

Enclosures

