

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

MRA No. 80

Property Name Merrill House

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Property Owner ______ John Mack_____

Location 617 S. Sixth, Rogers

Address 617 South Sixth Street

Construction Date <u>c. 1917</u> Survey No. <u>1858</u>

Rogers, AR

DESCRIPTION

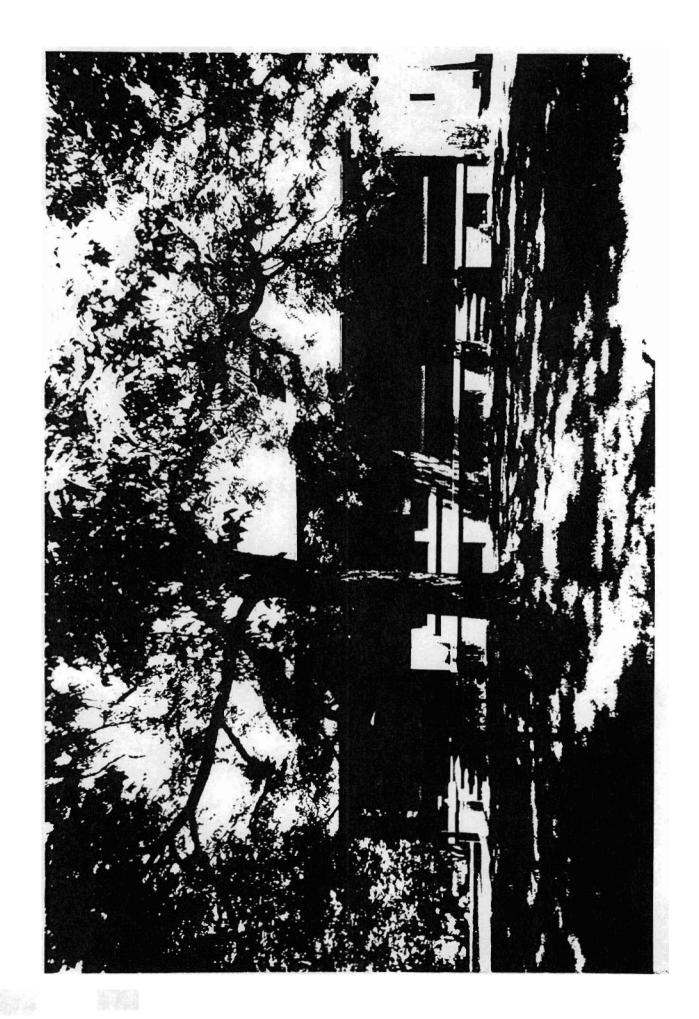
The Merrill House is a one-story brick cottage facing south at the corner of Sixth and Pine Streets. The horizontal nature of the cottage, the hipped roof with wide overhangs and bell-cast silhouette, the grouping of windows, and the linear image created by combined stone and brick suggest strongly that the designer of the house was familiar with the Prairie School of architecture. A central projecting wing with a triplex of windows is flanked by covered porches. The porch on the east, with screened openings, is somewhat longer than the one on the west, which is enclosed only by a brick balustrade. A limestone beltcourse encircles the house at floor level. All windows have limestone sills.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Area of significance: Architecture

A. W. Merrill, owner and designer of this unique house, commissioned John Myler, leading mason of the region, to do the brick and stone work in 1917. Although it was a reconstruction of an old home built c. 1880, the only visible remains of the old house are in the attic. A. W. Merrill was a woodworking craftsman, operator of a small lumber yard and cabinet shop, and, with his brother, designer and fabricator of fine furniture. The house, with undeniable traits of Prairie Style architecture, reflects Merrill's familiarity with the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, and is significant as the only structure in the city of that period which shows such architectural influences. It has had no alteration since it was built and is now owned by an architect bent on maintaining its integrity.

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