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

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Dunn House**

CA6013

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Arkansas Highway 4

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hampton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Calhoun

CODE

013

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 **Allen J. Dunn**

STREET & NUMBER **Route 1, Box 8**

CITY, TOWN **Hampton**

VICINITY OF

STATE **Arkansas**

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Calhoun County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER **Courthouse Square**

CITY, TOWN **Hampton**

STATE **Arkansas**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dunn House was built in 1909 by Mrs. L. M. Dunn and her four sons to serve as a home for the family. Constructed by Will Black when the Dunn farm was a small operation, the house shows a simplistic architectural style indicative of frugal, pragmatic, and, yet, artistic builders.

The one-and-one-half storey clapboard building is L-shaped with medium gable roofs over each section. The projecting eaves have boxed cornice and plain frieze. Three single-unit chimney stacks surmount the house, with two on the front slope and one straddling the ridge of the rear section.

A large gable dormer, with overhang, emerges from the center of the front slope. There is wood siding of an imbricated pattern under the cornice of the dormer. Beneath the imbrication, there is a small eyebrow window, which is divided by two mullions into three lights.

An enclosed balcony projects from the gable end of the east elevation. This balcony is above a single-storey porch; the floor of the balcony is built into the roof of the porch. The balcony has a hipped roof with decorative brackets and gingerbread trim under the boxed cornice.

An element of classicism is suggested by the eighteen Doric columns that support the roof of the porch. This porch gives a light and airy effect due to the spacing of the slender columns. The porch, gently curving around the southeast corner of the building, extends across the front (south) and east elevations and a portion of the rear (north) elevation.

The windows in the house are rectangular with double-hung sashes and plain moulding. The architraves of the main front and rear entries and of the balcony entry consist of blind-and-flush transoms and flanking glass panels. Another entry, that to the kitchen, is a simple wooden door.

Lumber for the house was sawed from choice pine timber at the small Dunn sawmill, which was operated across the highway from where the house is now located. The lumber was stacked and dried for approximately two years before it was used in the construction of the building.

The bottom of the house is about a foot above ground level on a foundation of brick stilts. Huge 3" X 14" pine floor joists, almost entirely free of knots, are typical of the structural strength of the house.

The interior of the house has features that further suggest classical design. The fireplace in the main hallway has Doric columns supporting the mantelpiece, and Corinthian columns support the mantelpiece in the master bedroom. A two-run, open-well stairway leads to the second floor.

There have been no additions or major changes to the building, and it remains in an excellent state of preservation. The Dunn House is a typical

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example of the type of home that was owned by a successful farming family
in Calhoun County, Arkansas in the early 20th century. .

18 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Will Black

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dunn family became established in Calhoun County when pioneer settler James S. Dunn moved to Arkansas from Georgia in 1843. He selected farming as his pursuit in life and established an occupational trend that was to be followed by several generations of the Dunn family.

Lucius Dunn, grandson of James Dunn, began his farm on a small plot of land west of Hampton, Arkansas. He raised cotton, operated a cotton gin and ran a small saw mill for his own use. Lucius Dunn died at age fifty-four in 1899, leaving his prospering farm in the hands of his wife, Emma, and their sons.

The Dunn family continued to provide for themselves and, in 1909, built the Dunn House. The one-and-one-half storey clapboard home with an L-shaped plan was the headquarters for the varied Dunn enterprises. Builder Will Black included such features as a large gable dormer in the center of the front slope and an enclosed balcony that projects from the gable end of the east elevation. Nelson Thornton is credited with doing the woodwork trim ranging in delicacy from the large Doric columns that support the porch roof to the smaller columns of the fireplaces.

As the farm continued to grow and develop, the Dunns sustained an image of being good neighbors. They made their house available as an overnight station for people traveling from Camden and Locust Bayou to trade at Hampton. No charge was levied for the hospitality, and the Dunns seemed to welcome the inconvenience to themselves as opportunities for friendship.

By the 1930's the Dunn farm had grown to encompass over 1,400 acres of farmland. Emma Dunn had died in 1923 and the name of the Dunn holdings evolved to the "Dunn Brothers," referring to Allen and Gary Dunn. Not only had they increased the size of the farm, but they sought to incorporate innovative methods in the growing and production of their crops.

The size and productivity of the Dunn cotton gin increased over the years. The Dunn's first cotton gin was located across the highway from the Dunn House, and it relied on a lone horse for operating power. In 1914 the Dunns built a modern steam-powered cotton gin, the first of its kind in Calhoun County. Located on U.S. Highway 167 in Hampton, the gin had six gin stands with seventy saws on each stand to separate the seed from the cotton. The gin was capable of turning out over 800 bales of cotton per year.

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Another feature of the Dunn plantation was the development of livestock. The herd consisted of over 100 head of choice Guernsey, Jersey, Hereford and Black Angus cattle.

All activity on the Dunn plantation radiated from the Dunn House. First under the direction of the widow Emma Dunn, the house has remained in the Dunn family for all but one year of its existence. When Emma Dunn died in 1923, Guy Dunn and his family made it their home, while Allen Dunn lived in Hampton. After Guy Dunn died, his wife sold the estate in 1966 to Dr. D. H. Allen, a physician from Wichita, Texas. About one year later, the present owner Allen J. Dunn, the great-nephew of Lucius and Emma Dunn, bought the house and five acres of land from Dr. Allen.

For over a century the Dunns were Arkansas farmers. Because of their energy and initiative, they achieved much success in south Arkansas agriculture. This success crowned the family's endeavors in sawmilling, cotton-ginning and cattle-raising, as well as in the growing of cotton. At the same time, the Dunns were successful in their social dealings in south Arkansas. Their image as dependable and courteous neighbors spread to much of Calhoun County.

Today the Dunn House still stands, unaltered and functioning. Its appearance of strength and solidity is reflective of the family which built and occupied it for so long. The Dunn House is a significant reminder of the economically and socially successful farmer of south Arkansas in the early 20th Century.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	5 4 4	6 1 3 0	3 7 1 0	6 1 2 0	B							
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			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

Paul McCormack

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

December 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

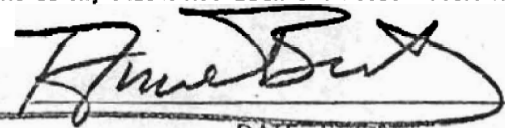
NATIONAL

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 Officer

DATE 12-9-75

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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