

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED CWO 109  
DATE ENTERED

**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

Dr. Charles Fox Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Mike Meyer House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

420 Drennan Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Crawford

CODE

033

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Mike Meyer

STREET & NUMBER

420 Drennan

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

STATE

Arkansas 72956

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Crawford County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

STATE

Arkansas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**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 Charles Fox Brown House, built in 1867, is a single storey, five bay house, ell-shaped in plan. The front section, facing northwest, is composed of two rooms with a central hall. The ell wing, extending to the southeast, contains two rooms. On the north side of the front section is an attached room built with the original dwelling to serve as a surgery. **There have been minor alterations, including a brick addition built to the rear of the ell wing, a frame addition with screened porch southwest of the ell wing, and partial enclosure of the porch within the rear ell.**

The house is constructed of brick which has been painted white. The roof covering the main section is gabled, with a lower gable roof over the surgery. Under the dormered gable articulating the entrance is a flat-roofed three-bayed porch. A second porch, partially enclosed, runs the length of the ell wing.

The main entry has a seven-light transom with triple lights in the sidelights. The porch posts are bracketed as are the eaves on the porch and front dormer. There is a stepped brick raking cornice beneath the front dormer. A pair of round arched windows accents the gable end above the entry.

Windows on the northwest are double-hung, six-over-six lights, and are slightly recessed. They are flanked by inoperable shutters. On the northeast are two sets of double windows, each double-hung with two-over-two lights. The surgery has two windows with operable shutters, one on the northwest and one on the northeast. A pair of arched windows on the north of the surgery have been bricked.

The interior retains its thirteen-and-one-half-foot ceilings, along with its original mouldings. The house has been continually occupied and is in excellent condition.

.....

.....

.....

12 3 6 1967

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
xx 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Fox Brown House, built in 1867, is significant both in its architectural character and historical relationship to the community of Van Buren, Arkansas.

The house is representative of the transition from Greek Revival to Victorian eclecticism. Its symmetry, based on the five-bay system--portico, arrangement of rooms opening to a central hall--are Greek Revival; however, the detailing, dormers, post and brackets are Italianate. The house is delicately balanced between styles and this balance gives the house its uniqueness.

The house was constructed by Dr. Charles Fox Brown, a physician, as both a dwelling for his family and as a surgery for the examination and treatment of patients. Very few of these nineteenth century home/office buildings are still in existence in Arkansas.

Charles Fox Brown was born in Virginia in 1820, the son of Mary and Henry Brown, a veteran of the War of 1812. The elder Brown died when Charles, the youngest of ten children, was three years old. The family then moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where Charles attended school.

By the late 1830's Charles Brown had completed two years in the Baptist seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Brown then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became associated with a Major Pullian, a jeweler from Fayetteville, Arkansas. Eighteen-year-old Charles Brown returned with Pullian to Fayetteville, becoming a clerk in Pullian's store for a brief time. In 1840, Brown began a study of medicine under T. J. Pollard while clerking in Pollard's drug store. Four years later Brown left Fayetteville to study medicine at Louisville University.

In 1845 Brown returned to Arkansas to practice medicine with Dr. Pollard in Fayetteville. In December, 1846, Dr. Brown moved to Van Buren and began his own medical practice. In 1848 he entered Ohio Medical College, graduating in 1849. Brown then returned to Van Buren and practiced medicine there for the next forty-three years. In 1858 Brown married Miss Helen Bostick, the daughter of John Bostick, a prominent hotel keeper in Van Buren. The Browns had five children.

During the Civil War Dr. Brown served as a surgeon in the Third Battalion, Arkansas Infantry, CSA. After seeing action in the Battle of Oak Hill, he was transferred to hospital service in Mississippi.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

Charles Fox Brown was a member of the Crawford County Medical Association, and served as president for the last fifteen years of his life. He was a charter member of the Arkansas Medical Association, a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the local I. O. O. F. Lodge. Prior to the Civil War, Brown had served as a trustee of the Wallace Institute, a school for young men. He served several terms on the city school board and city council and was president of both.

The historical association with one of the area's most important nineteenth century residents, coupled with its architectural significance, makes the Brown House an especially important structure in Van Buren.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

### UTM REFERENCES

A	7, 5	3, 7, 7, 4, 5, 0	3, 9, 2, 1, 6, 9, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frezil Miller

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

13 September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Building

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

## 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

DATE 13 September, 1977

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER





## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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



August 10, 1977

Mr. Mike Meyer  
420 Drennan  
Van Buren, AR 72956

Re: Meyer House  
Van Buren, Crawford County

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Meyer 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:

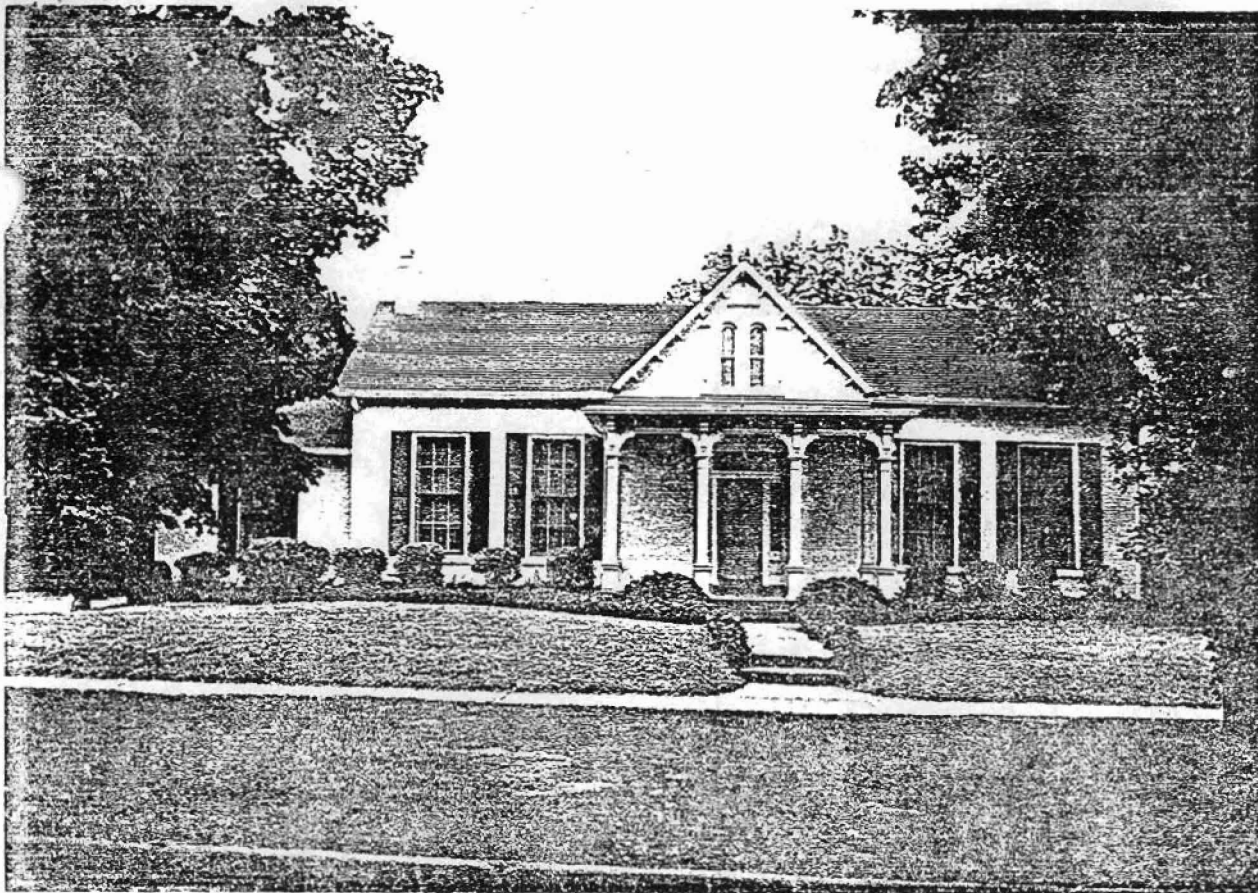
Aug- 12 - 1977      *H. H. Mike Meyer*  
Date                                  Signature

1

2

3





Form No. 10-301a  
(10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dr. Charles Fox Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Mike Meyer House

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO

June, 1977

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

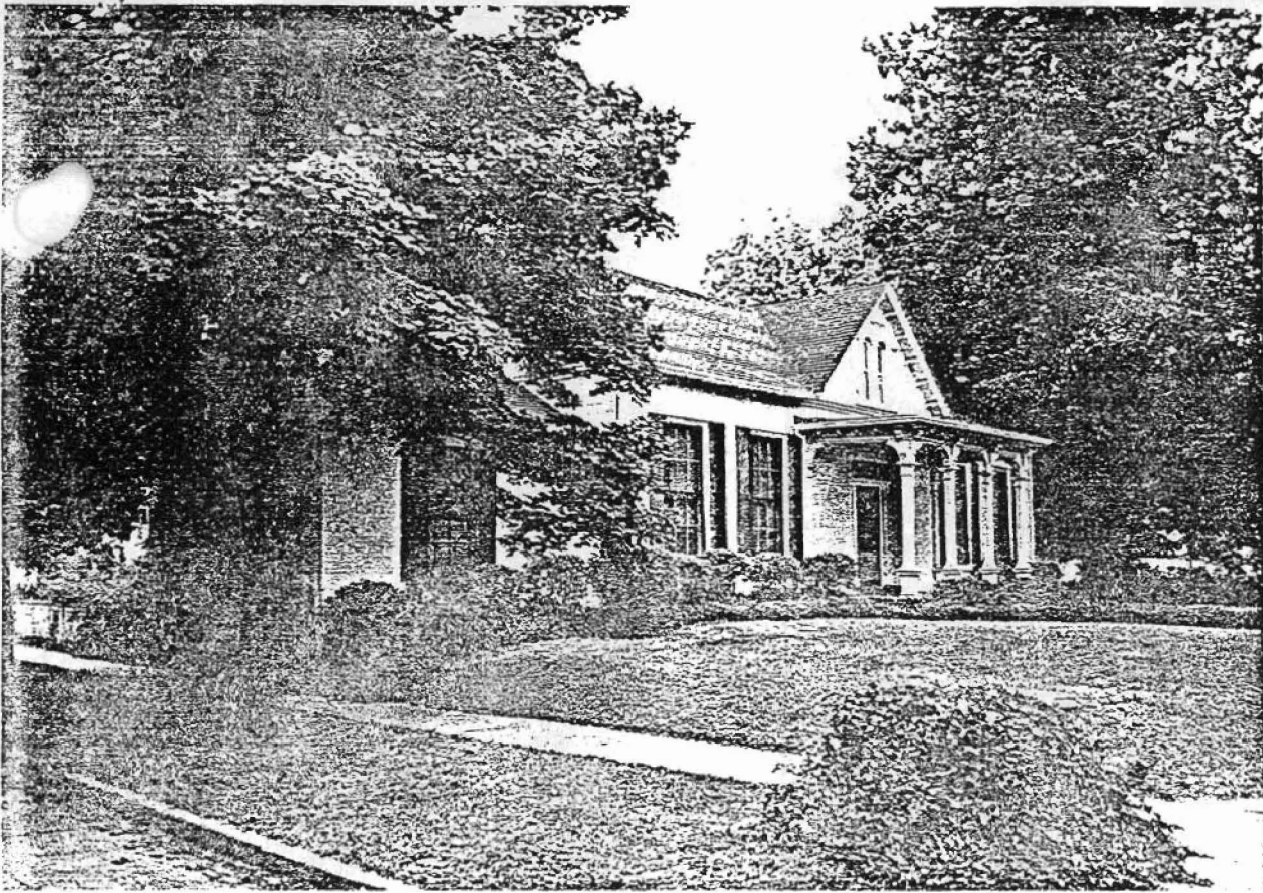
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Northwest facade

PHOTO NO.

1





Form No. 10-301a  
(10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY
RECEIVED
DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dr. Charles Fox Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Mike Meyer House

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO June, 1977

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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

Facade viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

2

...

...

...

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY
RECEIVED
DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dr. Charles Fox Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Mike Meyer HUse

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

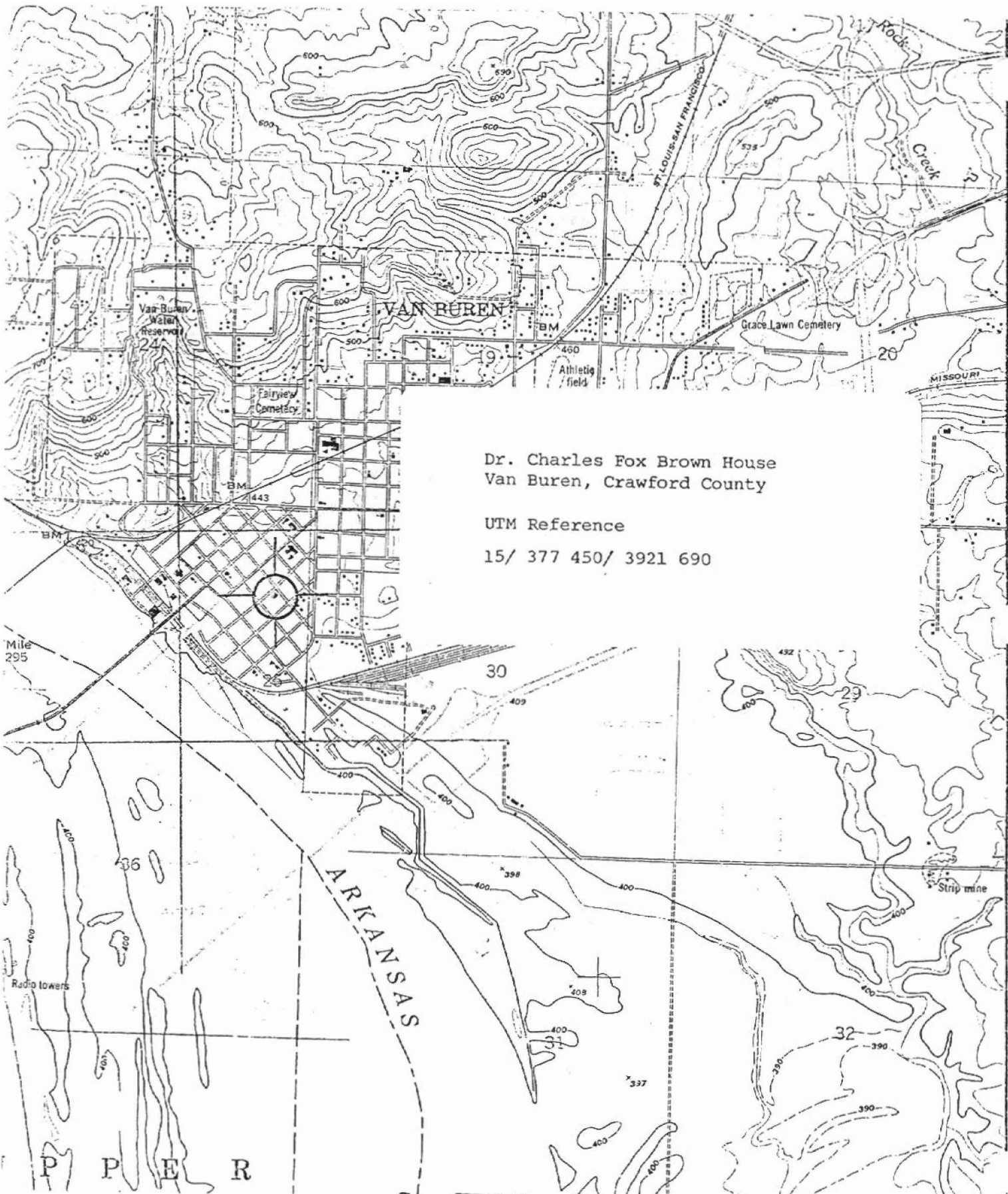
SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1947; Photorevised 1971

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Dr. Charles Fox Brown House  
Van Buren, Crawford County

UTM Reference  
15/ 377 450/ 3921 690

Mile  
295

Radio towers

P P E R