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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harton House is an irregularly massed structure with a combination hipped and gabled roof. On the front (north) elevation is a two-storey projecting pile. On the first storey of the projection is a bay window divided into three glazed sections on the front. The bay has colored cathedral lights on the sides (east and west). Above the bay is an arched three-part window. The attic storey of the projection contains two nine-light windows. The gable pediment is infilled with panelling and shingle work. On the east elevation is a single-storey open porch above which is an enclosed sleeping porch. A single storey ell shaped porth runs from the north to the west side. There are two two-storey porch additions on the rear (south). The entrance is a single door which contains a glazed-panel. The door is framed with sidelights and has a three part transom. Windows are two over two (2/2) lights. The house is finished in weatherboard and has a frieze board with an ogee cornice mold. The chimney is corbelled.

The porch has been altered and is now supported by brick piers. Originally the porch had turned post linked by a horizontal row of spindles and balls. The balustrade was composed of turned members.

The interior of the house has its original woodwork. Baseboards are composed of six sections of ogee mold. The picture mold is an ogee curve. The newel post and corner blocks are Eastlake cuts. Balustrades are turned. The entrance hall is divided by a spindle and ball transom. The dining room walls and ceiling are divided into sections which are framed with molding and are infilled with board panelling alternating in vertical and diagonal runns.

At the rear of the home is a two-storey servants quarters. The second storey was used as a residence; the first floor was used as a meat and food cellar. The structure is finished in weatherboard and has a gabled roof.

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SPECIFIC DATES

1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Florrie Harton/George Rice

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harton House in Conway, Arkansas is an important historic resource to the community in its architecture and associations with D.O. Harton. As a leading merchant in the city, Harton contributed to the commercial development of Conway and figured prominently in local civic affairs.

The design of the Harton House represents a transition from High Victorian Architecture to the Neo-Colonial Style. The use of three part openings, particularly those framed in arches, is indicative of the Neo-Colonial Style. The Eastlake cut woodwork and spindle-work alludes to the Queen-Anne Style.

Constructed in 1890 for D.O. Harton, the house was designed by his wife, Florrie Elizabeth Moore Harton. At the age of twenty-three, Mrs. Harton had never seen a house plan. Her drawings were used by the builder, Mr. George Rice, for construction of the Harton House.

In addition to architectural significance, the Harton House is important in the social history of Conway, Arkansas. D.O. Harton was a prominent merchant in Conway and was instrumental in the civic affairs of the city. As the owner-operator of a general merchantile business, Harton played a key note in the commercial development of the city. Conway developed largely due to the railroad industry. Harton's business paralleled the growth of the railroad as Conway grew into a major commercial center in Faulkner County. For over forty years Harton maintained his merchantile business in downtown Conway.

- D.O. Harton was a member of the Conway School Board and served for a time as its president. He was a standing member of the Conway Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Faulkner County Bank.
- D.O. Harton was born in Quitman, Arkansas in 1849. He was a veteran of the Confederate Army. Harton and Florrie E. Moore were married in 1880 and raised eleven children. The Harton House was continually occupied by the family until 1977. Since that time the house has been owned by a former mayor of the city who plans to restore the house to its original appearance.

The Harton House rests on a four-acre tract of land in the residential section of Conway. It is a structure recognized by residents of Conway as the home of of one of the early leaders of the city.

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