

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Faulkner County – Conway  
Tyler-Southerland House  
36 Southerland  
NR 10/19/05

### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Tyler-Southerland House

other names/site number FA1298

#### 2. Location

street & number 36 Southerland

not for publication

city or town Conway

vicinity

state AR

code AR

county Faulkner

code 045

zip code 72032

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets   
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
 nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Catherine MacCort  
Signature of certifying official/Title

9/7/05  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3		buildings
		sites
1		structures
2		objects
6		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955

Number of Contributing resources previously listed

in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/ Mixed Masonry

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS/  
English Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Cut stone, marble

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C moved from its original location.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1948

Significant Dates

c. 1948

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Silas Owens, Sr., Mason

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal Agency
Local Government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Tyler-Southerland House  
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Faulkner Co., AR  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 5.88 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

From the point of beginning at the northwest edge of the driveway on Southerland, proceed north approximately 20 feet to the fenceline, thence proceed east approximately 330 feet, thence proceed south approximately 50 feet, thence proceed west approximately 330 feet, thence proceed north approximately 50 feet to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Holly Hope/ Special Projects Historian  
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 08/08/05  
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone 501 324-9880  
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Sam Southerland  
street & number 7 Hilton Drive telephone 501 327-6221  
city or town Conway state AR zip code 72034

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief,



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### SUMMARY

The Tyler-Southerland House is one of a few high-style examples of the Mixed Masonry veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. The home displays English Revival styling and includes a side porch, a sign of affluence in 1940s rural Arkansas. The presence of wing walls is also an unusual feature of the normally simple lines of Silas Owens, Sr., farmhouses. The environment of the home, which is situated on a wooded hilltop overlooking endangered open fields lends to its current integrity.

### ELABORATION

The front, western façade of the Tyler-Southerland House is fenestrated from north to south by a pair of four-over-four windows. A fanlight spans the two openings, which are covered by a metal awning. The openings are centered in a front-facing gable, which contains a starburst pattern executed in cream brick at the apex. The front entry of the home is located in a small gable, which extends approximately two feet from the front wall. Angled wing walls topped with geometric concrete caps flank the front door. Concrete steps provide access to a small stoop. A side porch located at the southwest corner of the home features a large arch. The western wall beneath the porch contains a single, four-over-one Craftsman sash double-hung window. Wing walls extend from the north and south corners of this elevation.

The southwest corner of the southern elevation includes a side porch with large arch. Fifteen-light French doors are placed on the wall under the porch. Four concrete steps lead to the concrete porch floor. Fenestration from west to east consists of a pair of

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four-over-one windows, a single four-over-one window and a pair of three-over-one windows at the southeast corner. A small, shed-roofed cinder block addition contains a single glass and metal storm door.

The rear, eastern elevation is fenestrated at the southeast corner by a pair of three-over-one windows. The cinderblock addition contains two, two-over-two aluminum windows. The northeast corner of the addition is accessed by a single-leaf, glass and metal storm door. A flat-roofed hyphen extends north from the door to a metal carport supported by four wrought-iron posts. Fenestration of the northern elevation from east to west, consists of a single three-over-one window, a short four-over-one window and a ribbon of three four-over-one windows. An extended gable at the northwest corner of the home protrudes approximately five feet. The eastern wall of the extension contains a single three-over-one window and the northern wall features a centered chimney flanked by two three-over-one windows.

### **OUTBUILDINGS**

A 1950s concrete storm cellar is placed in the hillside at the southeast corner of the house. A short vertical board door covered by a metal awning is placed in the northern wall of the cellar. A short rock wall extending west connects the storm cellar to a stone pump house, which was formerly used by the WPA as a blasting cap storage building during the construction of the Jacksonville Pike to the west. The circa 1934

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pump house is topped by a barrel roof of concrete. A steeply gabled two-story, vertical board garage is situated down the hill to the west of the house. The garage is built into the steep hillside, which allowed for a ground level door on the rear. The front, western façade includes a double door for automobile access and a three-over-one, double-hung window on the second story. The parking area is below ground so the north and south elevations are primarily composed of the steep sides of the roof. A line of rock planters extend north and south in front of the house and the remains of a stone walkway lead to the garage from the house. All outbuildings and landscape features are considered contributing to this nomination.

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### SUMMARY

The circa 1948 Tyler-Southerland House is being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as a good example of an English Revival influenced Mixed Masonry veneered by Silas Owens, Sr. The home is an unusually high-style adaptation of the rural Mixed Masonry, which utilizes an atypical combination of materials. It is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

### ELABORATION

Edgar Tyler of Greenbrier built the Tyler-Southerland House on land he purchased from his brother, circa 1948. Tyler worked at Hiegel Lumber Company in Conway before working as a rural mail carrier. He was eventually promoted to Superintendent of the Conway Post Office. His wife, Catherine Moix-Tyler was a housewife who was raised in Caney. The family of seven occupied a home in Conway until Edgar purchased architectural plans and engaged mason Silas Owens, Sr., and carpenter Albert Hiegel to build his new home. The family was fond of entertaining and music (Edgar Tyler played the guitar and Hawaiian guitar for his guests) so the house was larger than most rural homes of the time. The side porch provided more space off of the large living room,

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surplus space for company, which was another unusual feature in the spare economy of the 1940s. Tyler hired Owens because he had seen examples of Silas' work in the area and knew that he would provide them with a quality home. The use of stone as a building material and garden borders allowed him to save money; however, he introduced an uncommon element in the inclusion of excess and discarded tombstones from a monument company in Conway, interspersed with the stone. The single alteration to the plan of the home was a small 1965 cinderblock addition to the rear of the house, which is not noticeable from the front.

### **OUTBUILDINGS**

Another way for the family to cut corners was through the recycling of a blasting cap storage building used by the WPA to build the Jacksonville Pike, which ran in front of the home. They used a bulldozer to move the structure to the rear of the house and flip it upside down over the well and then topped it with a roof of concrete. A concrete storm cellar was also constructed behind the well house in the 1950s.

The family maintained a large garden and chicken house for subsistence purposes to the west of the house close to the highway. The chicken house and garden are gone, but a two-story gable-roofed garage, which is still located by the garden site, was used by Tyler to produce wine from a vineyard in his yard. In 1961, the Tylers eventually decided that the Mixed Masonry house was too big since the children had moved out so they built a

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smaller house in town. Edgar and Catherine lived in their new home until their deaths in the 1980s. The Tyler House was sold to Joseph Elmer Southerland and his wife, the former Ellen Rowell and their three children. Joseph was from Faulkner County and Ellen had grown up in Ozark. The Southerlands owned a grocery store in Conway from 1955 to 1975 and were *Arkansas Democrat* distributors. Ellen also worked at International Shoe in Conway.

Prior to their move, the family lived in an apartment in the grocery store. In the early 1960s Conway experienced a boom and the family was able to purchase a house in town; however, when the Tyler House went up for sale they changed their minds and moved to the country. Aiding in their decision to relocate was the proximity of family in the area on land that had been homesteaded by Joseph's grandparents.

Joseph died in 1980 and Ellen lived in the home until her death in 2005. The future of the home is unknown at this time. Despite the location of the Tyler-Southerland House within less than a mile of creeping development, it currently retains a rural farmhouse feel. The view west from the front of the house has thus far escaped concentrated intrusion and the immediate area of the home on its hilltop position has been minimally developed.

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tyler-Southerland House in Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under **Criterion C** with local significance as an excellent example of an English Revival-influenced Mixed Masonry residence featuring the superior craftsmanship of Silas Owens, Sr. The nomination is being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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#### Bibliography

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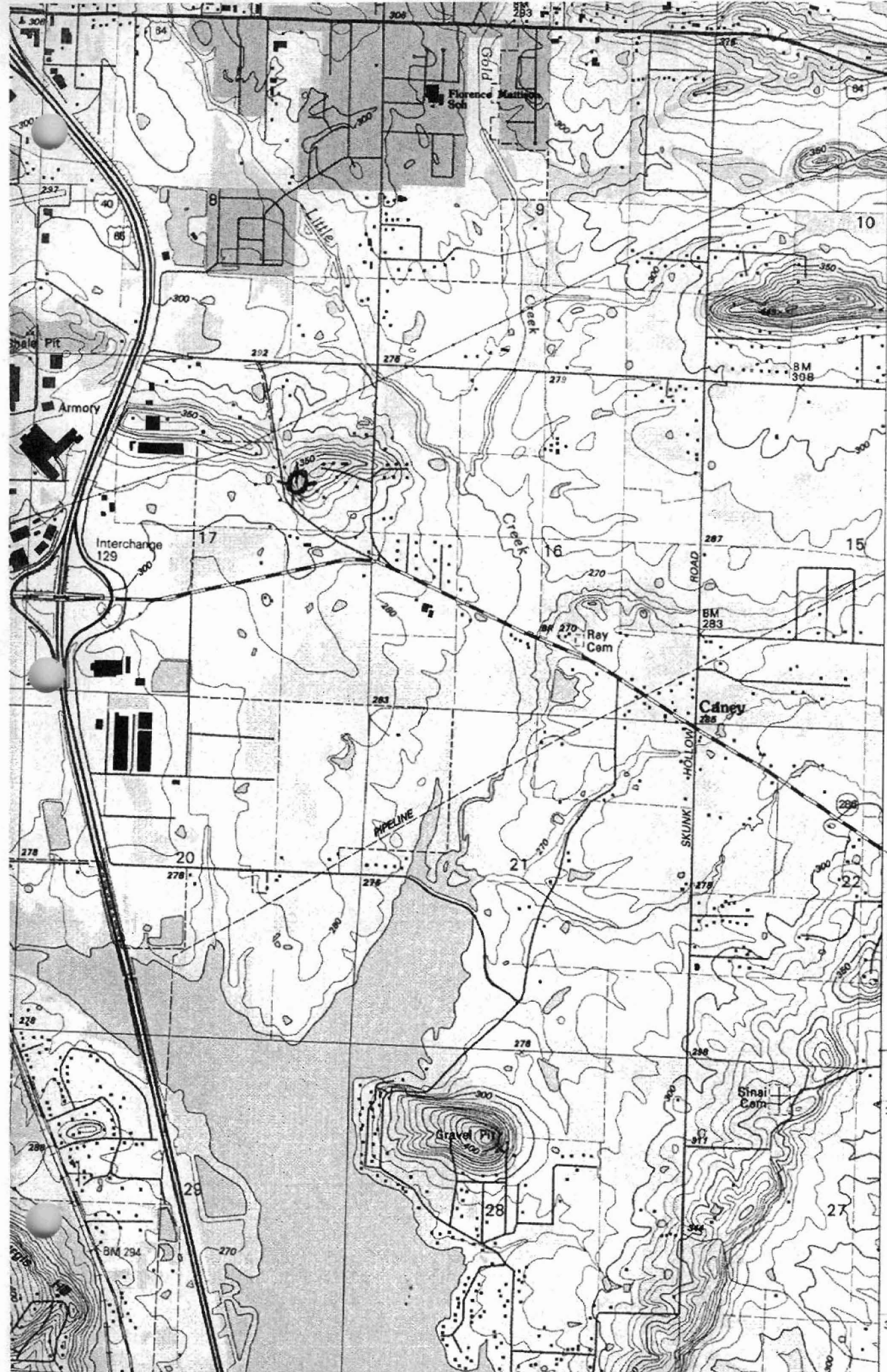
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