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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. Williams Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

Wootton House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

420 Quapaw Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Garland

CODE

051

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

Bernard B. Lieder

STREET & NUMBER

420 Quapaw

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

DEEDS, ETC.

Abstract; First National Bank

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 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 Williams House is a two and one-half story, High Victorian structure built in 1891. The house is eclectic in character, having elements of Colonial Revival and Gothic Revival.

The plan is irregular with a combination of hipped and gabled roofs. On the front (south) and east sides is a curved cornered porch with coffered ceilings. The porch is supported by coupled Tuscan columns mounted on rusticated piers. On the second story a pedimented porch is supported by grouped three columns on each front corner. Above the porch, on the east side is another second story porch with flat roof. On the southwestern corner is a three story turret terminating in a parapet. Centered on the west is a two story apsidal projection.

On the north elevation is a two story sleeping porch. The first story of the structure is finished in rusticated stone; the second is brick. The roof has "eye" ventilation dormers and is crested. The cornice is bracketted on the pedimented and porch and dentiled elsewhere. Windows are one over one, or fixed with cathedral lights or stain glass transoms above. Lintels and voussoirs are stone.

The house is finely detailed. Door, and window facing are fluted with elaborate plinth and corner blocks. Baseboards are topped with an ogee mold. Wainscots are heavily paneled. The walls of the music room, as well as the parlor floor are finished in parquet diagonally placed and four times the size of "modern" parquet flooring. Transoms in the flat arches between rooms are either iron work or leaded glass; both are ornate curvilinear patterns. Lighting fixtures are curvilinear iron pattern or brass and glass fixtures of the period.

When the house was originally built, porch detailing was of the Queen Anne style. Both upper and lower south porches were supported by narrow columns and had "moon gates" with lattice infill between column and "gate." The upper east porch was absent. The tower (now parapetted) originally ended in a Gothic spire. Stylistically the date of alteration can be no later than 1905.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PERIOD	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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 1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Williams House is a two and one-half story, irregularly massed dwelling built in 1891 for Dr. Arthur Upton Williams. The home is a significant example of eclectic, late-Victorian architecture and has housed both a well known Hot Springs physician, Dr. Williams, and a noted lawyer, Edwin Hartley Wootton, President of the Arkansas Bar Association in 1942. The building presently serves as the office and residence of architect, Bernard B. Lieder.

Originally designed in a high-Victorian, eclectic style utilizing elements of the Gothic Revival and Queen Anne styles, the Dr. Williams House was modified shortly after the turn of the century to incorporate Colonial-Revival detailing. Outstanding features of the imposing dwelling include the parapetted three-story stone tower on the southwest corner, the arched, classically-detailed porch with coffered ceiling on the south and east elevations, the second-story portico on the south elevation, the apsidal-like projection centered on the west elevation and rich wainscoting, ornamental grill and glass work and parquet walls on the building's interior. The first story is composed of rusticated stone; the second story is brick, and detailing is primarily wooden. The construction date of 1891 is imprinted on the sidewalk of the house. The large yard is wooded and the surrounding neighborhood is primarily residential.

The original owner of the house, Dr. Arthur Upton Williams was born in Withers Mill, Missouri on June 27, 1856. His arrival in Hot Springs in 1886 coincided with the development of the resort as one of the world's premiere health spas; a fact which made Dr. Williams one of many medical practitioners who established themselves in the city before the turn of the century.

Dr. Williams received his medical training at the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis. After his graduation in 1878, he was, by merit of competitive examination, appointed assistant physician in the St. Louis City Hospital. At this time he volunteered to work at a quarantine station set up to contain a yellow fever outbreak in Memphis. He also served as an assistant surgeon for the Wabash P. O. & E. Railroad.

In 1886, the year of his move to Hot Springs, he married Elizabeth Birkett with whom he had two children, Mary Afton and Birkett. In Hot Springs, Dr. Williams developed a successful medical practice and gained local recognition for his interest in archeology. In 1917 he acted as a consultant for an archeological expedition near Hot Springs led by M. R. Harrington of the Bureau of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. He is mentioned in the book, Indian Caddo Sites in Arkansas, written by Harrington to describe the expedition.

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After his death in 1923, the home passed to Dr. Williams' wife and later to their daughter, Mary Afton Williams. In 1924 Miss Williams married Edwin Hartley Wootton and later their son, Richard Wootton, occupied the house until the late 1960's.

Edwin Hartley Wootton was born on April 25, 1886 in Montgomery County, Maryland. After receiving his law degree from the University of Maryland and serving as a captain in the 546th Regiment in France during World War I, Wootton launched a successful law career in Hot Springs. In 1942 he was elected President of the Arkansas Bar Association.

The current owner of the Dr. Williams House is Bernie Lieder, an architect from Minneapolis, Minnesota, whose work in Minneapolis includes the fifty-seven story Investors Diversified Services Office Tower, The International Dairy Queen, National Car Rental, Green Giant and Justen's and Gambles Corporate Headquarters buildings. The Dr. Williams House currently serves as the headquarters for Lieder's architectural and real-estate firms. Lieder is sensitive to the architectural merit of the house and plans its continued maintenance.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.6

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
G			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			
F			
H			

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

Frezil Miller, Architectural Historian, Mike Shinn, Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

371-2763

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Suite 500 Continental Building

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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

TITLE

DATE

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



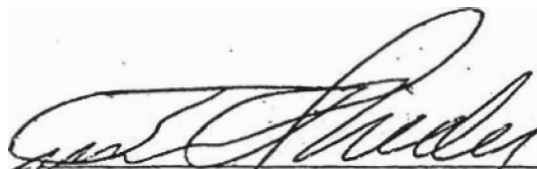
"THE OLD STATE HOUSE" 300 WEST MARKHAM LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 7220
TELEPHONE - 501 371-1639

PROPERTY OWNER'S APPROVAL

I, BERNARD B. LIEDER, am the legal
owner of the RESIDENCE
located at 420 QUAPAW HOT SPRINGS, ARK

I hereby acknowledge that I have been fully informed and understand the significance of having the aforementioned property placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I hereby approve the inclusion of the aforementioned property on the National Register of Historic Places.


Owner
Sept 8, 1976
Date

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Suite 500, Continental Building - Markham and Main - Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

May 19, 1978

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Mr. Bernie Leider **LIEDER**
420 Quapaw
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Re: Dr. Williams House, Hot Springs
Garland County

Dear Mr. Leider: **LIEDER**

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June 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 an 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 Sandra Taylor Smith 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:

5/21/78
Date

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

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