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Kraemer-Harman House
Name of Property

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Kraemer-Harman House

Other Name/Site Number: Kraemer-Harman-Counts House GA-0053

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 513 Second Street

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Hot Springs

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Garland Code: AR051 Zip Code: 71913

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

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Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Slate
Signature of certifying official

9-13-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Mixed/Eclectic

Materials: foundation Brick roof Composition Shingles
walls Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Located at 513 Second Street in Hot Springs, the Kraemer-Harman house was constructed in 1884 by Mr. Ferdinand Kraemer. The one-and-one-half story house was originally L-shaped in plan and plain traditional in styling. Later craftsman and neoclassical embellishments gave the Kraemer-Harman house its present day eclectic appearance. The exterior of the house is clad in weatherboard and a variety of different window styles fenestrate the walls. The interior contains virtually all of its historic features.

Elaboration

Located on a prominent corner lot at 513 Second Street in Hot Springs, the Kraemer-Harman house was constructed in 1884 by Mr. Ferdinand Kraemer and his wife, Concordia Schuttner Kraemer. As originally constructed, the house was one-and-one half stories with an L-shaped floor plan and plain traditional in styling. Later craftsman and neoclassical embellishments and additions give the Kraemer-Harman house its present day eclectic appearance.

The front, or eastern, elevation of the Kraemer-Harman house has a symmetrical five-bay arrangement with two six-over-six windows on either side of the single-leaf front entrance. Shallow, flat pediments that are carved with simple scroll patterns cap the windows. Raised panels beneath each

front window anchor them to the porch floor. Operable wooden shutters frame the windows. The single-leaf, twelve-light front door appears to be a later addition; however, the flat molding at the top of the doorway has the same scroll carving as the windows. An eleven-pane transom tops the door. The steep side-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles with decorative metal tiles covering the ridge, and is relieved by three evenly spaced dormers. The center dormer has a gabled roof with the same decorative ridge caps as the main roof. A circular four-light window graces its front and a decorative sunburst pattern adorns the pediment. The two flanking dormers are identical with shed roofs and pairs of eleven-pane casement windows. Horizontal weatherboard clads the sides of all three dormers. A large, deep neoclassical inspired porch stretches across the entire front of the Kraemer-Harman house. The low pitched hipped roof is supported by four evenly spaced paneled wooden box columns resting atop short masonry piers. Small scroll brackets act as supports where the porch attaches to the house. The piers, porch floor, and steps are faced with terracotta paving tiles. An elaborate wisteria arbor connects to the south end of the porch. Two paneled wooden box columns, resting on brick piers, support the south end of the arbor. A lattice bench is fixed between these supports. Open rafters with elaborately jig-sawn tails span the width of the arbor and extend several feet past the framework of the arbor and around the south end as well. Decoratively sawn brackets are an additional design feature of the arbor.

The southern façade of the Kraemer-Harman house reveals its true one-and-one-half story height as one of its gables fronts this side. A one story gable-roofed ell stretches westward on this elevation also. A six-over-six window centers the first floor of the gable-fronted section. Directly above this window is an eleven-over-one window which lights one of the upper rooms. Operable wooden shutters flank both windows. The ell appears to have an area that has been in-filled to create a sun porch. The in-fill consists of six sets of ten-pane casement windows equally framing a single-leaf-twelve-light door. A very sensuously curved stoop protects the door and is supported by extremely exaggerated jig-sawn brackets. A small transom tops the door. Terracotta tile pavers cover the steps and small porch.

The rear, or western, façade of the Kraemer-Harman house is irregular in plan. The western end of the original ell contains a doorway to the basement protected by a small gently curving porch supported by square wooden posts and decorative sawn brackets. Two small, arched leaded glass windows, topped by a decorative shed roof, punctuate one side of this façade. Opposite these decorative windows is a six-over-six window with operable shutters. On the northern wall of the ell is a rear door protected by another elaborately curved and carved stoop supported by elongated brackets. The remainder of the western façade is new in-fill that steps back from the rear elevation of the ell. A door into this room is flanked by two, two-over-two metal windows to the right of the door and a single two-over-two metal window to the left. This addition has a slightly pitched flat roof capped by a short lattice rail.

The northern façade of the house is composed of the new addition and the one-and-one-half story section of the original house. The new section is fenestrated by a continuous row of six, two-over-two metal windows. The

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original one-and-one-half story section is lighted on the first floor by a bank of three, six-over-six windows flanked by single-leaf shutters. Centered above these windows is a single eleven-over-one window with operable shutters. Weatherboard sheathes the entire Kraemer-Harman house and a continuous brick foundation girds it.

The interior of the Kraemer-Harman house is as eclectic as the exterior. The dining room is probably the most elaborate space on the interior, featuring an elaborately detailed built-in buffet with leaded glass doors, low-relief carved plaster ceilings and an enormous lighted dome over the dining table. Other features include tray ceilings, alcoves with built-in seating, carved plaster ceilings, decorative arched moldings around doorways, and fifteen-light doors throughout.

Family oral tradition holds that all of the eclectic detailing on the exterior of the house is original to its 1884-construction date. However, it is known that the elaborate interior features were added in the 1930s; therefore, it is conceivable that the exterior detailing was added at that time as well. This would explain the confusing, albeit unique, appearance of the exterior which, does not appear to date to 1884.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1884 to c.1932

Significant Dates: 1884, c.1932

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Original architect/builder unknown
Mr. Springer for c. 1932 renovations

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Summary

The Kraemer-Harman house, located at 513 Second Street in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C with local significance**, as one of the oldest remaining, and architecturally unique, homes in the Jonestown neighborhood. Originally constructed in 1884, the Kraemer-Harman house has only had three owners during its existence. Remodeling undertaken in the 1930s resulted in its present unique architectural appearance.

Elaboration

The Kraemer-Harman house, located at 513 Second Street in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was constructed in 1884 for Ferdinand Kraemer and his wife, Concordia Schuttner Kraemer. Mr. Kraemer was born in Germany, c. 1840. By the time of his move to Hot Springs in 1863, he had married Concordia Schuttner and was living in St. Louis, Missouri. The Kraemer's move to Hot Springs was precipitated by the fact that Mr. Kraemer developed rheumatism. The healing qualities of Hot Springs' thermal waters were well known at the time and probably played a major role in the Kraemer's decision to move to Arkansas.

In 1883, Ferdinand Kraemer was listed in the Hot Springs City Directory as a foreman of Stiffen & Dow, Co. In 1884 he and his wife purchased property in an area of south Hot Springs known as Jonestown, named for Jenny A. Jones. Ms. Jones was born in Helena, Arkansas, on November 1, 1841. Following the death of her husband, the twenty-one-year-old widow moved with her parents, John H. and Amanda Ward, to Hot Springs where she purchased 980 acres of undeveloped land south of the city and proceeded to develop it into building sites for the growing community of Hot Springs.

Following the purchase of their property, the Kraemers began construction of the house in which they were to make their home until their deaths. On October 12, 1885, a daughter, Clara, was born to Ferdinand and Concordia Kraemer. Following Clara's marriage to Joseph M. Harman, the newlyweds made their home in the Kraemer house. Ferdinand Kraemer died in 1897, his wife, Concordia, in 1924. In 1932 Clara and Joseph Harman purchased all rights to the property at 513 Second Street from Nellie Kraemer Reamey, her older sister. It was probably shortly thereafter that the interior and exterior detailing was added to the Kraemer-Harman house.

Following Joseph Harman's death in 1933, life for Clara was quiet until April 6, 1966, when Charlotte Reamey, Clara's niece, requested a hearing to determine if she (Clara) should be committed to the State Hospital. Charlotte would then become guardian of the estate. Clara was ultimately confined to the State Hospital in Little Rock. On May 4, 1966, she was moved to the Benton Unit of the Arkansas State Hospital. During this time Charlotte Reamey transferred guardianship of the estate over to the Arkansas

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First National Bank of Hot Springs. In July, 1966, Clara was transferred to the Arkansas Rest Home, and on September 13, 1966, was released under supervision to return to her home. Clara Kraemer Harman died on April 27, 1967. Following the provisions in her will, the executor of the estate transferred the property to Thomas Harman and Robert Harman, Jr., family members of her late husband.

In 1968 the Kraemer-Harman house was purchased by the third family ever to own and live in it, Gene and Mary Lou Counts. Although Mr. Counts has passed away, Mrs. Counts continues to make the Kraemer-Harman house her home.

When originally constructed in 1884, the Kraemer-Harman house was plain traditional in styling and L-shaped in plan. In the 1930s craftsman and neoclassical detailing was added to both the exterior and interior creating a unique melange of stylistic influences. Because it is one of the earliest surviving structures in the Jonestown neighborhood, and because of its unique, one-of-a-kind appearance in the neighborhood, the Kraemer-Harman house is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with local significance.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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 Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreege of Property: Approximately one (1) acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 15 494240 3817080 B _____
C _____ D _____

Verbal Boundary Description: Abstract Numbered 5334, Prepared expressly for the Estate of C.H. Kraemer, deceased...Lots ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12) in Block Thirty-one (31) of South Hot Springs, a subdivision of a part of the South half of Section Five, Township Three South, Range Nineteen West, and an addition to the City of Hot Springs; according to the plat to said subdivision recorded in Volume N at page 191 of the records of deeds and mortgages of Garland County, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification: This boundary contains all the property historically associated with the Kraemer-Harman house that retains its historic integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Randy Jeffery, National Register/Survey Coordinator

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KRAEMER HARKAN HOUSE
HOTSPRINGS, GARLAND CO., AR.

UTM REFERENCE:

15/494240/3817080

LITTLE ROCK VIA U. S. 701 53 MI.

1 MI. TO JUNG. U. S. 70 & 270 7353 N SE

(HOT SPRINGS NORTH)

8 MI. TO ARK. 5

HOT SPRINGS (CH.) 0.4 MI.

496 2'30"





























