

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Plummer, John A., House

Other Name/Site Number: LE0068

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 269 Pearl Street

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Marianna

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR

County: Lee

Code: AR077

Zip Code: 72360

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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	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

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

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 A. Sater _____ 4-21-98
Signature of certifying official 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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6. 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:

Queen Anne
Colonial Revival

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof ASPHALT
walls WOOD/weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Located in a quiet residential neighborhood at 269 Pearl Street in Marianna, the John A. Plummer House is a two-story, frame residence constructed c. 1900. The house is best described as a transition between the Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles. The Queen Anne details include the turret on the wraparound porch, the gingerbread details of its dormers, and the decorative brackets supporting the bay projections. Other noteworthy architectural details include the decorative leaded glass transom and sidelights surrounding the main entry, dentil molding at the cornice, and stained glass windows lighting the staircase. Outstanding interior details include a Queen Anne style wooden fretwork screen separating the parlor and dining room, historic mantle pieces and intricately detailed newel posts punctuating the staircase. The building, except for a screened-in porch on the rear elevation is unchanged. This porch is clad in the same width of weatherboard as the house. Also included in the nomination are a small historic storage building, and a historic carriage house. However, a coat of heavily textured stucco obscures the original exterior of the carriage house.

Elaboration

Located in a quiet residential neighborhood at 269 Pearl Street in Marianna, the John A. Plummer House is a two-story, frame residence constructed c. 1900. The rectangular house while predominately Colonial Revival in style, exhibits several Queen Anne details. The house rests upon a concrete foundation that has been scored to look like cut stone. Weatherboard clads the frame with a string belt course between the stories, and a band of dentil molding marks the cornice. All windows are one-over-one, double-hung, wood, except for the stained glass windows lighting the stairway and the double-hung window on the front elevation with its ornamental, upper-leaded light. Every beveled bay projection is embellished by supporting brackets. The low, gable-on-hip roof is sheathed in composition shingles and features gingerbread inside the small gable of the eastern elevation. Another small gable found above the southern bay projection features similar gingerbread details. On each side of the southeastern corner of the roof are two hip-roofed dormers containing wood louvered vents. There are two interior chimneys.

On the front, or eastern, elevation is a shed-roofed, one-story porch that wraps around to the southern elevation. The porch is supported by Tuscan columns on the front elevation and four additional columns on the side elevation. On the southeastern corner of the porch is a rounded turret with finial. The main entrance is shielded by the porch. The single-leaf door is topped by a transom and contains a large beveled glass light, and brass ovular door knob. Flanking the door is a one-over-one window and a large bay projection. This bay projection on the northeastern corner is fenestrated by two plain, one-over-one windows with a decorative, leaded-glass, double-hung window in the center. The second story of this elevation is fenestrated by a pair of windows and single windows in each side of the bay projection.

The side, or southern, elevation is asymmetrical in arrangement and contains the remainder of the wraparound porch. The dominate feature beneath the porch is the main side entrance which is located in a foyer projection. The narrow, double-leaf doors contain beveled glass and are surrounded by highly decorative leaded sidelights and transoms. A one-over-one window is located to the side of the entrance. To the other side of the entrance is a rectangular, stained-glass window with a fan-like pattern. A simple two-panel door is located in the beveled side of a three-sided bay projection. The remainder of this level is not covered by the porch. To the viewed left of the porch this elevation is fenestrated by three windows. The second story is fenestrated by seven standard windows, two of which are paired in the foyer projection, and one fan-shaped, stained-glass window directly above the aforementioned stained-glass window.

The rear, or western elevation contains a centered three-quarter screened-in porch extension flanked by two windows. The weatherboarding of the porch is the same width as the rest of the house. Capping the one-story porch is a hip roof. On the northwest corner of the rear elevation, the string belt course is discontinuous. The second-story is fenestrated by three windows.

The other side, or northern, elevation is similar to the southern elevation as it has a beveled bay projection and a straight-cornered bay projection. The northern elevation differs in that it is more symmetrical, does not contain any entrances, and is not covered by any portion of the porch. The fenestration on the first story is eight windows, and the fenestration of the second story is seven.

Also included in the nomination are a small historic storage building, and a historic carriage house. However, a coat of heavily textured stucco obscures the original exterior of the carriage house. The historic storage building and carriage house are located to the west and the south of the house, respectfully.

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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: N/A

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1900

Significant Dates: c. 1900

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

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

Summary

The John A. Plummer House is being nominated under **Criteria B and C with local significance** for its association with Judge John A. Plummer and as an excellent example of a transition between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles.

Elaboration

Marianna, the county seat of Lee County, is centrally located and has historically been surrounded by some of the richest agricultural land in Arkansas's Delta region. Unlike many other county seats that owe their existences as discernible communities to the arrival of the railroad, Marianna was a fairly active and prosperous town before the first railroad's arrival in 1879. The original townsite of Marianna was located on the western bank of the L'Anguille River, approximately three miles north of the current site. The town was relocated in 1869 when new land was purchased along the nearest navigable section of the river, approximately ten miles north of its confluence with the St. Francis River.

The new site allowed Marianna to become a regional agricultural shipping hub for the abundant cotton crop being produced by the surrounding farms. However, the arrival of the Iron Mountain and Helena Railroad (which by 1881 had converted to standardized rails) signaled the town's greatest spurt of growth. Marianna grew into an important regional, commercial, and transportation hub for agricultural products, complete with a substantial commercial downtown, a growing and impressive residential neighborhood, several churches, and two busy hotels. Marianna remained an active and prosperous county seat well into the twentieth century.

John Plummer was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on January 20, 1855. He married Fannie Deane Davis in 1877 and established himself in the pharmaceutical business in Collierville, Tennessee. Next he worked for the Mansfield Drug Company of Memphis. Plummer then moved to Marianna in 1897. Plummer and his wife, Deane, lived upstairs above his furniture and hardware store in downtown Marianna, called Plummer and Davis. Davis, a brother of Mrs. Deane Plummer, was a silent partner. Around the turn-of-the-century, Plummer acquired enough wealth to build a substantial residence for his growing family. John and Deane Plummer were to become the parents of six sons, one of whom died in infancy. Plummer was active in the hardware business until 1914.

Between 1917 and 1925, Judge John Plummer served four terms as county judge. After he retired as Lee County Judge, Plummer became mayor, but served only ten months of a two year term before he succumbed to pneumonia in 1926. During his brief time in office, he became the supervisor of the municipal water plant. The plant had been ill-managed and was headed for financial disaster. Mayor Plummer showed his capacity for service and his business acumen by turning the situation around. During the last eight months of his life, Mayor Plummer installed an additional pumping unit, brought a well that had been temporarily abandoned back into service, made extensive repairs on the building housing the plant, cut the operating expenses, increased the revenues, and inaugurated a system of accounting that enabled the city authorities to keep an accurate tab on the department.

Historical and Architectural Significance

Constructed c. 1900, the John A. Plummer House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places **under Criteria B and C with local significance** for its association with the life of Judge Plummer, and as an example of a transition between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. The house retains an abundance of high styled features including a wraparound turreted porch, Tuscan columns, leaded and stained glass windows, fretwork and jigsaw screen, and intricately carved newel posts. Also included in the nomination are a small historic storage building, and a historic carriage house. However, a coat of heavily textured stucco obscures the historic integrity of the carriage house. The historic storage building and carriage house are located to the west and the south of the house, respectfully.

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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 # _____

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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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Acreeage of Property: approximately one acre

UTM References:		Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>704790</u>	<u>3850860</u>	B	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

All of Lot Six (6); the South 46.4 feet of Lot Seven (7); the East 58 feet of Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen(13); and the East 58 feet of the North 11.3 feet of Lot Fourteen (14); all in Block Two (2), Rodger's Plat of the City of Marianna.

Together with an easement to the property herein conveyed for the purposes of ingress and egress over the North 11.3 feet fo the West 120 feet of Lot Fourteen (14), and the South 2.7 feet of the West 120 feet of Lot Thirrtten (13), all in Block 2, Rodger's Plat to the City of Marianna, Arkanas, according to Rhodes Map there of.

Also, in all interest in and to a dedicated but unopened 1-foot alley shown on the plats to run between Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) on the West, and Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) on the East, all in Block Two (2), Rodger's Plat to the City of Marianna.

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Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains all remaining historically significant buildings associated with this property.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Amy Bennett, Survey Historian

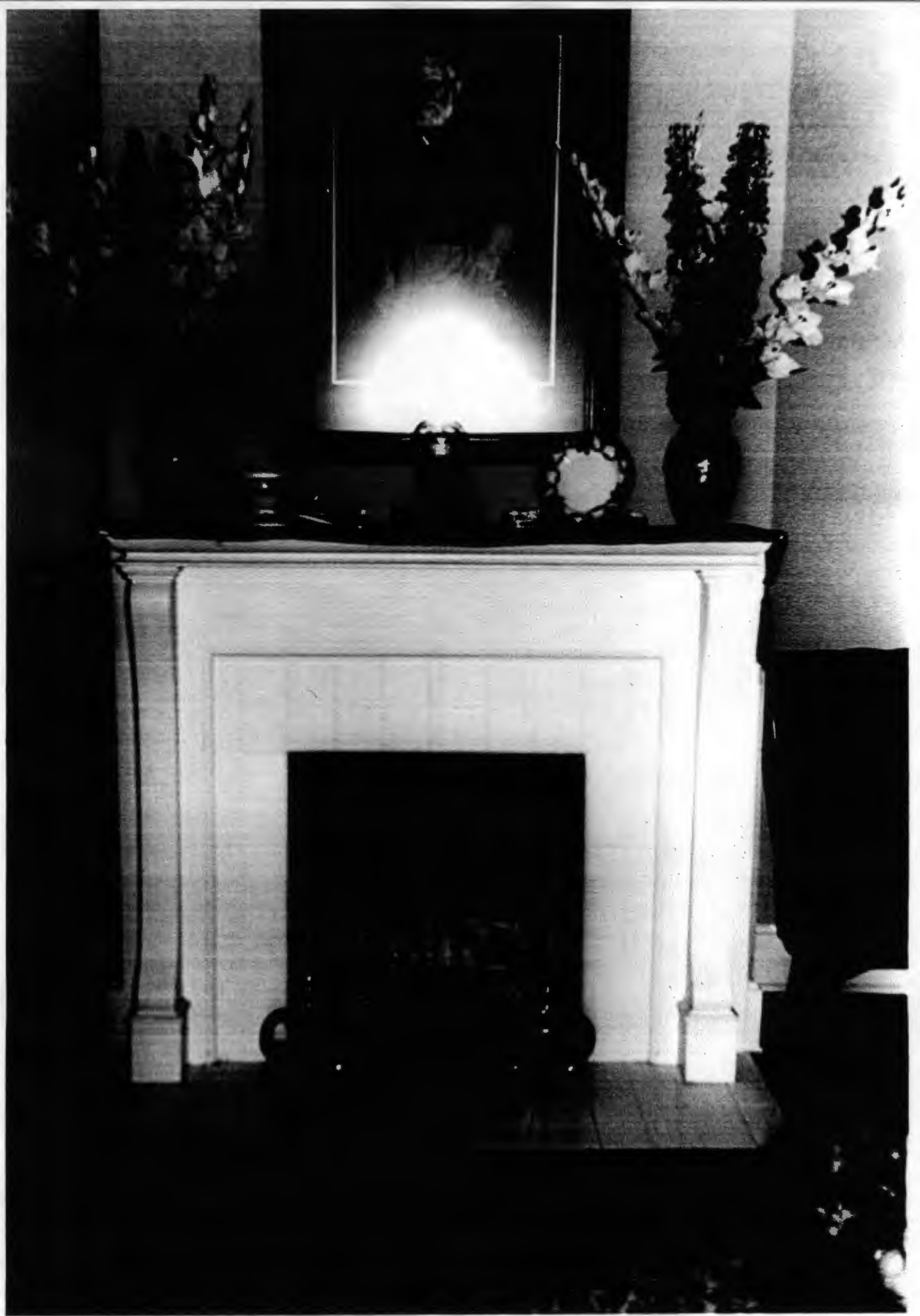
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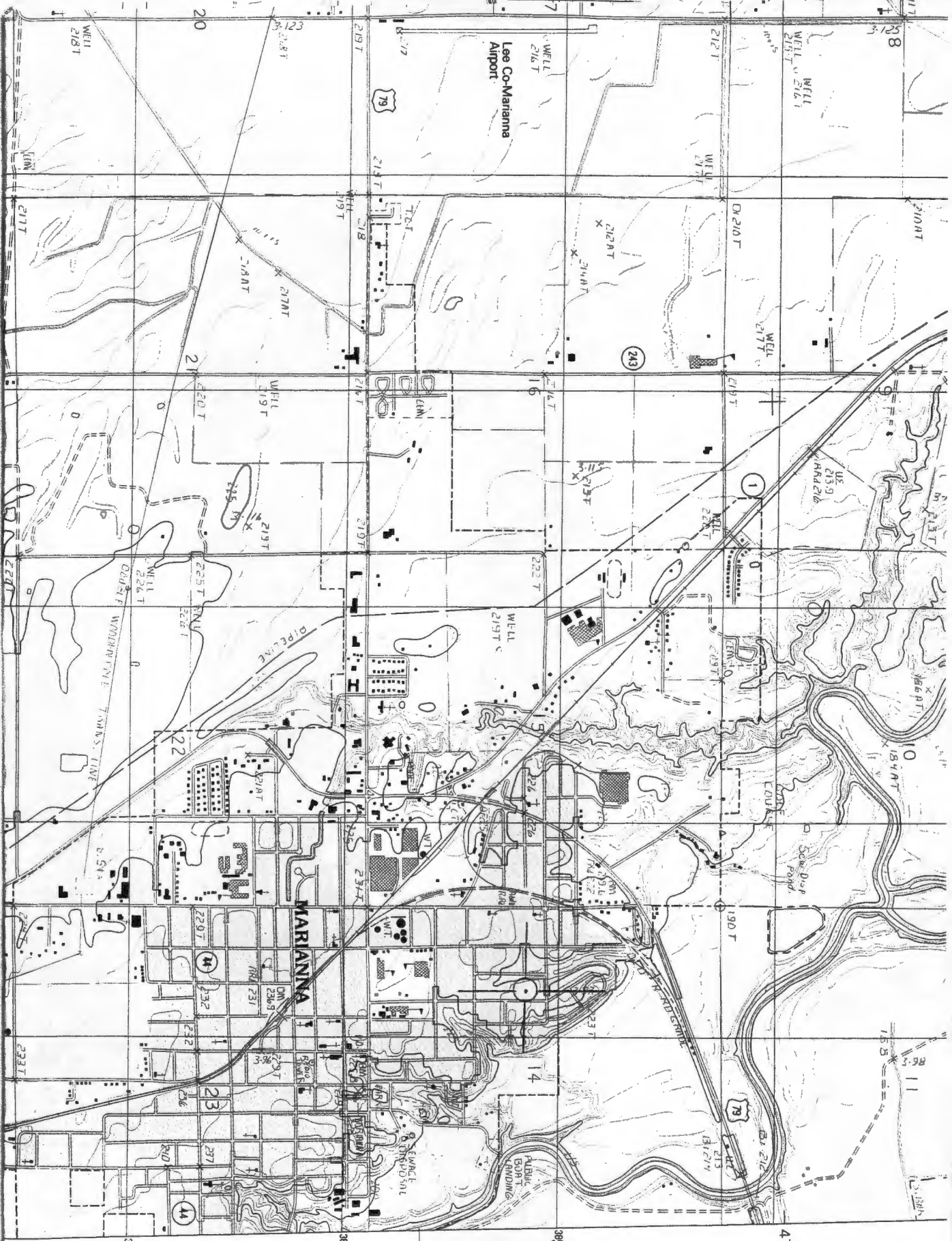
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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201









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