

Phillips DR Helena Pillow Thompson 5-7-73

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas 54-19-1046-61  
 COUNTY: Phillips  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE

Allow -  
Thompson -  
Listed:  
5/7/73

1. NAME  
 COMMON: THE PILLOW-THOMPSON HOUSE  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Jerome Bonaparte Pillow House

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 718 Perry Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Helena  
 STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05 COUNTY: Phillips CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Francis Thompson  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 718 Perry Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Helena  
 STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

*(CONTACT AS OF 10/89): GEORGE DEMAN (404) 874-4462*

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Phillips County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Helena  
 STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Arkansas History Commission  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 300 West Markham  
 CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock  
 STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

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DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered    (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered    (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jerome Bonaparte Pillow House is a two-storey multi-bay frame house with multiple towers, turrets, and dormer windows. The main hip roof of the house, bays, dormers and towers are covered with slate shingles. Two large corbeled and paneled brick chimneys pierce the main roof on opposite sides of the house, one toward the front and one toward the rear. Each point of the roof (there are at least seven of them) is capped with an ornate metal finial. The one-storey encircling veranda is punctuated by circular elements, pedimented portions decorated with spindle work and classic-inspired turned columns on pedestal bases. The front circular corner tower is cantilevered from the first storey but extends upward through the second and third-stories and rises to a finial above the main roof. The house is painted gray, trimmed in white with quartz aggregate panels in some of the bay windows and dormers.

The interior of the house is divided into the typical Victorian combination of double parlors, a large dining room and a large library with the rear extension including pantries and the kitchen. The front hall is irregularly shaped with a U-shaped two-landing staircase extending to the second floor. The interior woodwork with the exception of the library is now painted. However, originally all the interior woodwork had a natural finish.

This house is one of Arkansas' most outstanding high Victorian Period structures. It is an elaborate example of Queen Anne Victorian style which was originally painted yellow with white trim with the original slate gray roof, which still survives, and red brick foundation and red brick chimneys. The house is in excellent condition with all of its intricate woodwork, spindle work, and jigsaw cut trim in an excellent state of repair. The only trim missing is the balustrade rail around the front veranda porch. The spacious grounds are still intact complete with wrought iron fence and gates.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pillow House is an outstanding example of High Victorian or Queen Anne Victorian architecture. It is significant, first because of its very ornate style executed completely in wood construction, with the exception of a brick foundation and chimneys. Secondly, the house is basically unaltered and in an excellent state of preservation complete with original roof and its enormous amount of elaborate trim. Lastly, the house embodies practically all of the Victorian period vernacular in terms of very irregular shape, multiple bays, towers, turrets and dormers and the whole accomplished in the ultimate eclectic manner of the late 19th Century style in America.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES.

Phillips County Deed Book 48, p. 163.  
Phillips County Deed Book 39, p. 260.  
Phillips County Deed Book K, p. 239.  
Phillips County Deed Book D, p. 123.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34° 31' 45.6"	90° 35' 31"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Gene Richardson, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program      DATE: November 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1023 West Third

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock      STATE: Arkansas      CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name William E. Henderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date November 7, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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