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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas
COUNTY:
Phillips
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

TAPPAN-PILLOW HOME

AND/OR HISTORIC:

The James C. [Tappan Home]

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

717 Poplar Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Helena

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

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"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object			

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:

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Pillow

STREET AND NUMBER:

717 Poplar Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Helena

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

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:

1971

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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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James C. Tappan House is a two-storey frame residence, three bays wide across the facade. The house is basically Greek Revival in style and also has an original bracketed cornice that is normally considered Victorian. The main house has a hip roof with a simple bracketed cornice an early design with the front portico capped by a large pediment decorated with brackets across the flat cornice and up the rake cornice. Both the first and second-storey porches are surrounded by a handsome wood balustrade having slender urn shaped balusters. The four square wood columns are paneled with plain bases and very simple capitals. The main front entrance has an entablature-style architrave and the windows on either side of the entrance also have entablature style architraves. The second-storey door opening onto the upper porch and the windows on the either side of it have plain architraves. The house has corner pilasters of paneled design that match the front porch columns.

Inside, the house is arranged with the typical center hall from front to back two rooms on either side, with a stair at the back end of the hall having a landing half way up that stretches completely across the width of the hall. Upstairs the same plan is repeated with two rooms on either side of the center hall.

The house presently has a bay window extension on the lower floor that was probably added to the house in the late 19th Century. The original one-storey rear porch stretching across the rear of the house has been closed in for a modern kitchen, breakfast area and pantry area. This was originally an open porch in the center with a small room enclosed at either end of the porch. The original brick kitchen, a separate building, still is located in the rear yard although it has been converted to a small studio apartment and a connecting roof has been installed between the main house and this building. (The house stands on a high brick foundation). The house is painted gray with white trim at the present time with black shutters and a black composition shingle roof.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 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 checked="" 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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James C. Tappan Home is probably easier to date than almost any of the other old homes in Helena. The house was built by a Mormon preacher named Gay. Gay may have been the builder or contractor, but it would appear that Robert Maloney was the man for whom it was being built. Maloney was a land speculator in Helena. He sold this partially completed house to J.C. Tappan on October 6, 1858, along with Lots 588, 589, 590, 591, 592 for \$6,000.

In the first volume of the Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Professor John Hugh Reynolds wrote:

...Built by General J.C. Tappan in 1858 after he had bought a frame shell from a Mr. Maloney; is a two-storey frame house painted green and white, with wide porchers and stately columns, surrounded by a large undulating lawn thickly dotted with shade trees, magnolias, Japanese persimmon and flowers. During the war when the Federal troops under General Curtis were camped around Helena, General Tappan made a narrow escape from this home which was occupied from time to time by Federal officers prominent among whom was General Sherman. This magnificent antebellum home suffered fearfully from the ravages of war, but a lucrative law practice enabled General Tappan to rehabilitate it...

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8. Significance Continued:

General Tappan, a native of Tennessee, came to Helena as a young man, was a lawyer, farmer, commanded the 13th Arkansas Infantry Regiment, seeing action in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He was a member of the 8th General Assembly of Arkansas, 1850-1851; a member of the 31st General Assembly in 1897, serving as Speaker of the House of Representatives and Acting Governor of Arkansas that year; a member of the 32nd General Assembly in 1899. He was the Receiver of the U.S. Land Office at Helena, 1852-1860. Among other tributes that came his way was an appointment to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1885. He died in 1906, and was buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Helena.

An unusual house, architecturally, due to its Victorian style bracketed cornice which can be verified as originally part of the house, together with an otherwise Greek Revival style residence. Although such a combination may not be unusual in other parts of the country, it is very rare in Arkansas.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STREET AND NUMBER		
717 Poplar Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Department of Parks and Tourism	1972	Department of Parks and Tourism
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

This photograph was taken from the east looking west.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
USGS 15' Series Latour Quadrangle	1961	1:62,500

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES 1-15-74

Phillips County Deed Record Book Q, pp. 166 and 321.
 Phillips County Deed Record Book R, p. 714.
 Phillips County Deed Record Book P, pp. 541 and 568.
 Phillips County Deed Record Book 33, p. 161.
 Reynolds, John Hugh, ed. "The Tappan Home."
Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association,
 Vol. 1, 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	°	°		90	35	38
SE	°	°				
SW	°	°				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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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 Street

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

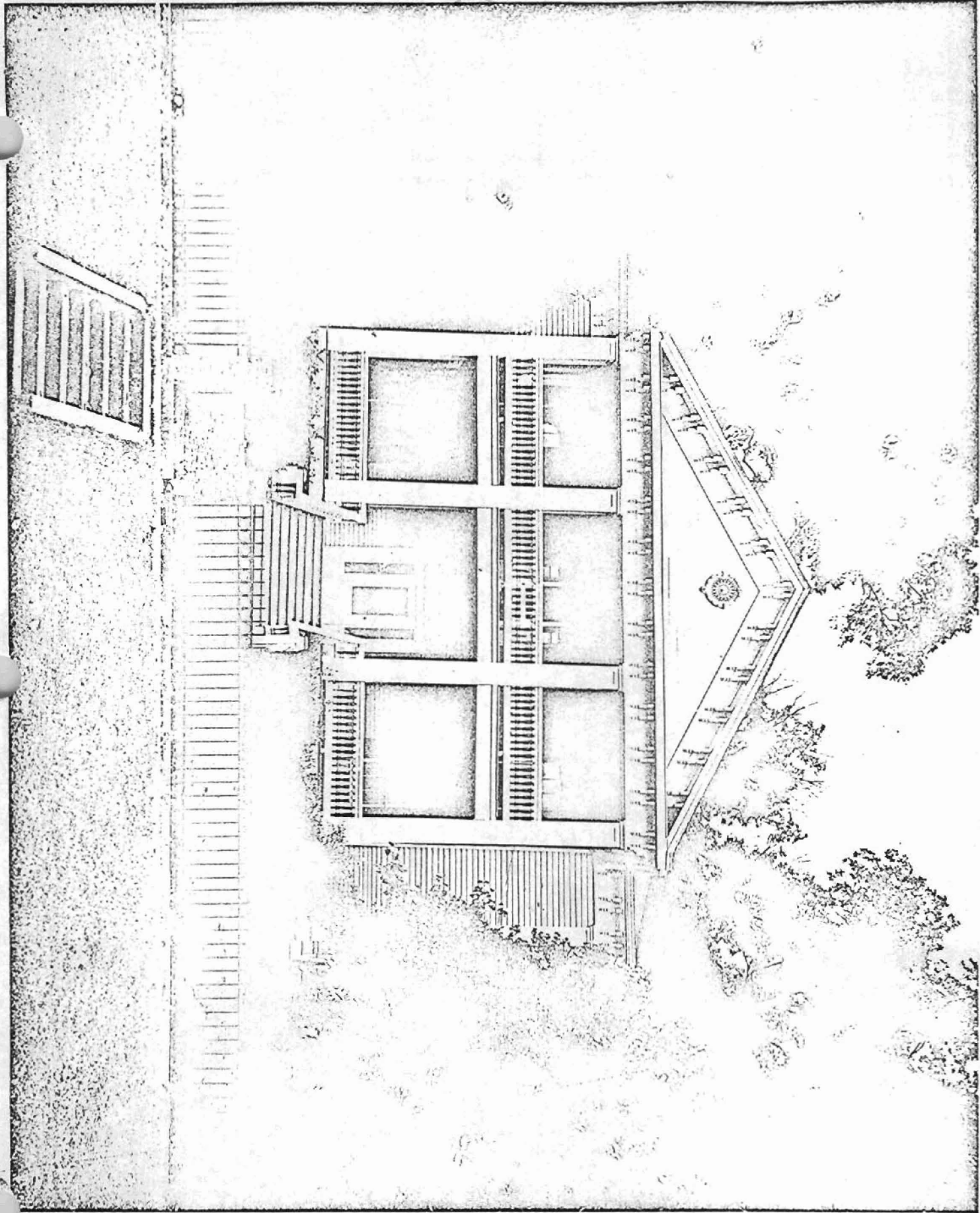
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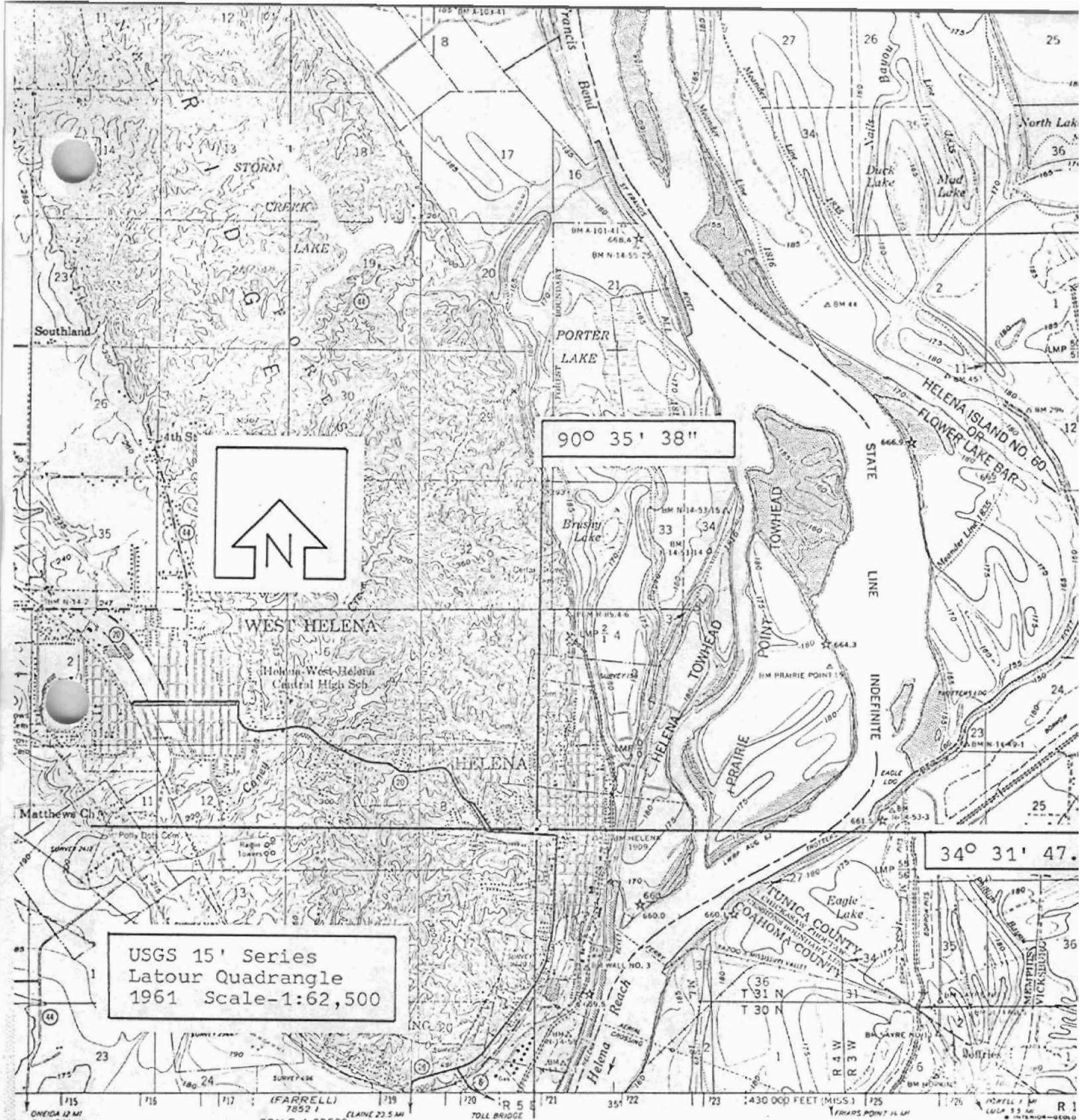
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 Keeper of The National Register

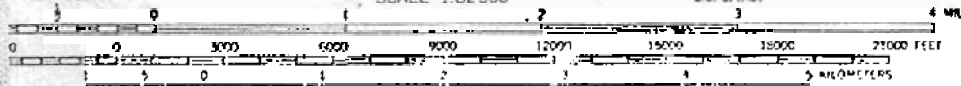
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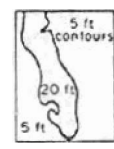




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