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Form 10-300  
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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: MOORE-HORNOR HOME

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 323 Beech 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"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Carolyn H. Curtis

STREET AND NUMBER:

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 Markhama

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

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

## 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						
<p>The Arthur Thompson House is a very early Victorian style in the State of Arkansas. Built in 1859, it must have been a style setter in the City of Helena, because other houses in the area at that time were Greek Revival style or otherwise symmetrically-styled buildings. There is good indication that the original front porch was executed in wood and that the present wrought iron front porch was a later alteration to the house. The original front entrance matched exactly the rear entrance with a perfectly semicircular arch headed doorway in place of the present fan shaped front door with side lights.</p> <p>The house is basically a red brick, two-storey, five bay structure with the two left side bays projecting to the front. There are two rooms on either side of the center hall both upstairs and down with a separate one-storey kitchen located off the right hand rear corner of the house. The projecting ell has a gable roof connecting to a hip roof on the rest of the house with four internal chimneys, two on either end of the house. The house presently has a bracketed cornice, however, the brackets may have been added to a simpler cornice that was originally installed.</p> <p>The interior of the house is especially impressive with an unusually handsome staircase in the center hall and ceilings in excess of fourteen feet in height on both the first and second floors. The cast plaster cornices on the interior are elaborate and in good condition. Several very early, if not the original, chandeliers survive in the house. The windows are long and relatively wide, having operating louvered shutters on each of them. The right hand front room has the windows extending to the floor opening onto the front porch.</p> <p>The spacious grounds are surrounded by a handsome wrought iron fence. The area between the main house and the original kitchen has been closed in with a one-storey brick connection topped by a second-storey frame-constructed sleeping porch. It appears that some portion of this was original, probably in the form of a porch extending across the back of the main house, but now completely enclosed and added to in later construction.</p>						

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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

While the Thompson-Moore-Hornor House is significant because of its architecture, it is interesting to note that the main scene of fighting during the Battle of Helena took place directly behind the house. It is amazing that the house escaped destruction for it was in the direct line of fire from Fort Curtis and Battery D. There are two bullet holes in the sliding doors between the double parlor, said to have come from the Confederates on the hill firing on the Gun Boat Tyler on the Mississippi River.

The Thompson-Moore-Hornor House is architecturally significant because it is an early asymmetrical Greek Revival style. It was a style-setter in Helena that was patterned after the newer Victorian style of the east coast of the United States. It represents one of the earliest examples of this type of architecture in Arkansas.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phillips County Deed Record Book Q, pp. 559-560.  
 Phillips County Deed Record Book. B4, p. 546.  
 Phillips County Probate Record Book D, p. 34.  
 Phillips County Tax Records, 1856, 1859, and 1860.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		34	31	31
SE	° ' "	° ' "		90	35	34
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	COOP.	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Gene Richardson, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: DATE  
 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program November, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1023 West Third

CITY OR TOWN: STATE  
 Little Rock Arkansas

CODE  
 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William E. Henderson</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____              Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____              Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
MOORE-HORNOR HOUSE		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Phillips	Helena
STREET AND NUMBER		
323 Beech Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	September 1972	Arkansas History Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

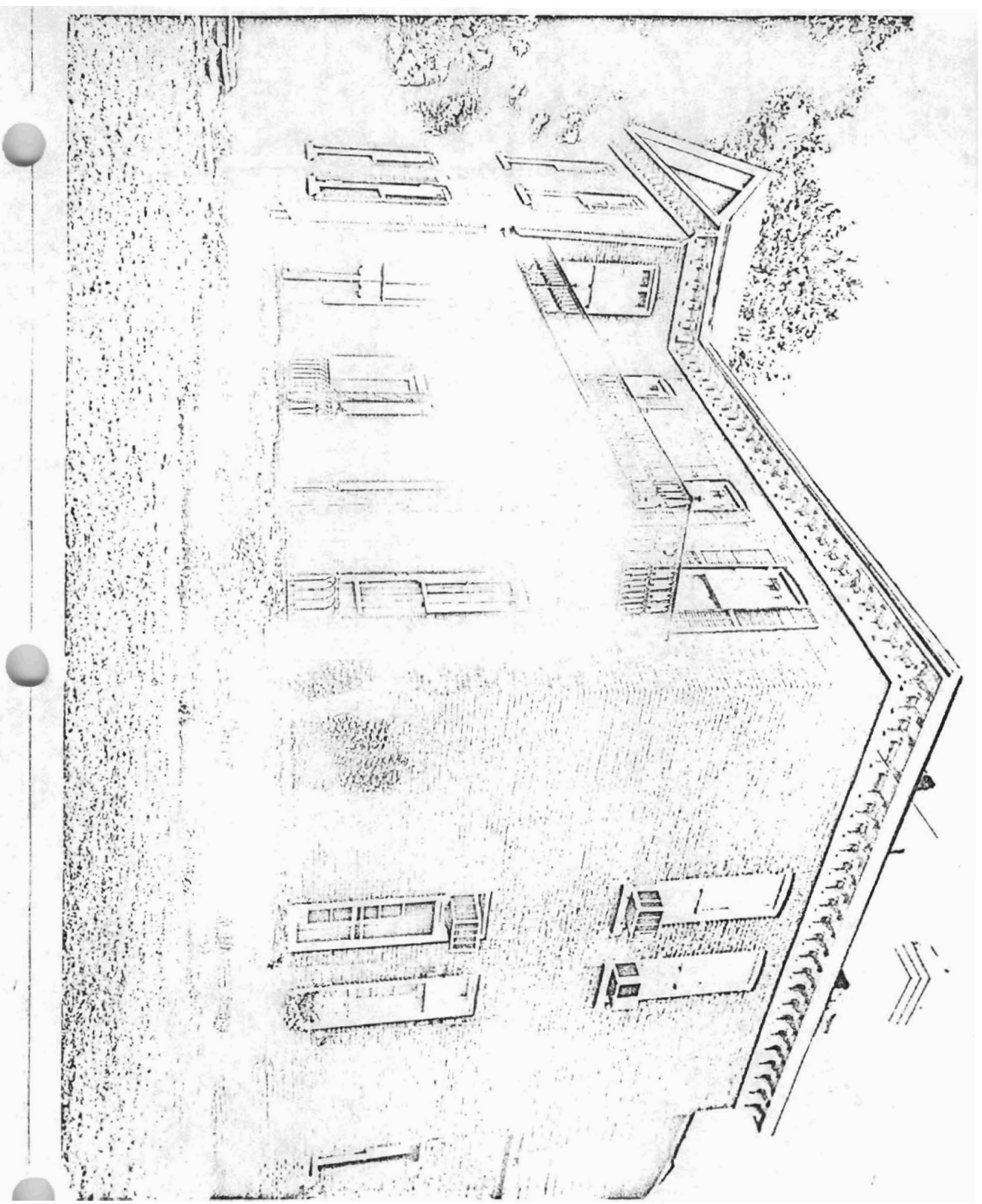
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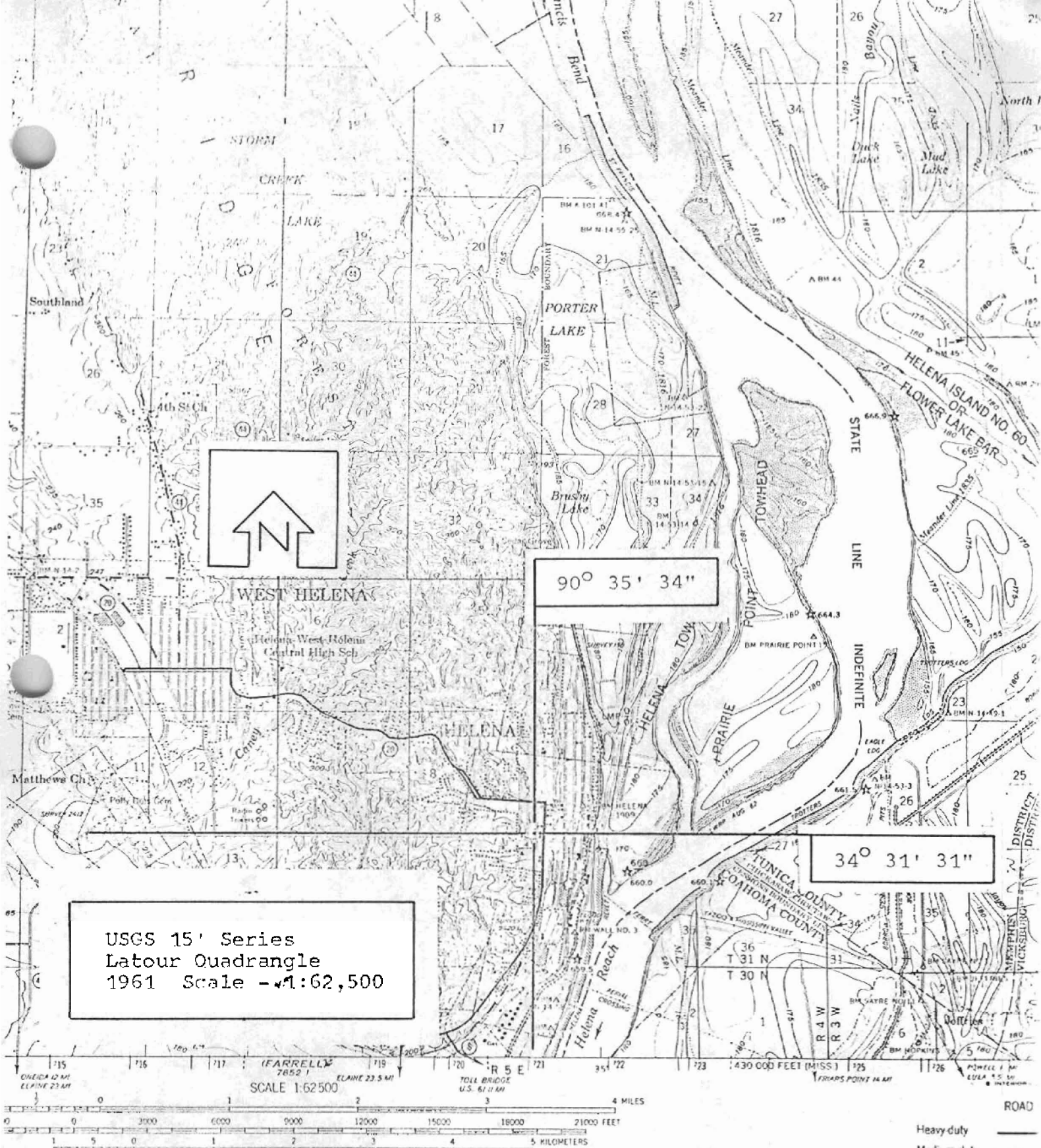
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PROPERTY MAP FORM  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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MOORE-HORNOR HOUSE		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Phillips	Helena
STREET AND NUMBER		
323 Beech Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
USGS 15' Series Latour Quadrangle	1961	1:62,500

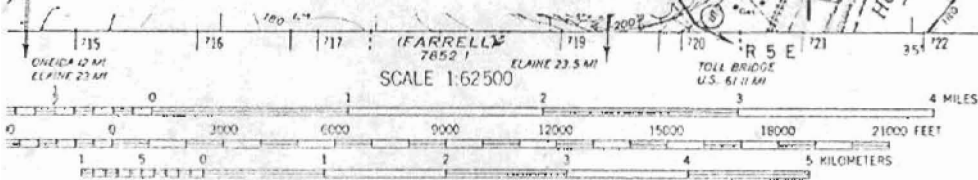
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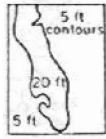




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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 AND 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD  
 Heavy duty ———  
 Medium duty - - -

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 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242,  
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 AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
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