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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

Arkansas
COUNTY:
Pulaski
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Tavern - Arkansas Territorial Restoration

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Jesse Hinderliter House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
214 E. Third Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Little Rock

STATE Arkansas	CODE 03	COUNTY: Pulaski	CODE 119
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State Of Arkansas

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Little Rock

STATE: Arkansas	CODE 03
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Little Rock

STATE: Arkansas	CODE 03
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Fine Arts, Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 08
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 Tavern, or Jesse Hinderliter¹ House, is a two-story clapboard covered, log structure which was built in the early 19th century on the site which now constitutes part of the Arkansas Territorial Restoration. This building was listed in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1934. Photographs and measured drawings were made at that time and the authenticity of the structure established. In 1939, the development of the Territorial Restoration was made possible by an Act of the Arkansas Legislature. This Act created a Commission to have charge of the project, and appropriated funds to purchase the original grounds and contribute to the restoration work.

The Tavern - Hinderliter House, is the most significant structure in the Territorial Restoration Complex. Built in the early 19th century, and remodeled in 1834, it is constructed of large, hand-hewn, oak logs and covered with red heart, hand beaded, cypress siding. All the ceiling beams, both upsairs and down, have the same corner-beaded finish. The hand carved mantel in the downstairs West Room is especially interesting. Some of the interior wall boards in the building are eighteen and twenty inches wide. In the upstairs room the wall boards have been left off to show the original log construction of the building.

During the restoration work of 1939-41, the exterior clapboard was replaced; sagging ridgepole, rafters and joists were also replaced at this time. At this time also, some modifications which had taken place over the years were apparently restored to their original condition.² Max Mayer (deceased) was the architect in charge of the restoration.

The maintenance of this structure under the Arkansas Territorial Restoration Commission has been excellent.

¹The name Hinderliter, rather than Henderliter, appears to be the correct spelling. Jesse Hinderliter's name appears in this form in both the 1830 U.S. Census and the Pulaski County Tax Lists for 1828.

²It has not been possible to obtain Mr. Mayer's notes and working drawings from the time of the 1939-41 restoration. They have apparently been lost or destroyed.

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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) (Not 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>In downtown urban</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>renewal area. This</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>restoration is</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>significant in</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>urban planning.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tavern, or Jesse Hinderliter House, is significant in that it is probably the only wooden building surviving from the period prior to Arkansas' achieving statehood. It was in existence during the time that Little Rock was the Territorial Capitol, and it is believed that some Territorial meetings may have taken place in the building; if only on an informal basis. This cannot be documented, nor can it be disproved.

The Territorial Restoration site, on which the Tavern stands, was initially part of a one-half block area which comprised a significant portion of the original townsite of Little Rock. The area extends for a full block facing Cumberland Street to the east, and for a half-block on Second Street to the north, and Third Street to the south. In addition to the early 19th century Tavern, eleven other structures from the old city have been restored or reconstructed. In depth research and restoration continues on these buildings.

In 1967 the balance of the block was acquired by the State of Arkansas under a Housing and Urban Development "Open Space" matching funds grant. No additional restorations or reconstructions are contemplated for this newly acquired land. It is intended to utilize this area for an extension of the attractive landscaping of the Territorial Restoration grounds, and to provide parking for visitors.

The grounds on which this early 19th century tavern now stands consists of one complete city block in the downtown section of the city of Little Rock.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Park Service, Historic American Buildings Survey Catalog, Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1941.

Vanderbuilt, Cornelius, Jr., The Living Past of America, New York: Crown Publishers Inc., 1955.

American Guide Series, Arkansas, A Guide to the State, New Yor: Hastings House, 1941.

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	° ' "	° ' "		34 °	44'	47"
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.05

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jack E. Porter, Administrator, Historic Preservation Program

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Planning Commission DATE: 12/9/69

STREET AND NUMBER: Game and Fish Building

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 03

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: John M. Peterson

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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