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#372

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Marshall Square Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Block of 16 houses bounded by 17th St.,
McAlmont St., 18th St., and Vance Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Hampton Roy and Nancy H. Roy

STREET & NUMBER

1800 Arch Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas 72206

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Second and Spring Streets

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas 72201

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marshall Square Historic District is comprised of sixteen architecturally significant buildings. Dating from the early 20th century, few of the district's buildings have undergone major alterations. These sixteen houses were built for rental property and are virtually identical to each other except for minor variations in roof lines or porch placement.

Marshall Square has eight houses facing 17th Street and eight houses facing 18th Street. It retains the scale and density of early 20th Century rental houses. The district is primarily commercial residential in character. Each unit is a Victorian cottage suitable for single-family dwelling.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district:

The Marshall Square historic district consists of sixteen frame single-family residences. Each of the sixteen houses, for all practical purposes, is identical. The houses have four-inch weatherboard exteriors and high hip roofs. Fish scale siding is present around some of the dormer windows. All of the windows are double-hung with four or eight lights. Six of the houses on 17th Street have 14 colored lights surrounding a larger central light. All houses have a brick chimney connecting to a flue in the house. All of the houses are one storey mounted on piers. The fronts of the houses have brick foundations. The front porches are about 200 square feet. They have wooden decks and two entrances on the front porch. Each house is 1,036 square feet. The houses have wood floor joist, pine floor, plaster walls and 10 foot ceilings. The plans consist of two bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and bath.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1917-1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Marshall Square is a well-preserved group of early Twentieth Century row houses. Occupying an entire city block in the city of Little Rock, the sixteen structures present a good example of vernacular architecture. As a group, these houses maintain a strong link to the history of Little Rock through their design and cohesive placement on the block. In spite of a new school being constructed to the north in the block across 17th Street and Interstate-30 across McAlmont Street to the east, Marshall Square retains the ambience and scale of a grouping of early Twentieth Century residences. The block referred to as Marshall Square is bounded on the east by McAlmont Street, by 18th Street on the south, 17th on the north and Vance on the west.

In 1906 Mr. Josephus C. Marshall acquired the property where the sixteen houses are situated. The land was a part of the Bragg Estate which included a large section of the now historic residential area of Little Rock. At the time of Marshall's purchase, the land was considered on the outskirts of the city. Records indicate that J. C. Marshall had completely paid for the property by 1913. In 1917-1918 Marshall constructed the sixteen structures on the block as rental property. Eight of the houses were built facing 17th Street and eight facing 18th Street. The middle portion of the block was open space.

At the time of construction of the houses, the area was strictly residential. Several changes have occurred to the neighborhood since. Interstate-30 is adjacent to the property on the east. On the north, an entire block of homes has been razed. The Arkansas Highway Department is constructing an elementary school on this site. The next block north (15th and 16th Streets) will be the Interstate 30-630 interchange.

Josephus C. Marshall was born in 1856 and died in 1926. He was a prominent lawyer and real-estate developer in Little Rock. Marshall Square remained in the same family until 1978 when the present owners purchased the block.

The uniqueness of Marshall Square lies in the similarity in design and cohesive placement on one block of sixteen houses. Plans are being formulated to develop the block and maintain the early Twentieth Century charm and architectural features of the exteriors. The central area is to be utilized as a green area for use by all residents of the block.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Reports, Vol. 182, p. 1177-78
 Arkansas Gazette, Sun. Feb. 17, 1974, p. 4-A

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

QUADRANGLE NAME _____
 UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
E	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
G	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
F	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
H	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Charles Witsell

Nancy Roy
 1800 Arch
 Little Rock, Arkansas

ORGANIZATION
 Witsell & Evans

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
 101 Scott

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
 Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____ STATE _____ LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE _____

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

