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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Peter Faucette House

AND/OR COMMON

John Farmer House / Hazel Gray House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

316 West Fourth

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

North Little Rock

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Ark

05

Pulaski

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Hazel Gray

STREET & NUMBER

316 West Fourth

CITY, TOWN

STATE

North Little Rock

VICINITY OF

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Little Rock

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Faucette-Farmer-Gray House is a two-and-one-half storey masonry structure, square in plan with a projecting bay on the front (south) facade. Centered on the north is a two storey bay which serves the kitchen on the first level and on the second level is an enclosed sleeping space.

The front entrance porch is a single storey shed. Fluted box columns are arranged in a cluster of three at both ends of the porch front and are paired in the middle. The cornice is beaded. Glass in the entry door, transom and sidelights is beveled, as is the glass in the front windows.

The roof of the house is hipped with gabled projections. The wood cornice is wide and the eaves are deep. On the south is a single gabled dormer with stick work on its double windows. These windows end in the dormer's cornice, producing a triangular top. The other windows on the south have a similar stick pattern. The window on the north projection has a mantle-like lintel with a round window above.

There are two outside corbelled chimneys. The chimneys and house are finished in a Dutch bond with headers darker than stretchers. This value change in color is produced through texture, with the headers made of roughly cut half bricks.

The entry hall, with a single turn stair, leads to the kitchen on the south and to the parlor on the west. The original pocket doors leading off the hall were replaced c. 1925 with doors, transoms and sidelights of beveled glass.

The most interesting interior feature is the parlor fireplace which has a blue ceramic-tile hearth and infill around the gas unit mounted in the fire-box. The mantle is supported by Corinthian capitaled columns. Carving on the capitals is of fine workmanship.

Pocket doors separate the parlor from the dining room which is decorated with a plate mould. The house has its original lighting fixtures.

The house rests on its original site in a residential neighborhood near downtown North Little Rock. The immediate neighborhood retains much of its turn-of-the-century character. The house has been continually occupied since construction and remains in good condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Faucette-Farmer-Gray House, constructed c. 1912, is one of North Little Rock's older residences which is significant for both its architectural features and historical associations. The structure is an important part of one of the city's oldest surviving residential neighborhoods.

A most unusual feature of the house is its brick veneer. Laid in a Dutch bond pattern, the header bricks are darker in color than the stretcher bricks, and the surface of the headers is rough cut, resembling hewn wood. The alternating color and texture of the bricks gives the house a most interesting wall surface.

Other interesting features include the corbelled chimneys, cast stone lugsills and a one-storey entry porch with boxed, fluted half-columns. The second-storey window above the main entry has an unusually heavy entablature with a round window above. Interior features of note include the original light fixtures, carved parlor mantle and plumbing system.

The Faucette-Farmer-Gray House was constructed by Mayor James P. Faucette, an important business and civic leader of North Little Rock. Faucette built two almost identical houses on the double lots at the corner of Fourth and Willow Streets. The corner house, destroyed in the 1970's, was built for the Faucette family and thus was somewhat more elaborate. The remaining house was built by Faucette as rental property.

The Faucette family was instrumental in establishing a sound, workable government for the city of North Little Rock. J. P. Faucette's brother, William C. Faucette, was the city's first mayor following its separation from the city of Little Rock in 1904. In 1911 James P. Faucette was elected to the first of his three terms as mayor, serving through 1917.

Mayor James P. Faucette's second re-election was described in a contemporary newspaper editorial as "the strongest endorsement they (the citizens) could have given to progressive ideas and policies as he sees them."* Some of Faucette's progressive policies included completion of a large sewer and drainage system, an extensive street-paving program and construction of a city hall. (The North Little Rock City Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places on August 6, 1975.)

The house was completed about 1912 and was rented for several years. In 1918 Mr. John Farmer, a railroad engineer for Missouri-Pacific Lines, purchased the house

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from Mayor Faucette. Like his neighbor, Mr. Farmer was also interested in local politics, serving as an alderman and making two unsuccessful bids for mayor. Farmer's daughter, Mrs. Hazel Farmer Gray, now owns and resides in the house. Thus, a single family has occupied the house for the past half-century.

The loss of the Faucette residence at Fourth and Willow makes preservation of the Faucette-Farmer-Gray House even more important. The house is one of the most important structures in a neighborhood which retains much of its historic character.

During the past decade many of the older houses in the neighborhood have been destroyed, and even now this important structure is threatened with demolition by a government agency. Nevertheless, the preservation of this and neighboring structures must occur to enable North Little Rock to retain one of its most important historic neighborhoods.

Individually, the house is significant for its architectural features and historic associations. As part of an historic neighborhood, preservation of the Faucette-Farmer-Gray House becomes especially important to the city of North Little Rock.

*Editorial, Arkansas Democrat, April 8, 1914, p. 10

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas Democrat, April 8, June 6, 1914; July 3, 1915; March 13, 1938.
 Arkansas Gazette, July 23, 1936.
 Thaxton, Margaret Faucette. Telephone interview, August 30, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	5,6,6,7,4,0	3,8,4,6,1,3,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

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

Frezil Miller / Dianna Kirk

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500 Continental Building

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

DATE

13 September, 1977

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

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

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Please make the following corrections:

7 Description

Paragraph 1 line 2 change south to north
paragraph 2 line 3 change bead to dentil
paragraph 3 line 2 change south to north
paragraph 4 line 2 change Dutch to Flemish

8 Significance

paragraph 2 line 1 change Dutch to Flemish
paragraph 2 line 3 strike "resembling hewn wood"