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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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 Howell-Garner Monfee House
AND/OR COMMON Monfee House

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
300 West Fourth Street
CITY, TOWN
North Little Rock VICINITY OF
STATE
Arkansas CODE
05 COUNTY
Pulaski CODE
119 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Andrew J. Monfee
STREET & NUMBER
300 West Fourth Street
CITY, TOWN
North Little Rock VICINITY OF
STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER
Pulaski County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN
Little Rock STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
DATE
STATE
 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 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 Howell-Garner-Monfee House, built c. 1906, is a two-and-one-half storey brick structure which is rectangular in plan. The roof is hipped with wide eaves and four pediment dormers. A semi-circular porch runs across the east and north sides. The porch has a dentiled cornice and brick pillars.

The entrance door has a transom composed of semi-circular shapes joined by a straight piece. The side-lights are one-over-one and double-hung. The door has a large fixed-glass panel. Between the door and side-lights are engaged columns with Ionic capitals.

The interior of the house has had little alteration. The east side of the porch has been glassed in to create a sun room, and a modern kitchen has been added on the previously existing back porch.

The flooring in the house is oak. An oak stair with two turns leads to the second floor from the entrance hall. To the side of the stair, at the first turn, is a built-in oak bench.

The house has three significant fire places. Two are of cut Arkansas marble and were added c. 1940. The original mantle is an ornate "pattern book" design with Griffins holding up the top shelf. French doors lead to the front parlor from the entrance hall.

The Howell-Garner-Monfee House rests on its original corner lot in a quiet residential neighborhood just north of the Arkansas River. Just across the street to the east is the Manees House, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located west of North Little Rock's original business district is one of the city's most historically significant residential neighborhoods. Several of the remaining houses date from the early twentieth century and reflect the city's most prosperous neighborhood in that period. One such structure is the Howell-Garner-Monfee House.

Constructed about 1906, the house is an architecturally significant residence reflecting the period in which it was built. Just to the east is the Manees House a late 19th century structure which was added to the National Register of Historic Places on August 6, 1975. To the west is the Faucette-Farmer-Gray House, built c. 1912 and significant for both its architectural features and historical associations. The continued existence of these three structures, lying along the south side of Fourth Street, is necessary for the neighborhood to retain its historic significance.

The Howell-Garner-Monfee House is a two-and-one-half storey structure with a very fine brick veneer. A one storey porch, encircling the east and north elevations, features a boxed cornice with a decorated frieze. Similar trim appears on the gable ends and cornice of the gabled dormers. White wood trim and cast stone lintels and lugsills contrast the red brick wall surface. The interior of the house retains most of its original features, including the oak stairway in the entry hall and moulded trim and corner blocks around windows and doors.

Dr. Andrew R. Howell, a noted North Little Rock physician, is believed to have been the first owner of the house. In 1925 Mrs. Laura Garner purchased the residence and rented the upper bedrooms. For over thirty years Mrs. Garner operated a boarding house in her home. The house now belongs to Mrs. Garner's nephew, A. J. Monfee, and continues to serve as both a private residence for the owner and a boarding house.

Like the Manees House and Faucette-Farmer-Gray House which flank it, the Howell-Garner-Monfee House is important as one of the last representatives of what was once North Little Rock's most prosperous residential neighborhood. These three houses are an important record in bricks and mortar of North Little Rock's history.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1906-1907, Vol. V. Chicago:
 R. L. Polk and Company, 1907
 Thaxton, Margaret Faucette. Telephone interview, 30 August, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 15	5 6 16 7 18 10	3 18 4 16 1 13 10	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

DATE

13 September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500 Continental Building, Markham and Main Streets

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

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 Anne Bartley

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Program

DATE 9/14/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

August 10, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Monfee
300 West Fourth Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

AUG 16 1977

Re: Monfee House
North Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Monfee:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Monfee House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Dianna Kirk of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.

 X Yes No

Comments: *We would like to preserve this home, live in it and restore it ourselves and are willing to do so.*

15 Aug. 77

Tom A. J. Monfee, A. J. Monfee



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CONTINUATION SHEET

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North Little Rock, Arkansas

Please make the following corrections:

7 Description

paragraph 2 line 1 change entrance door to window located on porch
paragraph 2 line 3 change door to window

8 Significance

paragraph 3 line 2 strick veneer

