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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Barlow Apartments

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 2115 Scott Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski code: AR 119 zip code: 72202

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Little Rock Apartment Buildings, 1900-1945

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification  
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Cathryn A. Lata \_\_\_\_\_ 2-22-95 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification  
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: Multiple dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

Materials:      foundation      Brick      roof      Asphalt  
                 walls              Brick      other      Brick chimneys

Describe present and historic physical appearance.      X      See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria:      C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):      N/A

Areas of Significance:      ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance:      1921      \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates:      1921      \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s):      N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:      N/A      \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder:      Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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See "Little Rock Apartment Buildings, 1900-1945," Section H.

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

Table with 6 columns: UTM References, Zone Easting, Northing, Zone Easting, Northing. Rows A, B, C, D.

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Lot 4, Block 418, DuVall's Addition to the Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By
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### Summary

With a wide, low profile characteristic of the Craftsman style, the brick-veneered Barlow Apartments building is an early example of an often seen variation of four-unit apartment building in Little Rock. Although the building is largely devoid of ornamentation, Craftsman detailing is seen in the low-pitch gable roof and wide eaves with extended rafter tails. A shed roof covering the recessed ground floor entry features extended rafter tails and is supported by wooden triangular brackets. Constructed in 1921 for Virgil M. Barlow, the apartment building is scaled to blend into the streetscape and surrounding single-family residences.

### Elaboration

Situated just one block to the east of Little Rock's S. Main Street, the Barlow Apartments building was constructed in 1921 in the then-popular Craftsman style of architecture. The building's Craftsman elements, as seen in broad, overhanging eaves with extended rafter tails and bracketed shed roof over the recessed entry, give the Barlow its architectural distinction.

The Barlow Apartments is a two-story brick veneered building with four units. The building is capped by a gable roof and features four brick chimneys. The three-bay facade (west) features a recessed two-story center entry with a bracketed shed roof over the ground floor entry. The recessed entry is distinguished by a concrete panel containing the name "Barlow" above the door. A pair of double-hung windows are located on the second floor of this recessed entry bay. The bays flanking the recessed center entry feature sets of three double-hung windows on both first and second floors. Originally Craftsman style double-hung, three-over-three vertical sash windows added distinction to the building. In the late 1980s original windows were replaced with two-over-two metal windows.

The north and south elevations feature four paired sets of windows on both the first and second stories. The rear (east) of the Barlow features a two-story shed roof porch, original to the building, which extends across most of the elevation. Probably originally screened, the porch has been enclosed with aluminum siding. Stairs on either end of the porch lead to rear entries.

The four apartments have been substantially altered, the most drastic "remodeling" being as recent as the late 1980s. Little of the original character of the interior remains.

Planned renovation of the building will restore the Barlow to its original appearance. Aluminum

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windows will be replaced by Craftsman style three-over-one windows and the original character of the interior will be restored. Although boarded and significantly altered on the interior, the Barlow is structurally sound and in good condition.

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### Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Barlow Apartments Building is representative of the small Craftsman style apartment building commonly constructed in Little Rock in the 1920s. Constructed in an area of the city which was serviced by the streetcar line, the Barlow's desirable location and affordability appealed to the growing number of young working families whose presence changed the face of Little Rock in the early decades of the twentieth century.

### Elaboration

The Barlow Apartments Building is a typical simple Craftsman style structure, situated in the middle of a block of historic single-family residences. Constructed in 1921 for building contractor Virgil M. Barlow, the building is scaled and situated on its lot to blend with the surrounding homes. Virgil Barlow constructed this building as well as his personal residence in this same block.

As the population of Little Rock more than doubled in the period from 1900 to 1930, demand for housing became critical. A number of small multi-family buildings were constructed in Little Rock during this time period. Most of this type of Craftsman apartment building were constructed in newly developing suburbs to the west of Little Rock's downtown. However, a few were concentrated close to the central business district, and several were built around the south end of Main Street. The streetcar line ran down Main Street, just one block to the east of the Barlow, providing easy access to downtown offices and factories. Development of larger apartment buildings one block to the west in the 1900 through 2200 blocks of Main Street gave the area a large concentration of multi-family units.

Although the Barlow Apartment building is structurally in good condition, it has been closed and boarded. Plans are to renovate the apartment building to its original Craftsman appearance. Located on Scott Street and nestled in the middle of a block of small single-family Colonial Revival and Craftsman Bungalow styled homes, the Barlow is an important part of the streetscape along Scott Street. The Barlow Apartment building is eligible under Criterion C as an example of a type of small Craftsman apartment building commonly constructed in the 1920s as a direct result of the post World War I urbanization of Little Rock and consequent demand for affordable housing.







