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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

COUNTY: Randolph
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME
COMMON: OLD RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Broadway and Vance
CITY OR TOWN: Pocahontas
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First
STATE: Arkansas
CODE: 05
COUNTY: Randolph
CODE: 075

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One): Building
OWNERSHIP: Public
STATUS: Occupied
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Educational

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Randolph County
STREET AND NUMBER: Broadway and Vance
CITY OR TOWN: Pocahontas
STATE: Arkansas
CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Randolph County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: Broadway and Vance
CITY OR TOWN: Pocahontas
STATE: Arkansas
CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
DATE OF SURVEY: July 1, 1969
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Arkansas History Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: 300 West Markham Street
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock
STATE: Arkansas
CODE: 05

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STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Randolph County Courthouse is situated on a large square in the center of the present town. Building in 1872, it is a good example of early Victorian architecture. It is of unusually large proportions, having a sizable plan 60' long and 48' wide. The brickwork on the exterior of the building is of fine quality, embellished with quoins at the corners and pedimented breaks on all facades of the building. The color of the brickwork is very pleasing with its bright salmon hue, making it stand out distinctly from the type of brickwork on the buildings of the modern town, which surround it.

The woodwork details are quite delicate. The high story heights lighted by arched and narrow stilted windows truly give the building a vertical and imposing appearance. These windows on all facades of the building give the building considerable airiness and a quality of spaciousness that would not otherwise be apparent from the exterior. The rather flat sloping roof is surmounted by a very attractive cupola or lantern of delicate wood construction. On the side facade of the building two of the original windows were bricked in after the removal of a latter period addition to accommodate a modern vault.

The interior of the building provided a rather ingenious plan for offices and for the courtroom. There is only one stairway rising to the second floor. The interior woodwork and trim in the building is largely original. An examination of the structure, including the roof framing in the attic, indicates that the building is structurally sound and in need of little repair.

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8. 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) 1875

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 type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Old Randolph County Courthouse is primarily architectural. While there are many courthouses of similar architectural importance in other areas of Arkansas. The architectural style of the Old Randolph County Courthouse is quite rare in this area of the State.

The present building, known as the "Old Courthouse" is located on the original site of the first courthouse in Randolph County. The first courthouse was constructed in 1837-38 and served as a courthouse until 1869 when it was demolished so the present structure could be erected.

On April 7, 1875 County Officer moved into the new building and the building served as a County Courthouse until 1940. Since it has ceased to be used as a Courthouse, it has been used as a City Hall, County Library and Social Security Office.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Guide Series, Arkansas, A Guide to the State.
 New York: Newton Hastings House, 1941.
 Hempstead, Fay, Historical Review of Arkansas. Chicago:
 Lewis Publishing Co., 1911.
 Dalton, Lawrence, History of Randolph County, Arkansas.
 Little Rock: Democrat Printing & Lithographing Co., 1946.

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Gene Richardson, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: 12-23-72

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1023 West Third

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 William E. Henderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 12-27-72

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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