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**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 Lambert House

and or common Miles House

2. Location

street & number 204 West Jackson

N/A not for publication

city, town Monticello

vicinity of N/A

state Arkansas

code 05

county Drew

code 043

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Barnett and Vivian Miles

street & number 204 West Jackson

city, town Monticello

N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Drew County Courthouse

street & number S. Main Street

city, town Monticello

state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title AHPP Survey in conjunction with SEAEDAs this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date August, 1979 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local N/

depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

Designed by S. C. Hotchkiss, the Lambert House is an outstanding example of a Colonial Revival residence. Dominating the exterior of this 1905 structure is a two-story pedimented portico with a wrap-around porch. Stained glass windows and beautifully detailed woodwork highlight the interior.

ELABORATION

Located at the corner of Chester and Jackson Streets in Monticello, the Lambert House, built by Barclay White for Walter Lambert in 1905, is a significant example of S. C. Hotchkiss' work in this Arkansas town. Colonial Revival in style, this weatherboard-sided structure has an irregular plan composed of a rectangular central block with a hipped roof, three gabled projecting bays and a rear ell. A single interior chimney with decorative corbeling pierces the hipped roof. The two-and-a-half story house has asymmetrical elevations. The brick foundation is punctured by ornate elliptical iron grates for ventilation. Throughout the house, the majority of windows are one-over-one double-hung. A two-story projecting gabled portico dominates the front elevation. Though now enclosed as a sunroom, the second floor of the portico was originally open with a balustrade. In place of the original Ionic columns, two rock-faced columns support the second floor sunroom, which is enclosed with three windows on each side. The four Ionic columns that support the entablature are still in place and visible from the exterior. A modified Palladian window composed of a larger rounded arch window centered between quarter round windows pierces the pediment. Originally, the door providing access to the second floor porch was identical to the front entrance, which consists of a wood and glass door with garland sway applique, sidelights, transom and screen door with ball and spindle design. A three-sided projecting bay to the left of the entrance is fronted by a one-story column-supported porch connected to the portico. The two center windows are fixed with stained glass transoms, whereas the others are one-over-one double-hung. The bay to the right of the entrance has a single double-hung window with stained glass upper sash on the first floor, and a round arch double-hung window on the second floor. The roof is penetrated by a gabled dormer on either side of the gabled portico, each with two tripartite arch windows. A wrap-around porch extends from the portico to the far corner of the east side elevation. Much of this portion of the porch has been screened. The east elevation has a curved three-sided bay projection with a tripartite elliptical window with diamond panes in the gable end. The wall to the left of the bay is pierced by a window on the second floor and a door on the first floor. Each of the side bay windows has curved glass, whereas the first floor center window is fixed with a stained glass transom. Steps at the north corner lead to the side and rear porches. The west elevation has a central projecting gabled bay. An elliptical window embellishes the gable end. To the left of the projecting bay and attached to the rear is a lattice-enclosed service porch and a second-floor sunroom, the latter of which was added. A rear ell extends from the rear (north) elevation, with a two-story lattice-enclosed porch with service stairs supported by Ionic columns to the left. A rear entrance with a single sidelight and transom is an axis with the front entrance. A carport was attached to the rear in 1981.

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The interior of the Lambert House is one of Monticello's finest. Particularly outstanding is the front stairway, which consists of an open stair with paneled wood wainscoting, face string and newel posts and turned balusters. A Doric column rises from the top of the largest newel post and supports an intricate arched ball and spindle screen that spans the width of the hall. Doubled paneled pocket doors lead off the paneled wainscoted hall. The fireplace in the parlor has a mirrored overmantle flanked on either side by a pair of columns with modified Ionic capitals.

Outbuildings on the property include two barns, one of which has living quarters above, a smokehouse, a chicken house and a storage house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1905 Builder/Architect S. C. Hotchkiss

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY

The Lambert House in Monticello is an example of the fine design work executed by S. C. Hotchkiss, an architect who designed many of the outstanding buildings in this small southeast Arkansas community. Constructed in 1905, the Lambert House is one of many constructed at a time when Monticello was one of the wealthiest cities in Arkansas. This agricultural area achieved even greater prominence as the railroads transported its goods at the turn-of-the-century.

ELABORATION

Walter Lambert, for whom the Lambert House was constructed, came to Arkansas from Virginia. He settled originally in Longview, a small community south of Monticello. He was a farmer and businessman, owning one of the first grocery stores in Monticello. He married Cordelia Elvira Hardy who was originally from Georgia. Members of the Lambert family occupied the house until recently.

S. C. Hotchkiss, who designed the Lambert House, was born in Homer, Michigan in 1841. At age six, he moved with his family to New York. In 1852, the family again moved, this time to Chicago. In 1857, he graduated from Sloan Commercial College in Chicago. Hotchkiss exhibited an interest in architecture from an early age. During school vacations he studied under W. H. Boyington, a prominent architect of the time. He later apprenticed himself to Jonathan Clark, a leading builder in Chicago for three years without pay in order to learn carpentry and contracting. Hotchkiss lived in Chicago for 29 years. Due to failing health he later moved south. First, he moved to Springfield, Missouri where he lived for 20 years. In 1888, he moved further south to Monticello where he set up a practice and designed many of the town's finer structures. The Lambert House is certainly among these. He died in 1909 in Pine Bluff.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Monticello Advance. Souvenir Addition, December 17, 1907.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Monticello North, Ark.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 15 611970 3721190
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 186 in city of Monticello, 180 feet on the east side, 206 feet on the south side, and no other measurements available.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barnett and Vivian Miles

organization Home Owner

date May 6, 1983

street & number 204 West Jackson

telephone (501) 367-7489

city or town Monticello

state Arkansas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X 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

Wilson Sale

title Ark. SHPO

date 11-18-83

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

date

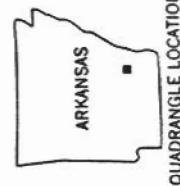
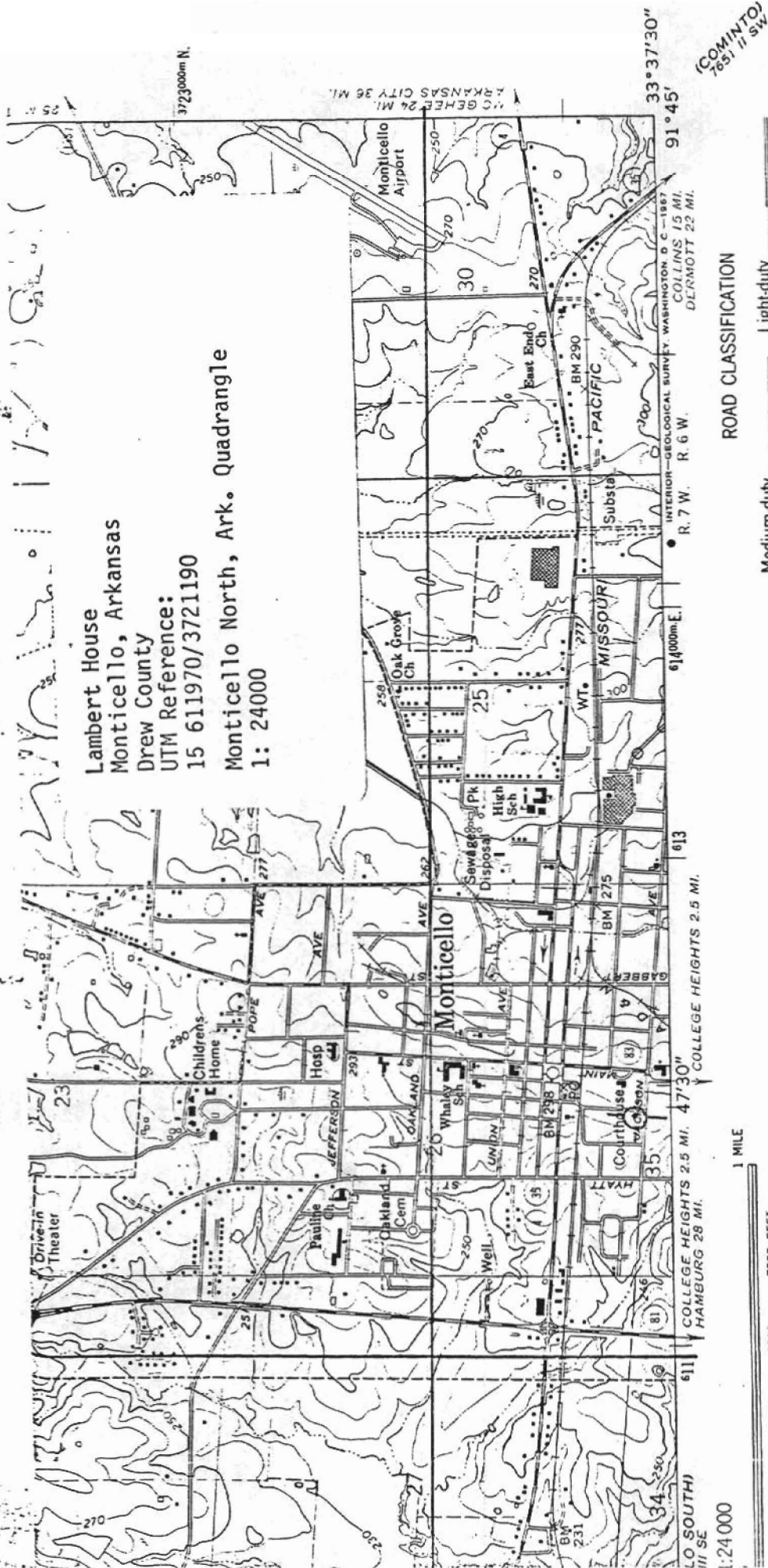
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Lambert House
 Monticello, Arkansas
 Drew County
 UTM Reference:
 15 611970/3721190
 Monticello North, Ark. Quadrangle
 1: 24000



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Unimproved dirt ——— State Route

MONTICELLO NORTH, ARK.
 N3337.5—W9145/7.5

1966

AMS 7651 III NE—SERIES V884

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