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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Doherty House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

705 Malvern Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Garland

CODE

051

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harry Woodall

STREET & NUMBER

1212 Nichels

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

71901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Garland County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hot Springs

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Doherty House faces west on Malvern Avenue. The area is of mixed commercial and residential development with the remaining residences catering to boarders. 705 is a corner lot and on the adjacent lot to the south is another large house of the Victorian Period.

The structure is a two and one-half story Victorian dwelling of irregular plan. The roof is gabled with finials on gable ends and bracketed eaves. The foundation is of rusticated stone.

The front (west) elevation is composed of a flat roofed porch which runs the length of the elevation. The porch is supported by six Ionic columns. Above the porch is a centered bay. Above the centered bay is an open pediment dormer. Within the dormer is a recess containing a Paladian styled window. The dormer has box returns and a railing which creates a small porch area. Two similar dormers rest on two story bays on the north and south elevations. Their recesses are less deep and there is no porch rail. On the southwest corner is a round two story tower which ends in a conical roof with finial. Running from the tower to the bay on south is a porch with a centered round projecting bay. This porch is supported by Ionic columns.

The entrance on the west has a glass-panneled door with leaded glass sidelight and transom. Windows on this elevation, as well as the center window on the lower level of the south bay, are leaded. The two side windows of the front dormer are leaded. Other windows are one over one.

The interior is unaltered. The house contains original woodwork, some elaborate. All door hardware, plumbing fixtures and light fixtures (converted from gas) are original.

The exterior has been sided in aluminum. Festooning near the cornice of the tower is missing, as well as the balustrades on second story balconies and atop the west and north porches. There is a shed addition on the rear.

# SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nina Doherty (perhaps)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Doherty House is a large, two-and-one-half story, late-Victorian residence which is distinguished, primarily, for its architectural significance.

Built in 1907 for Thomas H. Doherty at 705 Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the Doherty House was once one among several impressive dwellings lining Malvern Avenue. However, the residential character of the section of Malvern Avenue containing the Doherty House has, in recent years, changed to one of a mixed commercial and residential nature and the remaining homes, with the exception of the Doherty House, now present a weathered, deteriorated appearance.

Thomas Doherty and his wife, the former Nina Cascoldt, arrived in Hot Springs from nati in 1834. The Garland County Record, a yearbook printed by the Garland County Historical Society, states that the plans for the Doherty House were actually drawn up by Doherty and that she supervised the construction of the house. Later, the Dohertys built rental cottages (now gone) to the rear of the Doherty House. The Record indicates that these were among the first cottages built for rental use in Hot Springs. In effect, they were the direct antecedents to the motel in Hot Springs; Arkansas' premier resort city. An inspection of the second floor of the House revealed that each of the bedroom doors was numbered and the bathroom was labeled "bath." The brass letter plates were old and indicate that presumably at some period early in the history of the building the second floor was rented to boarders.

The architectural significance of the structure is based on two factors; 1) the elaborateness of both the exterior and interior detailing; and 2) the completeness of both interior and exterior architectural features. There is one major alteration to the structure. The exterior has been sheathed in aluminum siding. The siding has not, however, necessitated the removal of any important exterior trim features, nor has it greatly compromised the visual integrity of the structure.

The house follows an irregular plan with prominent classically detailed, one-story porches attached to the north and west (front) elevations. A rear (east elevation) two-story porch of later date has been enclosed.

The roof is gabled with ornate finials on gable ends. Bracketed eaves are set below the roof. The foundation is of rusticated stone.

The front (west) elevation is composed of a flat-roofed porch which runs the length of the facade. The porch is supported by six Ionic columns, above which is centered a bay. The bay is a large open pedimented dormer. Within the dormer is a recess containing a Queen-Anne styled window. The dormer has box returns and a railing which creates a small

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The western entrance has a glass-paneled door with leaded glass, sidelights and transom. Stained glass and leaded windows are found on the south, west, and north elevations, including an oculus on the north side.

The interior, with the exception of the original painted canvas wallpaper, is basically unaltered. The house contains an impressive array of original woodwork. A double-wide, wooden sliding door separates the foyer from the front parlour. The foyer also contains a large stairway and paneled window-bay. A smaller stairway is located in the rear of the structure. Most rooms have either wainscot paneling or chair rails.

All door hardware and most lighting fixtures are original. The plumbing fixtures date from an early period during the history of the house. The original gas lighting fixtures were converted to electricity and the early push-button electric switches remain. What appear to be the original bathroom wall tiles and floor terrazo remain.

Aside from the addition of the siding, the most noticeable alteration to the exterior or interior of the structure is the absence of some festooning which originally graced the upper section (below the cornice) of the building's corner tower.

At present the Doherty House is unoccupied, however, concrete plans have been developed for its future use. The building will be used as office space for the Crisis Intervention Center of Contact, an emergency service program of the Ouachita Regional Counseling and Mental Health Program. Contact is subsidized by various levels of government. Harry Woodall, the director of Contact and currently listed owner of record for the building, has assured the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program that the original appearance of the interior will not be altered in the process of transforming it into office space. Furthermore, if possible, funds will be allocated for the purpose of restoring the building.





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

February 6, 1978

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Mr. Harry E. Woodall  
121 Nickels  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

**Doherty**

Re: ~~Doherty~~ House, Hot Springs  
Garland County

Dear Mr. Woodall:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Sandra Taylor 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.

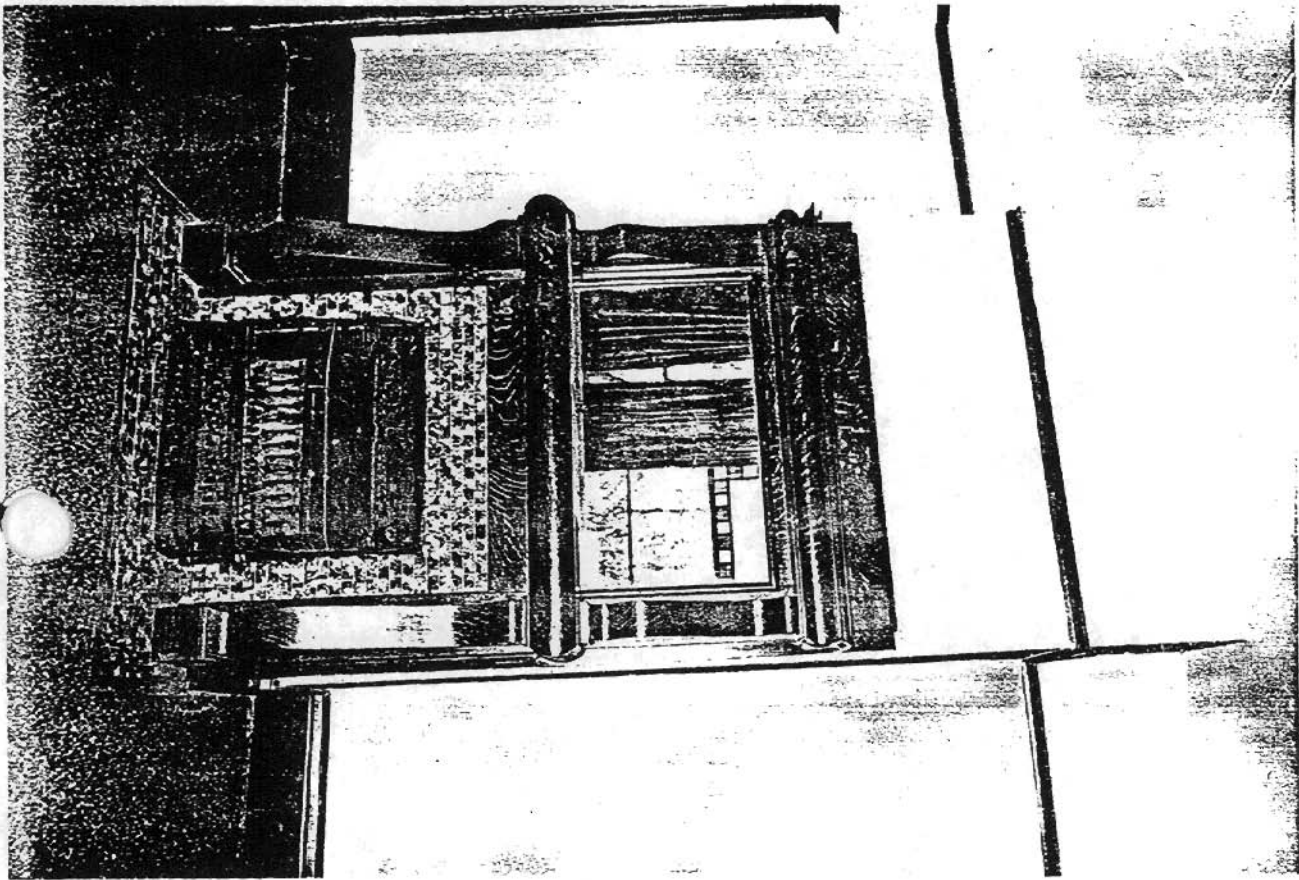
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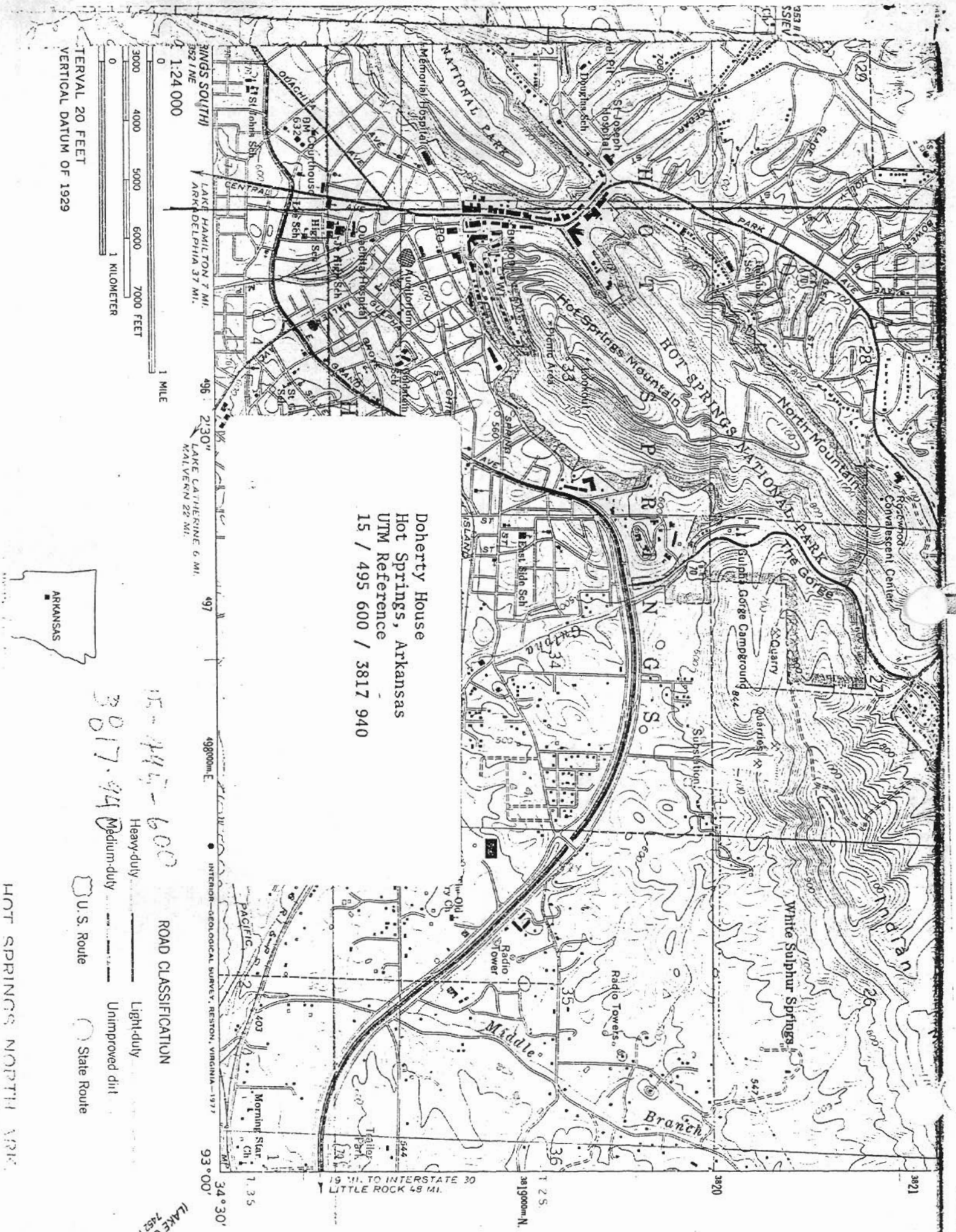
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Comments: *Check Spelling above as corrected. Appreciate  
so much your consideration.*

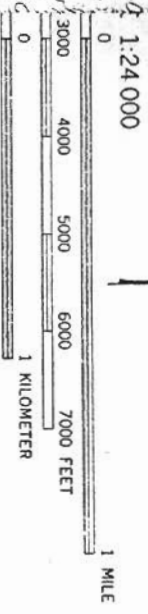
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Date

*Harry E. Woodall*  
Signature





Doherty House  
 Hot Springs, Arkansas  
 UTM Reference  
 15 / 495 600 / 3817 940



VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 INTERVAL 20 FEET



15-495-600  
 3817.94

Heavy-duty  
 Medium-duty

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

U.S. Route  
 State Route

Light-duty  
 Unimproved dirt

HOT SPRINGS NORTH ARK.

LAKE C. 2452 N

15 MI. TO INTERSTATE 30  
 49 MI. TO INTERSTATE 49

93° 00'

34° 30'

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