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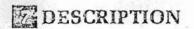
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The Howell-Garner-Monfee House, built c. 1906, is a two-and-one-half storey brick structure which is rectangular in plan. The roof is hipped with wide eaves and four pediment dormers. A semi-circular porch runs across the east and north sides. The 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.

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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 de 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 thrity 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.

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August 10, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Monfee 300 West Fourth Street North Little Rock, Arkansas AUG 1 6 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,

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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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