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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

BRYAN HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

THE LEWIS BRYAN HOME

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

105 FAYETTEVILLE STREET

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VAN BUREN

VICINITY OF

THIRD

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

ARKANSAS

05

CRAWFORD

033

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Broyles

474-5692

STREET & NUMBER

105 Fayetteville Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Van Buren

VICINITY OF

Arkansas 72956

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Crawford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Van Buren

Arkansas 72956

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

May 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Little Rock

Arkansas 72201

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Lewis Bryan Home, more commonly known as The Rebecca Wilcox Bryan Home, was built in 1886, situated towards the east, it faces Logtown Hill Road, once a trail of many Civil War Soldiers marching back over the mountain after a contest along the Arkansas river.

No significant alterations have been made to the house since construction, except for a roof over the rear patio and updating of the kitchen area.

The Lewis Bryan House is one of Van Buren's most significant Victorian structures. Bay windows and much exterior ornamentation highlight the outside appearance of the two story construction.

The first floor is divided by a large hallway running from the main entrance to an entrance on the south side of the house. A large right angle staircase dominates the main hall while a smaller staircase of similiar design is in the south entrance hall.

Six rooms including a bath and the kitchen area are in the remainder of the downstairs. Two large parlors are off the main hall separated by double-sliding doors. These rooms contain fireplaces and original shutters of the construction period. Two additional rooms are located on the west side of these, again, separated by double-sliding doors.

The second story of the house consists of six rooms and a bath. Two of the upstairs rooms have bay windows which are symmetric with the two on the first floor.

Two of the minor details one notes of this period are the ornate hinges and extensive interior moldings found in this house. The original bellturn is still in use on the main entrance door.

The entire structure rests on natural stone foundation approximatly two feet above ground with a small cellar in the southwest corner. The stone for the foundation were removed from a cave less than three blocks away.

While The Bryan Home has stood in the same spot for over 91 years, the town of Van Buren has changed considerably. Once the scene of William Jennings Bryan political speeches, who was a Cousin of Lewis Bryan, and A peerless leader of the Democratic Party. Lewis Bryan gave his Cousin a key to the house and let him use it as his Headquarters while in the City of Van Buren campaigning for President Of The United States. He lost the election, but was later appointed Secretary Of State by President Woodrow Wilson. Lewis Bryan, also, gave William Jennings Bryan full use of His Summer Home in Washington County, Arkansas for Rest and Relaxation while he was visiting in the city of Van Buren, Arkansas. The house now faces one of the longest highways in the United States.

8 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
__ 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
__ 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
__ 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__ 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
__ 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Private Residence
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lewis Oscar Bryan (Jan. 1, 1853 - Oct. 14, 1933) was a wealthy land owner and local Banker, coming from Illinois as a teenager.

On August 25, 1869 he helped organize in Van Buren, School District # 4, and was Principal for two years shortly thereafter.

On December 18, 1878 Lewis Bryan was married to Fannie S. Thompson A local Belle, and to that union were born five children.

In 1900 Mr. Lewis Bryan started the first Abstract Company in Van Buren, Arkansas, and this Business stayed in the Bryan Family until sold to the present Owners in 1958.

Mr. Lewis Bryan is still known today for his extensive land and Bank holdings in and around the City of Van Buren, Arkansas as well as Bank holdings in Fort Gibson, Okla.

Mr. Lewis Bryan designed and supervised the entire construction of His House.

The Bryan Home remained in the Family until 1975, when His Daughter, Rebecca Wilcox Bryan, at the age of 86, and having never married, passed away. Between 1886 and present only four Owners have enjoyed the dream of Lewis Bryan.

Because it has stood for so long in the City of Van Buren, The Bryan Home is probably one of the most important landmarks in the town. Additionally, it is significant, because of its architectural merit and because of the Political Persons who have graced its steps.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History Of Arkansas, By Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1889.
 Mrs. M.P. Deffenbaugh 119 Fayetteville St. Van Buren, Ark. Niece Age 87
 Susah Bell Bryan 333 Garfield Denver, Colo. Granddaughter. By Phone 4-9-77
 Lewis C. Bryan Dallas, Texas Grandson. By Phone 4-9-77
 Frank Pape 321 S.7th. Van Buren, Ark. Employee in Bank Bryan Family For 37 yrs
 Van Buren Public Library 111N.12th. Van Buren, Ark. 4-14-77 (Age 84)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	3 7 7 2 4 0	3 9 2 2 2 7 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

100 Ft. north and South on Fayetteville St. (Logtown Hill Road) East Side
 217 Ft. east and west Franklin Street. South Side
 100 Ft. north and south Washington St. West side
 217 Ft. east and west, Joining Lot 5, Block 8 Knox Addition to North side.
 the city of Van Buren, Ark.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nolan and Marie Broyles Owners

April 1977
DATE

STREET & NUMBER

105 Fayetteville Street

TELEPHONE

474-5692

CITY OR TOWN

Van Buren

STATE

Arkansas 72956

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

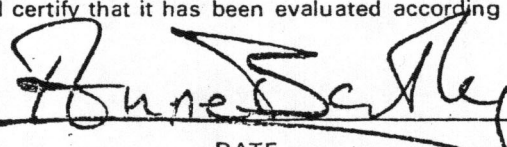
NATIONAL

STATE

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 Anne Bartley



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 14 June, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



JUN 8 1977

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



May 26, 1977

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Broyles
105 Fayetteville Street
Van Buren, Arkansas

Re: Bryan House
Van Buren, Crawford County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Broyles:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will present the nomination of the Bryan House to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June 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,

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.

Yes

No

Comments: We believe The Bryan House should be included in the National Register of Historic Places, for the reason of the location, architectural design, and landmark for the towns people as well as visitors alike. Although this house is a private residence the doors are always open to the towns people as well as visitors from far and near so they may visit and admire the beauty of the property.

Date
June 6, 1977

Signature
Nolan and Marie Broyles



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CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO

June 1977

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

East facade

PHOTO NO.

1



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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF _____ COUNTY Crawford STATE Arkansas
Van Buren

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk DATE OF PHOTO June 1977
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IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
South elevation

PHOTO NO.
2



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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
west (rear) elevation

PHOTO NO.
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Lewis Bryan House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Van Buren

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Crawford

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U. S. G. S. Van Buren Quadrangle

SCALE

1:24,000

DATE

1947, photorevised 1971

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES