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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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 Horner-Gladin House

AND/OR COMMON

Sidney H. Horner House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

626 Porter Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Helena

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Phillips

CODE

107

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy S. Gladin

STREET & NUMBER

626 Porter Street

CITY, TOWN

Helena

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Phillips County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Helena

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Horner-Gladin House is a two-storey solid brick structure built in 1881. Originally the house had a rectilinear floor plan running north to south. Circa 1895, a two-storey addition was made on the east elevation, giving the house its present "T" shape. Shortly after 1900 a two-storey ell-shape wooden porch was added around the northwest corner of the original house. In recent years a one-storey enclosed porch has been added in the ell on the facade.

Michael Brennan, a leading contractor in Helena, built the Horner-Gladin House. Though he originally intended it for his own family, he sold it before completion to Sidney Horner. Brennan's sound construction methods are evident in the Horner-Gladin House. Each wall, both exterior and interior, is of solid brick and is 18 inches thick. Corbelling at the base of each wall almost doubles its width at the ground level. Because each wall has its own separate foundation, the basement is divided into the same room arrangement as the upper floors.

Four interior chimneys project above the cross gable roof with boxed cornice and plain freize. Copper gutters catch the rain as it drains from the medium pitch roof. Around the southwest corner of the house two parallel rows of brick project slightly from the wall surface at the second storey line. Windows feature cast stone lugsills and brick arches with radiating voussoirs. Especially interesting is the two-storey gabled bay projecting from the west elevation. Brickwork patterns decorate the upper window head and the gable end on this west bay.

The interior of the Horner-Gladin House features the original parquet tile floors. Still in beautiful condition, each room's floor is laid in a slightly different geometric pattern. One especially interesting floor is located in the second-storey bay room. This floor has "hardwood carpeting," a series of long runners of horizontally laid wood separated by narrow strips of vertically laid wood.

Another interior feature consists of the original fireplaces, which are designed to burn either coal or wood. Over each fireplace the original mantelpiece still remains in place. Along the east wall of the main hallway a stairway rises and returns to the second floor at the north end of the hall. Turned balusters, two per tread, support the curved handrail. Wainscot like that in the dining room lines this main hallway and stairway.

The Horner-Gladin House rests on its original site on the southwest corner of one of the most historic blocks in Helena. The house is in excellent condition and is carefully maintained by its present owners.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___ HISTORIC	___ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___ COMMUNITY PLANNING	___ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___ RELIGION
___ 1499-1599	___ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___ CONSERVATION	___ LAW	___ SCIENCE
___ 1500-1599	___ AGRICULTURE	___ ECONOMICS	___ LITERATURE	___ SCULPTURE
___ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___ EDUCATION	___ MILITARY	___ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___ 1700-1799	___ ART	___ ENGINEERING	___ MUSIC	___ THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___ COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___ PHILOSOPHY	___ TRANSPORTATION
___ 1900-	___ COMMUNICATIONS	___ INDUSTRY	___ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **June 26, 1882**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Michael Brennan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Horner-Gladin House was built c. 1880 by Michael Brennan, Helena's leading contractor. Brennan constructed this home for his family on the most historic block in town. In the 1820's Sylvanus Phillips, founder of Helena and for whom Phillips County was named, built his home on the block now bounded by Porter, Columbia, Perry and Franklin Streets.

During the Civil War, Union forces built Fort Curtis on at least a part of the block where Phillips' house had earlier stood. Some time after the fort was finally dismantled in 1874, the block was divided and sold by Sylvanus Phillips' daughter, Mrs. Caroline Phillips Hanley. Michael Brennan bought a portion of the block and in 1877 began building his house on the southeast corner.

On June 26, 1882, the deed was filed transferring Brennan's property on the Phillips block to Sidney Horner. According to Mr. Horner's son, Dr. Albert A. Horner, Brennan sold the house before it was completed. Thus, the Sidney Horner family became the first occupants of the new house.

The Horner family has been prominent in Helena history since the town was founded in 1820. In that year William B. R. Horner was elected as clerk of Phillips County, and three years later served in the Territorial Legislature. In 1836 Horner's nephew, John S. Horner, moved to Helena from Virginia, and soon followed his uncle's lead by being elected Phillips County Clerk in 1838. Judge John S. Horner was a successful lawyer, merchant and planter, and was one of the most important citizens in nineteenth century Helena.

Sidney Henry Horner was the youngest son of Judge J. S. Horner. Born about 1847, Sidney Horner was too young for service at the outbreak of the Civil War; however, in 1864 he enlisted in southwest Arkansas and served six months. The three older Horner sons joined the Confederate army in 1861, and served throughout the war.

The Battle of Helena, a futile attempt by Confederate forces to retake the city from occupying Federal troops, was fought on July 4, 1863. After this destructive engagement, John S. Horner decided to move his family to a safer location. The family originally intended to move to Ouachita County, Arkansas, but eventually settled in Davis County, Texas. Sidney Horner, who was sixteen at the time of the move, was in charge of the wagon train and all the family slaves on their southwest journey.

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While living in Texas, Sidney Horner attended school until he enlisted in the Confederate army. At the close of the war he again supervised the family wagon train when the Horners returned to Helena.

In the years following the Civil War, Sidney Horner completed his education and entered the business community in Helena. In 1880 he was still single and living with his older brother's family, Judge J. J. Horner. Shortly thereafter, Sidney Horner married Betty Mosby and their first child, Joseph Mosby Horner, was born in August, 1881. In 1882 Sidney Horner purchased his new family the house at 626 Porter Street which Michael Brennan had built

An 1885 business directory lists Sidney Horner in partnership with his father, John S. Horner. The firm of "John S. Horner and Son" was a banking concern with assets of \$25,000. During the 1880's and 1890's Sidney Horner worked with some of his older brothers in management of the Arkansas Midland Railroad, a small railroad which crossed Phillips County to connect Helena with the St. Louis, Texas and Arkansas Railway at Clarendon.

As more children were born into the Horner family, larger living quarters were needed. About 1895 the house was enlarged by adding a two-storey wing to the east elevation. Originally the solid brick house had a rectilinear floor plan running north to south, but the c. 1895 addition gave it a "T" shape. Exterior features of note include tall arched windows, patterns worked in brick and a two-storey bay on the west elevation.

Brennan's skill as a builder is evident in the sound construction of the Horner House. Both the exterior and interior walls of the house are solid brick and eighteen inches thick. Each original wall is built on its own foundation, thus dividing the basement into the same room arrangement as the upper floors.

The interiors of the Horner-Gladin House are especially interesting. The original parquet tile floors remain in excellent condition and are laid in slightly different patterns in each room. The bay room on the second storey has a floor described as "hardwood carpeting." This floor features long runners of horizontally laid wood separated by narrow bands of vertically laid wood strips. The original mantelpieces over each of the fireplaces are still in place.

In 1911 the Sidney Horner family moved to Texas seeking a better climate for Mrs. Horner. Their home and property in Helena were sold at that time and have changed hands several times since then. The house is presently owned and kept in excellent condition by the Gladin family.

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The Horner-Gladin House stands on one of the most historic sites in Helena. Architecturally, this house is one of the many significant structures in this Mississippi River town. Its connection with one of Helena's oldest and most prominent families makes it an important historic landmark in the Helena community.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

September 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock,

STATE

Arkansas

12 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 Gene Richardson

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE September 9, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

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