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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

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The Mansard Roof House is a small frame dwelling in the Second Empire style, set in a pleasant, well-planted lot near the expanding Fayetteville business district. It is one-and-one-half stories high and rather long and narrow--the main block being three bays wide and six deep, plus a one-bay rear wing. The plain weatherboards of the house and much of the trim have been sandblasted and treated with a preservative, giving a natural grayed wood color and a rough texture that, although distinctly non-Victorian, is rather interesting. Carrying around the house beneath the molded cornice is a plain frieze punctuated with handsome triple-molded brackets with pendants. The mansard roof is covered with diaper-patterned pressed metal. At the top of the roof above a heavy molded cornice is a delicate castiron cresting. The cresting consists of a series of vertical members, each topped by a three-part leaf motif and linked by pointed arches, each centering on a lower element that repeats the leaf design. At the outer corners and halfway along each side is a tall pinnacle with curvilinear floral ornament. Two chimneys pierce the shallow hip of the upper roof.

The west two bays of the main (south) facade project several feet and have at the first level two tall segmental-arched windows containing two-They are set in frames ornamented with wooden strips and over-two sash. surmounted by rather heavy cornices. Louvered shutters occur at all firststory windows. The dormer windows are trabeated and contain two-over-two Their frames are also ornamented with applied strips of wood; above each is a heavy molded projecting cornice that repeats the roof cornice The east bay of the facade, set further back, contains a double door, each leaf of which has two long octagonal panels outlined by heavy molding; the upper panels are glaze; Between the upper and lower panels, molding outlines a horizontal lozenge centered on a round wooden boss. Smaller bosses accent the outer corners of panels. The soffit and wide, splayed reveals are finished with the same paneling scheme. Filling the corner between the projecting bays and the entrance pay is a porch that extends around to cover the first bay of the east side. It is said to have been added some years after the construction of the main block. Fluted pillars, square in section, support the low hip roof; above each pillar is a double-molded bracket with a pendant. The porch is enclosed by a plain balustrade with a heavy rail.

The sides of the house repeat the fenestration of the front. The west side has six windows at the first level, occurring in three pairs. At the second level a single dormer is centered above each pair. The east side has three openings at each level; a door (altered from a window) is in the front first-floor bay and single windows in the remaining bays. At the rear of the house is a one-bay wing, one story high beneath a shallow hip roof. The windows have simple frames, and the bracketed cornice of the main roof is repeated. To the east, joined to the wing by a sheltered open passage, is a secondary building similar to the wing but slightly larger.

The interior of the main block follows a side-hall plan, three rooms deep, and a fourth room is in the rear wing. The first-floor rooms in the main block are finished with rather wide, molded baseboards and molded chair rails and cornices. The doors have four panels, raised on one side

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and flat with moldings applied on the other. The doors and wooden mantels now have the rough texture of the exterior but are stained dark. The openstring stair rises in one long, gradual flight from front to rear along the west wall of the hall. A heavy molded handrail is supported by handsome turned balusters. The typical Victorian turned newel is octagonal in section. Each tread has a simple wave-pattern bracket.

The front room is the most elaborately finished. The windows are flanked by heavy molded architraves that extend to the baseboard to frame a single panel. The mantel is of gray marbleized stone, with an elliptical-arched opening. Black insets with incised curvilinear designs accent the spandrel and pilaster areas. The other two rooms on the first floor are more simply finished, with plain molded window frames. The wooden mantels are of standard mid-nineteenth century design, with chamfered pilasters supporting a plain frieze whose lower edge is ogee-arched. The room in the wing has walls plastered above a simple baseboard and narrower door and window frames. The mantel has plain pilasters and a plain frieze.

The second-floor rooms are finished like the wing. An interesting feature in each of the front two rooms is a brass gas fixture over each mantel, with incised geometric designs and delicate connecting hinges topped by tiny onion-shaped finials.

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the house, renovating it and adapting it for office use. In 1971 Bandy sold the Mansard Roof House to its present owner, Southern Investment Company. It is now leased to the law firm of Anderson and Sawyer, for use as offices.

The Mansard Roof House is a delightfully diminutive example of the Second Empire style. The exuberant ornament is in perfect proportion to the small scale of the building, and the interesting modern texture and color of the surfaces, while not authentic, enhance the building's stylish and sophisticated charm. The house, an excellent example of adaptive use, is perhaps the finest of the few Victorian dwellings remaining in Fayerteville.

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