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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PU- 113 Congressional District: Second  
Name: Johnson House Current Owner: Little Rock Restorations, Ltc  
Address: 518 E. 8th c/o Thomas E. Wilkes  
Little Rock, Arkansas Address: 511 E. 7th Street  
County: Pulaski Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson  
Date of Construction: ca. 1900 Stylistic Influence: Colonial Revival  
Original Use: Residence Present Use: Multi-family residence  
\* 514, 516, 518 E. 8th are a three-structure apartment complex joined by a common courtyard and known as Cromwell Court

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 567240/3844330 Acreage: Less than one  
Verbal Boundary Description: Johnson's Addition  
Block 4, Lots 9, 10, 11

Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	

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(518 E. 8th, Little Rock, AR)

Physical Description

One of a group of three two-story rent houses on small lots on East 8th Street in Little Rock which Charles Thompson designed around 1900, this Foursquare house with hipped roof with flared eaves features a popular variation for this type house. A chamfered bay rising the full two-stories enlivens the front elevation. Lining the eaves at the side of this bay are large brackets. Simple Tuscan-like columns support the shed roof of a full length front porch. The central gable roof dormer is decorated with small pilasters with Ionic capitals and semi-circular wood panel. Like the two other houses in this group, the house rests on a high brick foundation and is covered with narrow weatherboards. The sash windows have one-over-one lights.

Statement of Significance

In about 1910, Charles L. Thompson designed three rent houses located at 514, 516, and 518 East 8th Street in Little Rock. Located in the MacArthur Park Historic District, these houses have recently been restored and are part of a complex known as Cromwell Court. Each house is a variation of the American Foursquare design and an integral part of a group which represents one of the most cohesive historic environments in Little Rock. It is the only such Foursquare group designed by Thompson.

Following the Foursquare concept each house is two-story, square, and capped with a hipped roof. All houses contain a two-story projecting bay and a one-story full length porch with similar Tuscan-like columns and balustrade on the front facade. The windows and doors of each house are identical in size and surrounded treatment. All three houses are sheathed with weatherboards and set on a brick foundation.

Even though the houses are almost identical in massing, each house contains its own particular set of Classical Craftsman decorative elements which distinguish it from the others. Each house is an individualized part of the whole.



Structures in Arkansas Represented in the Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas  
 Quadrangle Name: Little Rock, Ark.  
 Scale: 1:24,000

UTM Reference:	PU	UTM Easting	UTM Northing
	091	15	566080/3843450
	092	15	566040/3842840
	093	15	566100/3842770
	094	15	566030/3842630
	095	15	566030/3842570
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	096	15	566020/3842460
	101	15	566490/3842960
	103	15	566920/3844180
	104	15	566920/3844140
	105	15	566820/3843500
	111	15	567170/3844330
	112	15	567210/3844330
	113	15	567240/3844330
	114	15	567080/3844510
	118	15	564520/3843910
	120	15	564610/3843060
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	121	15	566980/3844050
	130	15	566380/3842960



