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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

Baynham House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stephens Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Success

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Clay

21

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. & Mrs. Joey Lewis

STREET & NUMBER

Stephens Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Success

VICINITY OF

Arkansas 72410

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Corning Courthouse Western District (Clay County)

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Corning

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 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

Built in 1911 the Baynham House is a two-story wood structure with a half-basement. The house measures 32x44 feet. The first story has approximately 1400 square feet of living area. The second story has approximately 1200 square feet.

At the time of construction the Baynham House was recognized as one of the finest houses in Success, Arkansas. It was constructed of the best materials. Mr. Baynham was in the retail lumber business, therefore giving him the opportunity to purchase the best of materials for the house.

The house features a combination hip and gable roof. Originally of wood shingles, it now is covered with composition shingles. The house has a porch across the front.

The first story consist of a foyer (in which is the stairway leading to the second story), a living room, dining room, den, kitchen, dinette, and a large utility room. The steps to the basement are behind the dinette and south of the kitchen. A door opens out of the kitchen; also a door leading to the basement comes in from the outside at the south-west corner of the back.

The walls and ceilings were of wood and papered with wall paper. At the present time, the hall, living room, dining room, kitchen and dinette are papered. The cabinets are green matching wall paper. The den has birch paneling on the walls and features a wood burning fireplace.

The second story has hall, four bedrooms and bathroom. A large bedroom on the front of the second story has birch paneling on the walls. The bathroom and the other three bedrooms have wall paper on the walls.

The Baynham House has been well-preserved and is in excellent condition.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC         | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE    | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1911 EDS

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Baynham House is the period of time it was built. A time when Success was at a peak of industry in timber and agriculture.

The Baynham House was built by the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baynham. Mrs. Baynham was the daughter of J. W. Black, founder of J. W. Black Lumber Company in the late 1800's, at Corning, Arkansas, in Clay County.

The Baynham's were in the hardware and retail lumber business in Success for many years.

Mrs. Baynham was postmistress of Success for several years. The Baynham's had two daughters, Rosalie and Louise. Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) Bowers lived in Corning, Arkansas, until her death. Mrs. Louise Scott is living in Corning at the present time.

The house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Rahm in the early Forties. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smithson purchased the house from Mr. and Mrs. Rahm in the middle Fifties. Mrs. Smithson was the granddaughter of the late Captain Joe McCracken, a prominent pioneer of Success, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCracken well known prominent family.

Mrs. Smithson sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lewis after the death of her husband in 1975. These four families that have owned the house are all descendants of Clay County pioneers.

The primary significance of the Baynham House is historic and would make a good impression for visitation to former Clay Countians to tour that remember Success at a peak of industry of timber, sawmilling and agriculture. Success at this time had two banks, two cotton gins, three doctors, a stove factory, and other retail business that makes up a thriving town. This was brought about by the building of the railroad by St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, one of the first rail services in Clay County.

Success is one of the oldest towns in Clay County, Arkansas, first known as Heckt Community, later becoming a town known as Bridgeport. The name was changed to Success about 1900.

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The Baynham House reflects the development of the town of Success. As one of the few historic properties remaining in the town, the Baynham House is an important structure.

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Cunningham, H. S. Success, Arkansas. Personal Interview.

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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	7 0 3 9 0 0	4 0 3 6 2 2 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Mary Alice Cunningham Chairperson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Success Bicentennial Committee

1-29-76

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE  
276-5221

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Success

Arkansas

## 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

DATE 6-8-76

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

TEST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Form No. 10-301a  
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**LOCATION**

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COUNTY

Clay

STATE

Arkansas

**PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Barbara Caldwell

DATE OF PHOTO 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT

City Hall, Success, Arkansas

**IDENTIFICATION**

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

PHOTO NO. One

Front of Baynham House facing east located on west side of  
Stephen Street