

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL 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 BINGHAM (GEORGE CALEB) HOME

AND/OR COMMON Bingham (George Caleb) Home

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Arrow Rock State Park

CITY, TOWN Arrow Rock VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 004 (fourth)

STATE Missouri CODE 29 COUNTY Saline CODE 195

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. James L. Wilson, Director, Missouri State Park Board

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY, TOWN Jefferson City VICINITY OF STATE Missouri 65101

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Saline County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Marshall STATE Missouri

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE 1936  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress/Annex, Division of Prints and Photographs

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D.C.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	Restored	

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Caleb Bingham House was built by the famous painter in 1837 soon after his marriage to Sarah Hutchison. It remained their home until 1845.

It is believed that before 1870 the new owners of the home built additions which converted it into a two-story, eight-room structure. Other alterations were made through the years.

In 1926 Hugh Stephens, Jefferson City, purchased the house with the intent of preserving it. The State bought the home in 1934 and restored it in 1936 with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration. At this time the frame rooms of the first and second stories were removed leaving a one-story two-room brick structure. A new roof was added, the picket fence was retained and the bricks were painted white.

After thorough archaeological investigation and careful planning, the home was again restored by the Missouri State Park Board in 1964-65. Documentary and archaeological information did not determine the exact appearance of the house as built by Bingham. It was restored as a typical small Federal-style home of the 1830's.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

PREHISTORIC     ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
 1400-1499     ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
 1500-1599     AGRICULTURE  
 1600-1899     ARCHITECTURE  
 1700-1799     ART  
 1800-1899     COMMERCE  
 1900-         COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

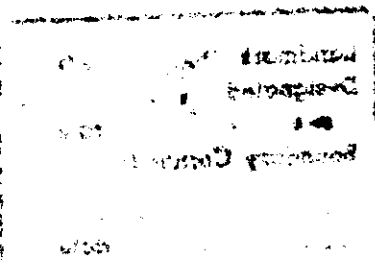
COMMUNITY PLANNING     LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
 CONSERVATION         LAW  
 ECONOMICS             LITERATURE  
 EDUCATION             MILITARY  
 ENGINEERING          MUSIC  
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT     PHILOSOPHY  
 INDUSTRY              POLITICS/GOVERNMENT  
 INVENTION             OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES    1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT    George Caleb Bingham

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Caleb Bingham built his Arrow Rock home in 1837 and lived there intermittently until 1845. Bingham was a famous portrait, genre, and landscape painter. A skillful draftsman in both pencil, ink, and wash, Bingham sketched pioneer men, singly and in groups, with very intense faces. He handled problems of perspective with skill, and preserved with realism human characteristic scenes of old-time Missouri life. It was during his years at Arrow Rock that he began the sketches of the Missouri River and frontier life around him that developed into his famous "genre" paintings.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Christ-Janier, A., George Caleb Bingham of Missouri: Story of An Artist, (New York, 1969).
- Genzmer, George H., "George Caleb Bingham," Dictionary of American Biography, II, (New York, 1946), pp. 274-275.
- Mattison, R.H., "George Caleb Bingham House," Historic Sites Survey Report, 1963.
- McDermott, John Francis, George Caleb Bingham, River Portraitist, (1959).

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	15	504930	4324430	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

In 1934 the Missouri State Park Board bought the George Caleb Bingham Home and three adjacent lots. This rectangular plot is entirely contained within the Arrow Rock State Park in Arrow Rock, Missouri. Beginning at a point approximately 175' from the northeast corner of the Arrow Rock State Park Boundary line, proceed west 90', more or less, to a point; thence south 110' to a point; thence east 90', more or less, to a point; thence north to the point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmark Review Project

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

DATE

12/23/75

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street

TELEPHONE

523-5464

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

Landmark Designated: Dec 7, 1965  
 date

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL     

Boundary Certified:  
John Fenwick  
Jan 11, 1979  
 date

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

TITLE

DATE

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/26/79

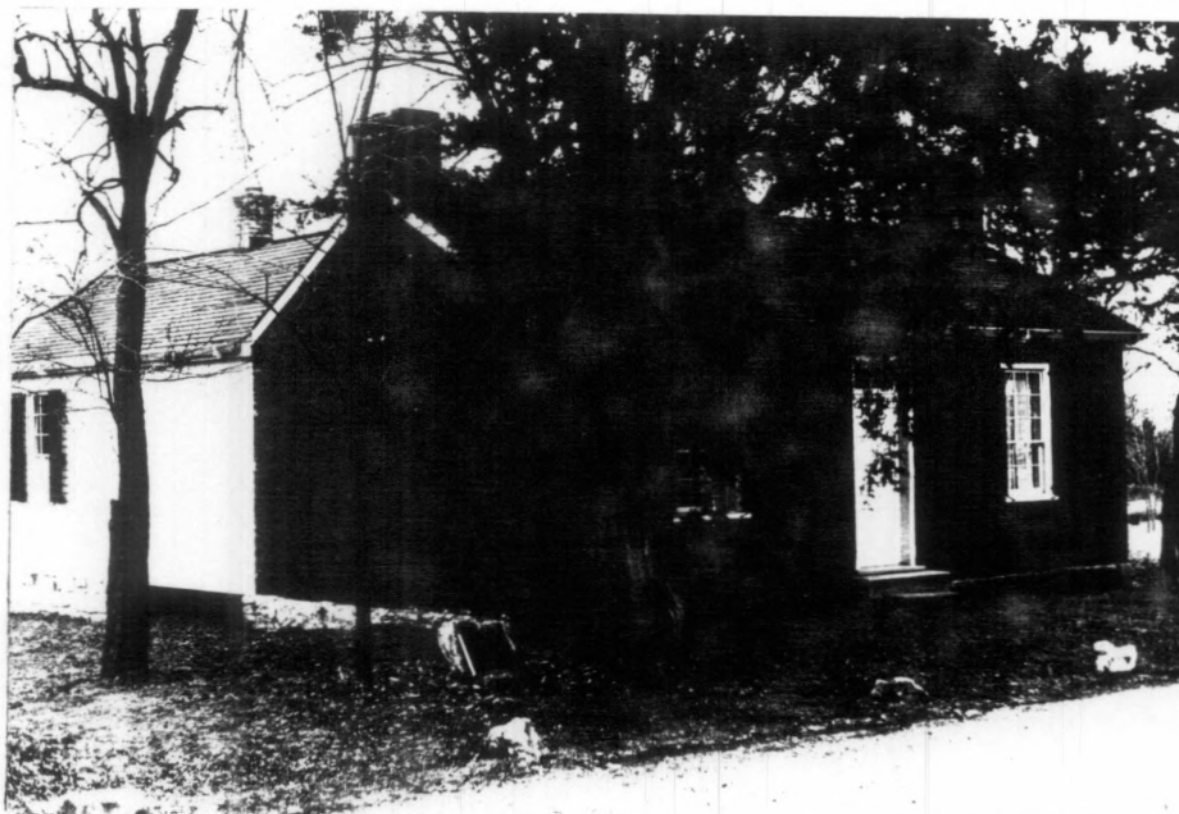
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(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

George Caleb Bingham Home  
December, 1974



Landmark Plaque

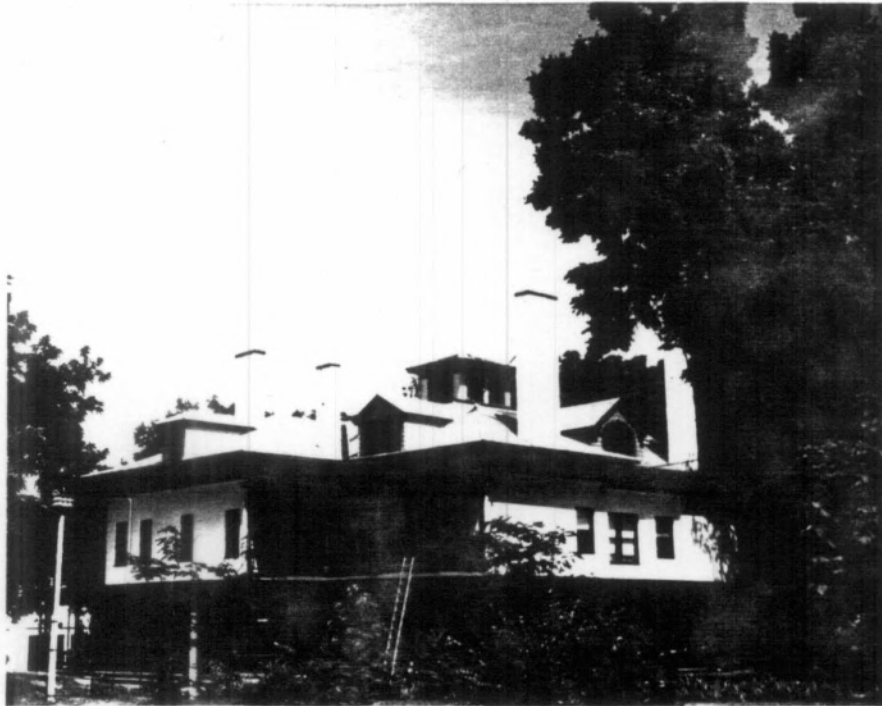


Bingham Home

George Caleb Bingham Home  
December, 1974



Reconstructed back section of house



Building purportedly owned  
and occupied by George Caleb  
Bingham, noted Missouri artist,  
at 313 W. Pacific Street, in  
Independence, Missouri. Camera  
pointing to the northwest.

Photo by Mattison 8/63

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*Arrow Rock*

VICINITY OF

*Saline*

STATE

*Missouri*

## PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

*National Park Service*

DATE OF PHOTO

*ca. 1966*

NEGATIVE FILED AT

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*Facing northwest - to front entrance, - George  
Caleb Bingham House*

PHOTO NO.

*at above*





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Facing northwest to front entrance, George Caleb Bingham Home

PHOTO NO

INT: 2983-75

This house was built in late 1830's or early 1840's by the artist George Caleb Bingham, well known Missouri artist, and occasionally occupied by him on his brief visits to Arrow Rock. He sold it in 1845. SE view.

