**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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**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**

004 (fourth)

**STATE CODE**

Missouri 29

**COUNTY CODE**

Saline 195

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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### 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

**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

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

Library of Congress/Annex, Division of Prints and Photographs

**CITY, TOWN**

Washington

**STATE**

D.C.
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.
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.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


McDermott, John Francis, George Caleb Bingham, River Portraitist, (1959).

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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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

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmark Revies Project

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

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

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)
George Caleb Bingham Home
December, 1974

George Caleb Bingham Home

LANDMARK PLAQUE

BINGHAM HOME

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
REGISTERED NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARK

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
HISTORIC SITES ACT OF AUGUST 21, 1935
THIS SITE POSSESSES EXCEPTIONAL VALUE
IN COMMEMORATING OR ILLUSTRATING
THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1966

Landmark Plaque

Bingham Home
Reconstructed back section of house
Building purportedly owned and occupied by George Caleb Bingham, noted Missouri artist, at 113 W. Pacific Street, in Independence, Missouri. Camera pointing to the northwest.

Photo by Mattison 8/63
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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NAME
HISTORIC
George Caleb Bingham House
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LOCATION
CITY, TOWN
Arrow Rock — VICINITY OF
COUNTY
Saline
STATE
Missouri

PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT
National Park Service
DATE OF PHOTO ca. 1966

IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
Facing northwest to front entrance, George Caleb Bingham House

PHOTO NO.
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

**NAME**

- **HISTORIC**: GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM HOME
- **AND/OR COMMON**: George Caleb Bingham Home

**LOCATION**

- **CITY, TOWN**: Arrow Rock State Park
- **VICINITY OF**: Arrow Rock State Park
- **COUNTY**: Saline
- **STATE**: Missouri

**PHOTO REFERENCE**

- **PHOTO CREDIT**: National Park Service
- **DATE OF PHOTO**: ca. 1966
- **NEGATIVE FILED AT**: INT: 128-75

**IDENTIFICATION**

- **DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET**: Facing northwest to front entrance, George Caleb Bingham Home

This house was built in late 1850's or early 1860'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.