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TWELVE OAKS FACT SHEET

Name of Estate	Twelve Oaks
Location	5 miles south of Harrison, Arkansas on Highway 7 South
Original Owners	Mr. & Mrs. J.W. and Agnes Bass
Construction Date	1922-1925
Historical Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Bass was a structural steel contractor who built scores of commercial buildings, hotels, and other structures in major cities. ▪ Mr. and Mrs. Bass owned a great deal of property in Harrison around the Square, including the Lyric Theater (now owned & operated by the Ozark Arts Council). ▪ The estate was named “Twelve Oaks” because of 12 giant oak trees that graced the lawn of the home, and was called “the finest farm home in Arkansas”. It cost approximately \$250,000. ▪ The estate included a 40-acre orchard and a 1,100-acre cattle farm. ▪ The home was built of native cobblestone and had a number of outbuildings, including pumphouse, caretakers house, and barn. ▪ The home has had three other owners – Roy W. Millum, who lived there until 1964, when Harold and Dorothy Allen purchased the estate, and their daughter, Vive Allen, who still owns the home and ground.
Home Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two stories and basement. ▪ Majority of woodwork and hardwood floors are original. ▪ Kitchen floor and basement stairs are original hardrock maple. ▪ Home uses radiator/boiler heat. ▪ Plaster crown moldings in living room, dining room, and entry hall, along with original push button lights have survived.
Alterations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The exterior of the house was stuccoed in the early 1940s after Mrs. Bass-Shin made a trip to California and found the look attractive. ▪ A 1973 tornado destroyed the sunroom, roof, and the majority of landscaping, including the twelve oaks that gave the estate its name. ▪ A wooden deck was added to the rear of the home. ▪ A bathroom was added on the main level, but used fixtures in keeping with the period. ▪ Woodwork and hardwood floors have been restored. ▪ Paint and wiring has been upgraded.

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