

The President Clinton Connection

In the black box below is the house that was owned by the Bennett family that lived next door to the Dairy Queen. The house was later remodeled into a two story apartment complex when combined with an adjacent building just out of the right of the picture. They became known as The Bennett Apartments (or later the Grand Avenue Arms Apartments). They eventually burned and were demolished. Wayne Bennett was the oldest of the two children that lived there. Hot Springs is also the boyhood home of our 42nd President, Bill Clinton who was born in Hope, Arkansas but grew up in Hot Springs. Wayne was a classmate of the future President and both graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1964. A few years after Bill Clinton became President, he hosted his 30 year high school class reunion at The White House. Invited were all of Bill's classmates. Below are pictures of Wayne and his family with President Clinton taken at the White House in 1994 and the other is with Clare B. Richardson holding a picture of that reunion standing next to Wayne in 2005.

