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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name James, Dr., House  
other names/site number Resource # WH2190

## 2. Location

street & number West Center & South Gum Streets ☐ not for publication N/A  
city, town Searcy ☐ vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code Ar county White code 145 zip code 72143

## 3. Classification

| Ownership of Property                       | Category of Property                            | Number of Resources within Property |                          |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing                        | Noncontributing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <u>1</u>                            | <u>      </u> buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <u>      </u>                       | <u>      </u> sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <u>      </u>                       | <u>      </u> structures |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <u>      </u>                       | <u>      </u> objects    |
|   |   | <u>1</u>                            | <u>0</u> Total           |

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register N/A

## 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Buford  
Signature of certifying official

5-13-90  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the National  
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick W. Andrews

9/13/91

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Irregular Plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

During the Railroad Era (1870-1914) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Dr. James House is a fine example of a two-story, brick, gable roof building. The entire roof is covered with metal. This house is irregularly-shaped and rests on a brick foundation.

Located on the southeast corner of W. Center and S. Gum Streets, this building was constructed three blocks southwest of the courthouse square in Searcy. The Dr. James House was constructed c. 1880, and is still in good condition. The main, or north, elevation is dominated by a one-story shed roof porch that wraps around the projecting two-story wing on this elevation. Its shed roof is supported by columns on piers that were probably added during the 1920's.

All windows on the building, except for one, are four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows. Some are asymmetrically placed by themselves or are arranged symmetrically in pairs. The lone exception is a large one-over-one single-hung sash window that resides on the first floor of the projecting wing on the north elevation of the structure. All gable ends feature gable returns, decorative jig-sawn woodwork and louvered vents. Small, paired, Italianate brackets decorate the eaves.

A shed roof walkway connects the southeast corner of the main building to a smaller, one-story gable roof structure; the original purpose of this room is unknown. Three corbelled brick chimneys rise from the interior of the building. A storage building lies approximately twenty yards southeast of the house. The weatherboard is attached by square nails that date the building to the same period as the house. The original single pen is entered by a central door on its north elevation and a four-over-four double-hung wood sash window relieves the west elevation of the structure. A novelty sided room was added to the east elevation of the structure; this was probably done during the 1920's.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

N/A c. 1880

Significant Dates

c. 1880

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data *map*

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

### UTM References

A 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

B 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

C 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

D 

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|

☒ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe De Rose, Survey Coordinator

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 4 April, 1990

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Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1880, brick houses were not very numerous in White County. Surviving examples are even rarer today. In fact, only six remain in the entire county that date to the Railroad Era (1870-1914). The Dr. James House remains as a rare example of a large-scale brick house. This is why the Dr. James House is significant; it can provide insight into construction techniques and living arrangements of this era. Hence its eligibility under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614690/3901130

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 1-3, Block 10, Original Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.



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White County MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

|           |  |         |
|-----------|--|---------|
| 91001193✓ | Hunt, Thomas, House                                      | 7/22/92 |
| 91001325✓ | Hutchinson, L. D., House                                 | 7/22/92 |
| 91001241  | James, Dr., House Substantive Review                     | 9-13-91 |
| 91001266  | Jameson--Richards Cafe                                   | 9-5-91  |
| 91001279  | Jameson--Richards Gas Station                            | 9-5-91  |
| 91001214✓ | Joiner House   | 7/22/92 |
| 91001197  | Jones, Mark P., House                                    | 9-5-91  |
| 91001234  | Judsonia Community Building Historic District            | 9-5-91  |
| 91001232  | Judsonia High School Gymnasium Substantive Review        | 9-13-91 |
| 91001190  | Kelly, C. D., House                                      | 9-5-91  |
| 91001252  | Kimbrough, S. A., House                                  | 9-5-91  |
| 91001273  | Klotz, Henry W., Sr., Service Station Substantive Review | 9-13-91 |
| 91001285✓ | Klotz, Henry, Sr., House                                 | 7/22/92 |
| 91001235✓ | Larned, Capt., House                                     | 7/22/92 |
| 91001215  | Lattimer House   | 9-5-91  |
| 91001256✓ | Laws--Jarvis House                                       | 7/22/92 |
| 91001270✓ | Lea, Harvey, House                                       | 7/13/92 |
| 91001339✓ | Leggett House  | 7/13/92 |
| 91001254✓ | Lemay House  | 7/20/92 |
| 91001329  | Letona Hotel Substantive Review                          | 9-13-91 |
| 91001224✓ | Lightle House  | 7/20/92 |
| 91001244  | Lightle House  | 9-5-91  |
| 91001216  | Lightle, Ben, House                                      | 9-5-91  |
| 91001226  | Lightle, William H., House                               | 9-5-91  |
| 91001315  | Little, Jim, House                                       | 9-5-91  |
| 91001287✓ | Livestock and Equipment Barn, Glenn Homestead            | 7/20/92 |
| 91001355✓ | Lone Star School   | 7/20/92 |
| 91001314✓ | Lovell, Dr., House                                       | 7/20/92 |
| 91001359✓ | Maddox, E. D., Farm Chicken House                        | 7/20/92 |
| 91001288  | Marsh, Walter, House                                     | 9-5-91  |
| 91001328✓ | Marsh, Wesley, House SR 164305                           | 7/20/92 |
| 91001330✓ | Martindale Corn Crib                                     | 7/20/92 |
| 91001319✓ | Mason House  | 7/20/92 |
| 91001242  | Mayfair Hotel  | 9-5-91  |
| 91001289  | McAdams House  | 9-5-91  |
| 91001300  | McAdams, Dr., House Substantive Review                   | 9-5-91  |
| 91001368✓ | McDonald, Emmett, House                                  | 7/20/92 |
| 91001344✓ | McRae Jail   | 7/20/92 |
| 91001278✓ | Methodist Episcopal Church, South                        | 7/20/92 |
| 91001237✓ | Miller, Emmett, House                                    | 7/20/92 |
| 91001220  | Mills House  | 9-5-91  |



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001241

Date Listed: 9/13/91

James, Dr., House  
Property Name

White  
County

ARKANSAS  
State

Historic and Architectural Resources of White County  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patricia Andrews  
Signature of the Keeper

9/24/91  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 3

This nomination was amended to show 1 contributing building (the main house, including the connected one story room), and 1 contributing structure (the weatherboard storage building)

The amendment was confirmed by phone with the Arkansas SHPO (9/18/91).

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: James, Dr., House

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001241

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This house is a rare surviving example of  
Victorian Vernacular architecture built of  
brick during the 1870-1914 period.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C

REVIEWER Harper

DISCIPLINE Historian

DATE 9/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps      \_\_\_USGS maps      \_\_\_photographs      \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_







Dr. James House      winter

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

December, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

North elevation





Dr. James House      white      Co

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

December, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation





Dr. James House

white)

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

December, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Northwest elevation

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033