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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Lynch, Thomas, House

other name/site number: SE 0324

2. Location

street & number: Approx. 2.5 mi. N. of Morning Star on County Rd. 52

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Morning Star

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72650

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

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

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn Byrd Slater 6-7-93
Signature of certifying official 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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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): _____

Deborah Byrd 8/12/93
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic Sub: single family dwelling

Current : Vacant/Not In Use Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

N/A

Other Description: log dogtrot

Materials: foundation stone roof tin
walls log other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1900

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Lynch, Thomas Albert

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Summary

Located in the Morning Star vicinity, the Lynch House is a c. 1900 one-and-a-half story log dogtrot covered by a gable roof sheathed with corrugated tin. The building is constructed of small oak logs with square notching. Other than the historic addition of a kitchen and a small room on the rear elevation, the house is basically unaltered. There are no extant associated outbuildings.

Elaboration

Located in the Morning Star vicinity, the Lynch House is a c. 1900 one-and-a-half story log dogtrot covered by a rusty, corrugated-tin gable roof that was originally sheathed with wood shingles. The structure is supported by fieldstone piers and composed of small, square-hewn oak logs with square notching. Concrete has supplanted the original chinking material, which was possibly the red clay found on the site. Based on oral history and the presence of a metal patch on the roof ridge, there was originally a flue of unknown construction in the northern pen.

A full-facade front porch is created by an extension and slight pitch change in the main gable roof on the front or southwestern elevation. The porch roof is sustained by six unfinished wood posts. Underneath, each pen contains a single-leaf wood door and a four-over-four double-hung window. The northern pen has the door placed between the window and the breezeway, while the southern pen has the window positioned between the breezeway and the door. Each pen also has a single-leaf wood door that opens onto the breezeway.

Board-and-batten siding now covers the northwestern elevation wall, which is fenestrated by a central four-over-four double-hung window. The gable end is sheathed with wide, rough-sawn horizontal weatherboard and has had a wood-louvered vent added at some point.

The rear, or northeastern, elevation contains a c. 1930 shed-roof kitchen addition at the northern end. The board-and-batten covered walls are punctuated by a pair of small three-over-one windows on both the rear and northwestern elevations. Ironically, the addition was constructed by George Jackson, who was considered a champion log hewer at the time. A small and simple shed-roof room was also added to the rear of the breezeway at this time. Built of a partial wall and screen wire, the addition was used as a dining room during the hot summer months. The unaltered southern pen on this elevation is lighted by a central four-over-four window.

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The exposed log wall on the southeastern elevation is interrupted only by a small, off-center three-over-one window. Like its counterpart, the gable end is covered with horizontal siding but does not contain a vent.

Although there was once a barn, smokehouse, outhouse, etc. on the property, no associated outbuildings survive.

Other than the aforementioned historic alterations, the Lynch House is basically unaltered. The building is currently unoccupied.

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Significance

The Lynch House was constructed c. 1900 by Thomas Albert Lynch, a native Kentuckian born in 1849. Lynch had entered Arkansas in the late 1880's under the assumed name of "Ben Maloy." According to local tradition, Lynch had shot a man in Missouri during a card game and was fleeing not so much from the Missouri lawmen, but from the dead man's two brothers.

In 1889, still using the alias Ben Maloy, Lynch married Nicy Jane Williams, a local girl 21 years of age. They had five children together with the last one born in 1899. About this time, Lynch received word that his problems with the Missouri authorities were over. The local people, however, were too accustomed to calling him by his assumed name, and he was known by "Ben Maloy" by many for the rest of his life. During this time, Lynch was involved in zinc mining speculation, and he bought and sold numerous claims during the first decade of the twentieth century. Lynch was primarily a farmer though, and he and his family grew corn, beans, tomatoes, and strawberries for sale in addition to the garden products for their own use.

Nicy Jane Lynch died in 1903, and Thomas promptly married another local girl in her early twenties, Oma Viana McCarson. Four children were born to her and Lynch, adding to Thomas's five existing offspring.

Thomas Lynch was quite a colorful character. He claimed to have associated with the infamous James brothers and to have been a good friend of Cole Younger. Neighbors recounted hearing Lynch ride his horse, "Slim," down the South Maumee ridge late at night hollering the rebel yell. Later in his life, Lynch - the onetime outlaw - was a guard for a local mine and was given a silver star which he wore proudly. The star's appearance was realistic and many people believed he was a sheriff or deputy. Lynch died in 1932 and was buried in the casket he had made at least fifteen years earlier. The property had been sold to his youngest son, Tom, for one dollar in 1928. Tom and his family lived in the house and farmed the land until 1956. The house, currently vacant, is now owned by Bill and Janice Craig.

The Lynch House is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a square-notched, log dogtrot constructed at the turn of the century.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Information supplied by Bill and Janice Craig, January 1993.

___ See continuation sheet.

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>536260</u>	<u>3984390</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point 10 feet south of the southern corner of the house (the porch post), proceed northeast along a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the southeast elevation to the intersection with a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the northeast elevation of the rear ell. Then proceed northwest to the intersection of said line and a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the northwest elevation of the building (this point is ten feet north of the northern corner of the ell). Then proceed southwest to the intersection of said line and a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the southwest elevation of the building. Then proceed southeast along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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	DATE LISTED
COVER	
1. Bryan, Noah, Store	8/18/93
2. Daniel, Dr. Sam G., House	8/18/93
3. Farmers Bank Building	8/18/93
4. Fendley, Bud, House	8/18/93
5. Gates--Helm Farm	8/18/93
6. Hatchett, Columbus, House	8/18/92
7. Leslie--Rolen House	8/18/92
8. Lynch, Thomas, House	8/18/92
9. Redman, Oscar, Building	8/18/92
10. Thomas, Greene, House	8/18/93
11. Treat Commercial Building	8/18/93
12. Treece, Jasper E., Building	8/18/93
13. Bank of Marshall Building	10/4/93
14. Bates Tourist Court	10/4/93
15. Bromley-Mills-Treece House	10/4/93
16. Dugger and Schultz Store Building	10/4/93
17. Ferguson Gas Station	10/4/93
18. Ferguson, T. M., House	10/4/93
19. Ferguson, Zeb, House	10/4/93
20. Lay, S. A., House	10/4/93
21. Luna, Anthony, House	10/4/93

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Lynch, Thomas, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Searcy County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 7/06/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/05/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/20/93
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/20/93

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000757

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/18/93 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification

___materials

___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage

___verbal boundary description

___UTMs

___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps

___USGS maps

___photographs

___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



Thomas Lynch House

Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photograph by Todd Ferguson

December 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View of front, or southwestern, elevation



Thomas Lynch House
Searcy Co., Arkansas
Photograph by Todd Ferguson
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Negative on file at AHPP
View from the northwest



Thomas Lynch House
Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photograph by Todd Ferguson
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Negative on file at AHPP

View of the northeastern elevation



Thomas Lynch House
Searcy Co., Arkansas
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View of central "dogtrot"
from the northeast



Thomas Lynch House

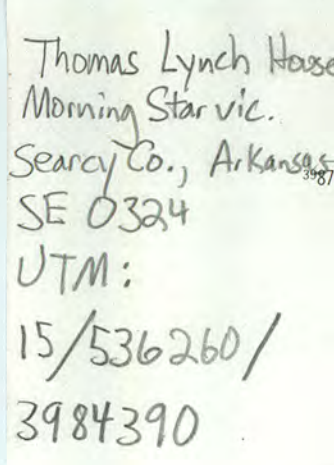
Searcy Co., Arkansas

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View of southeastern elevation



UTM GRID AND 1966 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

1966
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