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Registration Form

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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 Smith, A.J., House  
other names/site number Resource # WH1191

## 2. Location

street & number State Road 385 ☐ not for publication N/A  
city, town Griffithville ☐ vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72060

## 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>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<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.

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

## 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:)

Entered in the  
National Register

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/ T-Shaped

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

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 A.J. Smith House is a good example of a two-story, T-shaped building that is of frame construction and clad with weatherboard. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located on the east side of State Road 385 and less than one-half mile north of the intersection of State Roads 385 and 11, this building was constructed within the Griffithville city limits. The A.J. Smith House was constructed c. 1887 and is still in good condition. Its main, or west, elevation is dominated by a one-story porch that wraps around all three sides of the "T". The shed roof is supported by wooden box columns that are decorated with simple capitals. Single wooden doors enter the porch from the west elevation of the original building as well as from its southern elevation. The upper portions of all three original gable ends are adorned with returns while the ground floor of the original building has been clad with diagonally arranged dimensional lumber.

The fenestration found on both floors of the original structure consists of either single or pair symmetrically placed, one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. A single brick chimney rises from the northern slope of the original gable roof.

All additions to this house are located on the eastern elevation of the building. The largest has a hipped roof, extends the full length of this elevation and is one-story in height. Fenestration consists of three one-over-one double-hung ribbon windows located on the south side of this addition; they are asymmetrically placed. The opposite side of this room has a single centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window. A shed roof screened porch is attached to the southeast portion of this addition. A smaller shed roof addition runs from the northern side of the screened porch to the end of the hipped roof addition. It is fenestrated with both single and ribbon windows that both consist of one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash.

Another one-story shed roof addition is attached to the northern portion of both the previously mentioned addition and the hipped roof addition. It is relieved only by a pair of centrally placed four-pane fixed frame windows found on its north elevation.

## 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

c. 1887

Significant Dates

c. 1887

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	North

B 

Zone	Easting	North

C 

Zone	Easting	North

D 

Zone	Easting	North

☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See continuation sheet

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Significance

When this house was constructed, c. 1887, it was one of numerous T-shaped buildings built during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Even though there are eighty-four of these buildings still left in the county very few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the A.J. Smith House. For this reason it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/623500/3887690

Verbal Boundary Description:

All of Block 2, I.R. Pence Addition to the Town of Griffithville.

Boundary Justification:

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



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ARKANSAS

	Date Listed
91001276 Missouri--Pacific Depot Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001277 ✓ Moody House	7/20/92
91001210 Moore House	9-5-91
91001332 ✓ Morris Institute Dairy Barn Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001178 National Guard Armory Building Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001356 ✓ Neaville, J.A., House	7/22/92
91001331 ✓ New Mt. Pisgah School Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001360 ✓ Nimmo Clubhouse	7/20/92
91001286 O'Neal, Howard, Farm Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001290 Pangburn, Austin, House	9-5-91
91001203 Paschall House	9-5-91
91001292 Patman House	9-5-91
91001255 Pemberton House	9-5-91
91001305 Pence--Carmichael Farm, Barn and Root Cellar Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001247 ✓ Plummer House	7/22/92
91001249 Powell Clothing Store	9-5-91
91001307 ✓ Prince House	7/22/92
91001361 ✓ Ransom, Edward, Farmstead, Livestock and Equipment Barn	7/22/92
91001213 ✓ Rascoe House	7/23/92
91001296 ✓ Ray, Sam, House	7/23/92
91001343 ✓ Rhew, J. C., Co. Packing Shed	7/23/92
91001231 Rialto Theater Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001245 Robertson Drugstore Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001221 Robertson House	9-5-91
91001195 ✓ Rock Building	7/23/92
91001230 Rodgers, Porter, Sr., House	9-5-91
91001219 Rogers, Bob, House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001346 Roper House	9-5-91
91001271 ✓ Russell Jail	7/23/92
91001306 Scott--Davis House Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001227 Searcy City Hall	9-5-91
91001200 ✓ Searcy Post Office	7/20/92
91001208 ✓ Sears, Dean L. C., House	7/20/92
91001261 Sellers House	9-5-91
91001257 Shue House	9-5-91
91001299 Shutter, John, House	9-5-91
91001367 ✓ Siler, Luther, Gin <i>Disputed - no objection</i> Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001342 Simpson, Stanley, Farmstead Picking Sled	9-13-91
91001218 Smith House	9-5-91
91001223 Smith, A. J., House	9-5-91



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Smith, A. J., House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE White County MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001223

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 9/5/91 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



A. J. SMITH HOUSE white c)

GRIFFITHVILLE, ARKANSAS

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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTHWEST





A. J. SMITH HOUSE white

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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST





A. J. SMITH HOUSE white

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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033