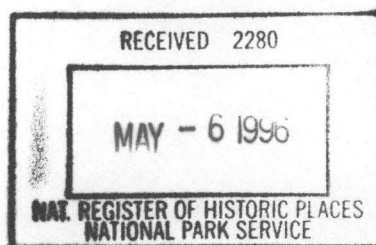


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Hunter-Coulter House

other name/site number: LR0062

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2. Location

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street & number: Northern corner of intersection of 2nd and Commerce Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Ashdown

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Little River code: AR 081 zip code: 71822

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
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<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: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945

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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

Anthony A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

4-15-96
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): _____

Del R. Legner 6/20/96

h Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: SOCIAL

Sub: Clubhouse

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>BRICK</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

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

Summary

The Hunter-Coulter House is a single-story, wood frame residence designed in the Craftsman style.

Elaboration

Located at the north corner of Commerce and 2nd Streets in Ashdown, the Hunter-Coulter House is a single-story, wood frame residence designed in the Craftsman style. Its irregular plan is defined by its full-width front porch and bays that project from the northwestern facade and the northeastern corner of the building. A single broad chimney rises through the roof from the southeastern wall. The asphalt shingle roof and novelty-sided walls are supported upon a continuous brick foundation.

The southwestern or front elevation is dominated by the full-width, gable roof recessed front porch, supported upon two pyramidal wood columns set upon brick piers. A small fixed window is placed in the center of the pediment above, and the wall beneath is symmetrically-organized around the two pair of twelve-over-one windows that are placed to either side of the single-leaf front door with eighteen-pane sidelights. The southeastern wall is irregularly fenestrated with twelve-over-one wood windows, while the northwestern wall opposite is more symmetrically-organized around the projecting, gable roof bay. The northeastern facade contains two single-leaf entrances placed irregularly in the wall and an assortment of other multi-pane windows distributed freely around the facade.

The significant exterior details are largely limited to the knee braces, exposed rafters and the large brick and wood columns that support the front porch. The interior is largely intact and in very good condition; it contains such noteworthy features as built-in cabinets and shelving.

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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1918-1945 _____

Significant Dates: 1918 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Westbrook, Henry

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

Summary

Built in 1918, the Hunter-Coulter House is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Ashdown as a result of the arrival of three of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Little River County.

Elaboration

Built in 1918, the Hunter-Coulter House was built by local builder Henry Westbrook for William Grant Hunter, a Fredericksburg, Indiana native who relocated his undertaking business to this address when he moved to Ashdown. The house was purchased by a Dr. John Coulter -- a dentist from nearby Mineral Springs, Arkansas -- in 1928 and remained in his family until 1991, when his daughters sold it Ed and Helen Russell, who two years later sold it to the Little River County Historical Society; they remain the current owners and are attempting to turn the building into an historical museum.

The Hunter-Coulter House dates from the second decade of prosperity in Ashdown after the arrival of the railroad, and was originally built to shelter a new business. As such, it is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Ashdown as a result of the arrival of three of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Little River County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving residences constructed during the first years after the railroad's arrival in the county; it is also significant under Criterion C as the best surviving example of a Craftsman-style residence in Ashdown.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945, Section H.

___ 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>395050</u>	<u>3726240</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of Commerce Street with the northern edge of 2nd Street, proceed easterly on said edge for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line to its intersection with the eastern edge of Commerce Street; thence proceed southerly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 04/01/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hunter--Coulter House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Railroad Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Little River

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/21/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/06/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000633

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 _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Hunter--Coulter House is significant at the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Architecture and Community Planning and Development. The well-preserved single-family residence is a good representative example of the substantial wave of "community building" and residential development activity that followed completion of local rail access to Ashdown and the subsequent establishment of a thriving local economy. Based on a comprehensive survey of the community, the building reflects among the best visual evidence of the large-scale community building programs and development efforts that occurred in town in the wake of turn-of-the-century railroad expansion. The property reflects the typical pattern of growth of commercial, social, and residential amenities, which arose in response to the expanding economic vitality of railroad communities in the region. Architecturally, the building is a good representative example of early twentieth century residential design in the Craftsman tradition.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignea DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/20/96

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



HUNTER-COULTER HOUSE

ANDOVER, LITTLE RIVER CO., AR

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VIEW FROM ~~SW~~ WEST

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HUNTER-COULTER HOUSE

ASHDOWN, LITTLE RIVER CO., AR

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FRONT DOOR DETAIL

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VIEW FROM NORTH

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HUNTER - COULTER HOUSE
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VIEW FROM EAST

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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VIEW FROM SE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500029

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY REPORT

REFERENCE No.: 96000633

Control No.: 960523/AJA

PROPERTY NAME: Hunter--Coulter House

OTHER NAME/ : LR0062

SITE No. :

MULTIPLE NAME: Railroad Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS

ADDRESS/ : Jct. of 2nd and Commerce Sts., NW corner
BOUNDARY :

CITY: Ashdown

COUNTY: Little River

STATE: ARKANSAS

Restricted Location Information: Owner: PRIVATE Resource Type: BUILDING

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	1	0
Sites	0	0
Structures	0	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:
NOT APPLICABLEFederal : NOT APPLICABLE
Agency:

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION

Date: 05/06/96

Other : NOT APPLICABLE
Certification:Historic : DOMESTIC
Functions:Historic : SINGLE DWELLING
Subfunctions:Current : SOCIAL
Functions:Current : CIVIC
Subfunctions:Level of : LOCAL Applicable Criteria: EVENT
Significance: ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: NOT APPLICABLE

Area of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTPeriods of: 1925-1949 1900-1924 Circa: Specific Sig. Years:
Significance:

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

Westbrook, Henry

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

Architectural BUNGALOW/CRAFTSMAN
Styles:

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: BRICK
Wall Materials: WEATHERBOARD
Roof Materials: ASPHALT
Other Materials: NONE LISTED

Acreage: 0.9

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
Coordinates:	15/	/3 95 050/	/37 26 240	/ /		/ /

Cultural Affiliation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HAER No. N/A