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National 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 Caldwell House
other names/site number Resource #WH1699

2. Location

street & number East 2nd and Smith Streets
city, town McRae
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0

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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Cathryn H. Buford
Date: 5-13-90
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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 (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Nelson Bryan
Date of Action: 9/5/91

**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)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century

American Movements/ Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The Caldwell House is a single story, wood frame Craftsman residence. Its highly unusual combination of gabled, hipped and disjointed roof elements indicates an irregular floor plan. One exterior brick chimney rises from the east elevation of the house, just inside the end of the wrap-around chimney, and the other rises from the center of the western slope of the main gable roof section. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are weatherboarded, and the continuous foundation is constructed of brick.

The western or front elevation is composed of the main gable end portion of the house in the center with a projecting, smaller gable end to the north and a perpendicular gable roof porch abutting the south wall of the north gable and extending south. Both gable end pediments are decorated with imbricated shingles and the porch is supported on short, panelled, slanted wood columns set on slanted brick piers. The northern gable end is fenestrated with a tripartite group of wood sash windows consisting of a large, central twelve-over-one window flanked by two narrower windows of the same pane configuration. Beneath the porch, a single twelve-over-one wood sash window lights the wall between the side wall of the gable and the entrance, and another lights the wall to the south of the entrance.

The southern elevation is composed of the gable end of the porch to the west and another, smaller gable end at the eastern end of the elevation with a section of connecting wall plane between them. The porch gable end is decorated with the same imbricated shingles in the pediment and the same squat columns on piers. The wall to the east contains one fixed twelve-pane window and a modern sliding aluminum and glass door. The eastern projecting gable bay is fenestrated with a pair of twelve-over-one wood sash windows in the center and is also lighted with a single wood sash window in its western side wall. The northern elevation is a continuous wall plane and is fenestrated with two single twelve-over-one wood sash windows symmetrically-placed to either side of a pair of identical sash windows.

The eastern elevation features yet another gable bay in the center and the side wall of the southern gable bay. A single twelve-over-one wood sash window lights the center of the gable end and a pair of identical windows light the side wall of the southern gable.

The Caldwell House has suffered few alterations. The addition of the sliding door on the southern elevation constitutes the only noticeable change to the design. The Caldwell House is in good condition.

**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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

ARCHITECTURE

c. 1925

c. 1925

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Mr. Caldwell

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 17*

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

**UTM References**

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C 

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D 

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description  
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See continuation sheet

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

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Caldwell House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is the best example in McRae of a single story, wood frame Craftsman bungalow. The design is remarkably successful not by virtue of its detail but rather by the proportion of the essential components to each other and their placement. The size of the two front, flanking multi-pane sash windows relative to the entrance and the use of wider and narrower twelve-pane windows in the tripartite window designs is especially noteworthy. The geometric, almost Japanese decorative brackets are also an example of the simple yet appropriate decoration which frequently appeared on Craftsman homes.

Probably the most remarkable feature of the Caldwell House, however, is the fact that the abundance of intersecting roof forms and the irregular roofline they produce shelter a relatively contained and balanced floor plan. The front porch projects beyond the wall only slightly, and the southern gable ends, though quite irregular in elevation, do not extend so far from the main house block that they radically alter the fundamentally square plan. As such the Caldwell House is typical of the second phase in the evolution of the Craftsman house designs in White County, in which the wings and appendages tend to be placed more symmetrically around the house block and beneath a single, all-inclusive roof form, despite the continuing tendency for the elevations to exhibit an asymmetrical, picturesque aspect.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/607360/3885880

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 12, Original Town of McRae, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification:

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

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White County MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		9-12-91
91001350	Abington, William Thomas, House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/1/92
91001322	Ackins House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/1/92
91001186	American Legion Hall <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001253	Andrews, Col. Ralph, House	9-5-91
91001187	Arnold Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001239	Baldock House	9-5-91
91001228	Bank of Searcy	9-5-91
91001251	Beebe Jail	9-13-91
91001265	Beebe Theater	9-5-91
91001201	Bell House	9-5-91
91001262	Berry House	9-5-91
91001192	Big Four School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001176	Bloom House	9-5-91
91001363	Blunt House Livestock Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001298	Boggs, James William, House	9-5-91
91001275	Bone, Luke, Grocery--Boarding House	9-13-91
91001202	Booth, Green, House	9-5-91
91001345	Booth--Weir House	9-5-91
91001217	Brooks House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001268	Brown House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001338	Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001337	Burnett House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001347	Caldwell House	9-5-91
91001280	Campbell--Chrisp House	9-5-91
91001293	Cary House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001310	Chandler House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001349	Childers Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001301	Churchill--Hilger House	9-5-91
91001209	Cobb, Pattie, Hall	9-5-91
91001282	Cooley, Sam, Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001229	Coward House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001320	Cremane House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001333	Critz, Col. John, Farm, Springhouse <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001259	Cross House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001225	Cumberland Presbyterian Church <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001179	Cypert, Jesse N., Law Office <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001196	Doniphan Lumber Mill Historic District <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001264	Doss House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7-10-92
91001302	Doyle, David, House No. 2	9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Caldwell 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: 91001347

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

UNAPPROVED

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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  
 UTM's       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 \_\_\_\_\_



Caldwell House White

McRae, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

August, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

East elevation



Caldwell House

*white ca*

McRae, Arkansas

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August, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



Caldwell House      white

McRae, Arkansas

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August, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

West elevation



Caldwell House      white w/

McRae, Arkansas

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August, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



Caldwell House *white*

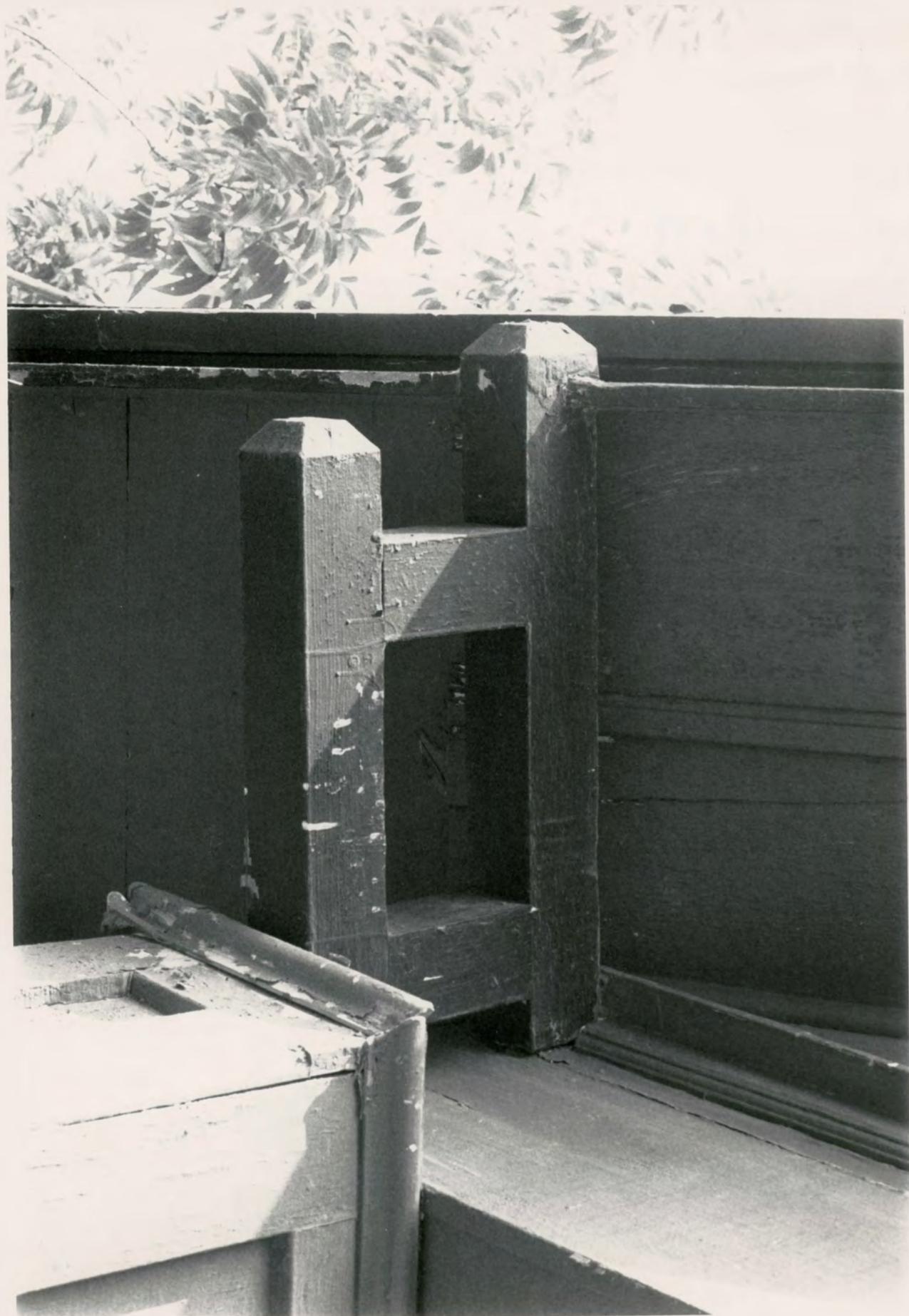
McRae, Arkansas

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August, 1988

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South elevation



Caldwell House      white

McRae, Arkansas

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August, 1988

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West elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033