

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sherman and Merlene Bates House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of Dawson and Echo

☐ not for publication

city or town Hardy

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Sharp

code 135

zip code 72542

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Carmie Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

8/13/02
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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

10-4-02

Bates, Sherman and Merlene, House
Name of Property

Sharp County, Arkansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

"Historic and Architectural Resources of Hardy, Arkansas"

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

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)

Craftsman

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Sandstone

walls Sandstone

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Summary

Located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Dawson and Echo Lane, the Sherman and Merlene Bates house is a one-story Craftsman influenced frame house covered in a course sandstone veneer. The Bates home was built in 1947 by Leonard Holden and Marion Thompson, two well known local builders. It sits on three 50' by 160' lots just inside the town of Hardy in Sharp County, Arkansas. The house rests upon a continuous stone foundation and is topped by a gable roof. Also contributing to the nomination is a native stone garage that is located behind the home.

Elaboration

The Sherman and Merlene Bates house is a one-story Craftsman influenced frame house covered in a course sandstone veneer. The home was built in 1947 and sits on three 50' by 160' lots just inside the town of Hardy in Sharp County, Arkansas. The house rests upon a continuous stone foundation and is topped by a gable roof. Metal awnings shelter the home's west and south side windows, but are removable. The east side of the front of the home was enclosed as an addition shortly after the home's original construction and closely matches the stone work found on the rest of the home. Also contributing to the nomination is a native stone garage that is located behind the home.

Front Elevation

The front of the house faces south toward U. S. Highway 62/63. A concrete stairway with stone banisters leads up ten steps from the highway to a 6' by 16' landing in the yard then continues up six more steps to a second concrete landing of 8' by 12' and finally up five more steps to the front door. The house is fenestrated by two three-over-one double-hung windows on the far west side. This is followed by another three-over-one window on the west facing wall of the frontward projecting portion of the house. The central section of the house is fenestrated by a twelve-pane picture window. The window is flanked by small two-over-one double-hung windows. Continuing east, the home is entered through a single-leaf entrance. The final fenestration on the south elevation is a one-over-one double-hung window that is covered by a storm window.

East Elevation

The only visible seam where the addition joins the house is visible from the east side. The elevation is concealed to passersby with a dense planting of shrubbery that marks the property's east boundary. The east elevation is fenestrated by a pair of three-over-one windows. The only other fenestration on the elevation is a six-over-one double-hung window.

North Elevation

The back of the building fronts north and faces the steeply sloping hillside that runs through the back of the property. A corrugated metal carport has been added to the back of the house. The carport is small and is only visible from behind the building. The back of the house is fenestrated by three three-over-one double-hung windows. A ribbon of three three-over-one windows follows this fenestration.

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West Elevation

The west elevation is fenestrated by a pair of three-over-one windows. This is followed by a nine-pane picture window. The final set of windows is a pair of three-over-one windows.

Garage

The garage was built at the same time as the home and is a contributing resource. The small Craftsman building is sheathed with the same fieldstone used on the home and supports a composition shingle gable roof. A metal roll up garage door is located on the building's west side. The north elevation of the building is fenestrated by two three-over-one windows and an original wood door. Both the east and south elevations are void of fenestration.

The home and garage are in excellent condition. All changes that have been made to the home are either historic or located on the least visible areas of the home.

Bates, Sherman and Merlene, House
Name of Property

Sharp County, Arkansas
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1947

Significant Dates

1947

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Marion Thompson- Builder

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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Sherman and Merlene Bates moved to Hardy in 1933 from Western Arkansas. Sherman worked at several different jobs for a few years and Merlene worked as a secretary. They were very hard workers and good planners and were able to buy the Mobil Oil Company bulk plant in Hardy. Soon after buying the bulk oil plant they bought 5 lots in east Hardy where their present home is located. They first built the Sherman Bates house in Hardy on one of the five lots. This house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. Therefore, the house being presented in this nomination will be referred to as the Sherman and Merlene Bates House.

During World War II, Sherman sold both his business and his home when he was drafted into the Navy. He planned to move to California after his war service was over. Following World War II, the Mobil Oil Company was not happy with the person Sherman had sold to and they persuaded him to buy it back. Since, he had the business back, he now needed a house to live in and built the house we are now nominating.

The Bates raised a son and a niece, and were very active in all phases of life in Hardy with special emphasis on church, school, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Information for this nomination was gathered when both Sherman and Melene Bates were alive. Both have recently passed away.

The historic integrity of the home has been carefully preserved and is still being taken care of by the family. A granddaughter of the Bates has recently moved into the house.

The Bates home was built on the eastern edge of town as cars had become common by this time and Sherman and Merlene could use them to take care of their business. This was a prime building area as evidenced by the fact that Sherman Bates built two houses there over a comparatively short time.

Statement of Significance

The Sherman and Merlene Bates house is an excellent example of the later part of the stone building craze that was very predominant in Hardy during the first half of the 1900s. There are many stone houses in Hardy, but this is one of few post World War II examples. It is being nominated under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as an excellent example of a post war stone house. It is being nominated as part of the multiple property nomination, "**Historic and Architectural Resources of Hardy, Arkansas**".

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Bibliography

Information submitted by Dr. Audrey Thompson, Williford, AR., 2002.

Information submitted by Sherman Bates, Hardy, AR., 2000.

Information submitted by Nina Daily, Hardy, AR., 2002

Information submitted by Leonard John, Hardy, AR., 2002.

Information submitted by Barry Rose, Hardy, AR., 2002.

Information submitted by Ken Rutz, Williford, AR., 2002.

Bates, Sherman and Merlene, House
Name of Property

Sharp County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
4
☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Lots 6 and 7 in Oliver's Addition to the City of Hardy.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all land historically associated with the home.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name
street & number telephone
city or town state zip code

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bates, Sherman and Merlene, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Hardy, Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sharp

DATE RECEIVED: 8/20/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/23/02
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/09/02 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/04/02
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02001077

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 10/4/02 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



1. Sherman and Merlene Bates House
2. Sharp Co., AR
3. Zan Cothren
4. May 2002
5. AHPP
6. Front elevation. Looking North.
7. #1



1. Sherman and Merlenz Bates House
2. Sharp Co., AR
3. Zac Cothren
4. May 2002
5. AHPP
6. East elevation. Looking Northwest.
7. #2



1. Sherman and Marlene Bates House
2. Sharp Co., AR
3. Zee Cothren
4. May 2002
5. AHPP
6. North elevation. Looking South.
7. #3



1. Sherman and Marlene Bates House,
2. Sharp Co., AR
3. Zac Cothren
4. May 2002.
5. AHPP
6. West elevation. Looking Northeast.
7. #4



1. Sherman and Marlene Bates House (garage)
2. Sharp Cor, AR
3. Zac Cothran
4. May 2002
5. AHPP
6. Southeast elevations. Looking northwest.
7. HS

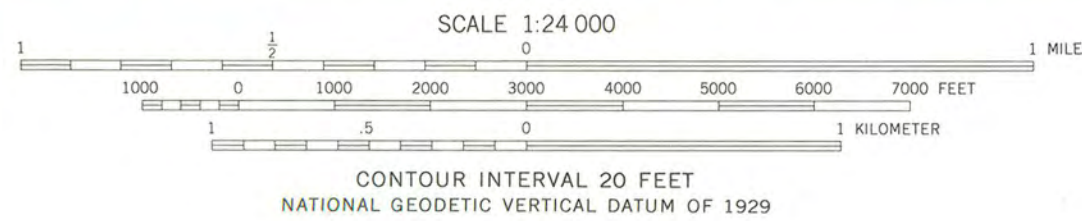
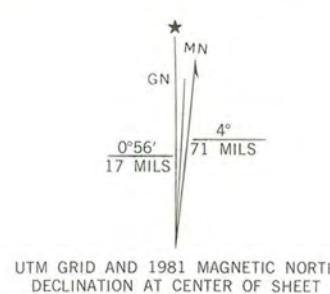
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

HARDY QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Sherman and Merlene
Bates House
Hardy, Sharp Co,
AR
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
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zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
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12 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken
1980. Map edited 1981. This information not field checked



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

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RE: Sherman and Merlene Bates House- Hardy, Sharp County.

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above-referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews,
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:zc

Enclosures

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