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REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bates Tourist Court

other name/site number: SE0109

2. Location

street & number: Fair Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Marshall

vicinity: N/A

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>3</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>3</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 A. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

8-13-93  
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~~

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Robert E. Byrum 10/4/93

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Hotel

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt  
walls Stone other N/A

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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1935

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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### Description

The Bates Tourist Court is composed of three small, single-story, wood frame and stone veneer rental cabins. The westernmost cabin is accessed via a central southern entrance and lit by a single central window on each of its other three sides. The central cabin is accessed via a central southern entrance and lit by a single central window in its western elevation. The easternmost cabin is accessed via an entrance in its southern elevation placed off-center to the west and lit by a single window in its western elevation placed off-center to the south. All are of a single-pen plan, covered with combination shingles, and supported by continuous stone foundations.

The original office building, located immediately to the west of the cabins, has been altered significantly over the years and is thus not included in the nomination.

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**Significance**

The Bates Tourist Court, constructed in 1935 and originally owned by local resident Delbert Bates, is one of the few surviving examples of an historic tourist court in Searcy County, and certainly one of the best preserved. Though the actual builder is unknown, the construction date of 1935 and its status as one of the few surviving examples of tourist court architecture represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide economic decline, some construction continued. With the long-standing presence of the railroad and the growing influence of the automobile, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As a particularly good example of tourist court architecture, and the most intact example in the community of Marshall, the Bates Tourist Court is locally significant under Criterion C.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas," 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:

- 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>533190</u>	<u>3973920</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 southern edge of Fair Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the westernmost building's western elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the buildings' southern elevations; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the easternmost 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 along the southern edge of Fair Street; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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State: AR

Zip: 72201



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Searcy County MPS Searcy County, ARKANSAS

DATE LISTED

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



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bates Tourist Court

MULTIPLE NAME: Searcy County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 8/20/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/31/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/16/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/04/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000979

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 10/4/93 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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





BATES TOURIST COURT  
MARSHALL, SEARCY Co., ARKANSAS  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY T. FERGUSON  
APRIL, 1991

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM SOUTH







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VIEW FROM NORTHWEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500030