

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

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 Williams House

other names/site number Resource # WH1792

2. Location

street & number County Road 54 & State Road 267

☐ not for publication N/A

city, town Searcy

☒ vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

0

Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, ArkansasNumber 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

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Date

5-13-90

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:)

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)

Vacant/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Cross-Shaped

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

asbestos

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 Williams House is a good example of a one-story cross-shaped building that is of frame construction and clad mainly with weatherboard. The south and west gable ends as well as the addition to the southwest corner of the house have all been sided with asbestos. The gable roof of the house is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located one-quarter mile north of the intersection of County Road 54 and State Road 267, this building was constructed approximately two miles southwest of downtown Searcy. The Williams House was constructed c. 1910 is currently unoccupied and in fair condition. Its main, or east elevation is dominated by an ornate gable end. While all four gable ends feature gable returns only the eastern gable end is further embellished. The upper portion of this gable end has been adorned with decorative geometric woodwork. Shed roof porches flank the eastern gable ends; the northern half of the southern porch, however, has been enclosed. This enclosed porch is fenestrated with a small single two-over-two double-hung aluminum sash window. Both porch roofs are supported by chamfered posts. The northern porch is accessed by a single asymmetrically placed door on the east elevation of the house.

Fenestration of the original building consists of single or paired symmetrically arranged six-over-six double-hung wood sash windows that are original to the house and three-over-one double-hung wood sash replacement windows. An ell-shaped porch was originally found on the northwest corner of the building but the porch has since been enclosed. This enclosed porch is accessed by a single symmetrically placed door on the projecting west elevation. Another addition encompasses the entire southwest corner of the original house. This shed roof portion of the building is fenestrated on both the south and west elevations by paired asymmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. The south elevation also exhibits a small three-over-one double-hung wood sash window.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1910

Significant Dates

c. 1910

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.

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Significance

When this house was constructed, c. 1910, it was one of many cross-shaped buildings built during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Though there are eighteen of these buildings extant in the county, few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the Williams House. For this reason it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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 16*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 4 April, 1990

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city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/613750/3898930

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the western edge of the associated driveway with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the house (the driveway entrance being located on the western edge of State Highway 267 at a distance approximately 2,000 feet to the north of its intersection with County Road 54), proceed westerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the house's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the house's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the driveway's western edge; thence proceed northerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Williams House

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

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: 91001353

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: ☒ NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT ☒ RETURN ☐ REJECT ☐ DATE 9/13/91

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 9/13/91

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 Patrick Andrews Phone _____
Date 9/13/91

Williams House
White County MPS
White County, ARKANSAS

Reviewer's Comments

The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms, states that "the boundaries of buildings should include the land surrounding the building, unless the lot occupied by the building contains no surrounding land as in the central business district of most cities."

Please revise the boundaries to include the property historically associated with the resource. If a portion of the original setting has lost its integrity, please explain.

Marilyn Harper
Historian
Sept. 16, 1991

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☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
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<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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Cathryn A. Boyd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90
Date

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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☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Maq M. W.

7/23/92

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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National Register of Historic Places
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8. Statement of Significance

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☐ 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)

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Period of Significance

c. 1910

Significant Dates

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Cultural Affiliation

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Significant Person

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Architect/Builder

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- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
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- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data *map 16*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	North
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B

Zone	Easting	North
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C

Zone	Easting	North
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D

Zone	Easting	North
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☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Significance

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/613750/3898930

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of the associated driveway with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the north thereof (the driveway entrance being located on the western edge of State Highway 267 at a distance approximately 2,000 feet to the north of its intersection with County Road 54), proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of the driveway; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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91001336 ✓	Smyrna Methodist Church	
91001243	Snipes, Dr. Emmett, House	
91001274 ✓	St. Richard's Catholic Church	
91001250	Staggs--Huffaker Building	
91001248	Stipe Cotton Gin	Substantive Review
91001295 ✓	Storm Cellar, William Howell House	
91001326 ✓	Thomas House	
91001341 ✓	Thompson House	
91001362 ✓	Thrasher, John, Homestead	
91001240	Titus House	
91001199 ✓	Trinity Episcopal Church	
91001233	Van Meter, R. L., House	
91001351	Walker Homestead Historic District	Substantive Review
91001354 ✓	Walker, Otha, Homestead	
91001313	Ward--Stout House	
91001182	Watkins House	
91001183	Watkins, Tom, House	
91001308 ✓	Watson, William Henry, Homestead	
91001272	Weber House	
91001260 ✓	Westbrooke, Lipsy, House	
91001297 ✓	Whisinant, Albert, House	
91001177	Wilburn House	
91001353 ✓	Williams House	
91001321 ✓	Williams, Arthur, Homestead, Feed Storage Shed	
91001211	Woodson, Arthur W., House	
91001212	Woodson, Dalton, House	
91001291	Wright, Avanell, House	
91001284	Wright, Jim, Farmstead Historic District	

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Williams House
NAME:

MULTIPLE White County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 6/23/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/07/92

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001353

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/23/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Good example of single-story, cross-plan vernacular house with some decorative detailing.

Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historion
DATE 7/23/92

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
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BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed _____

Date _____



Williams House *white*

Searcy vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

September, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Northeast elevation



Williams House

white

Searcy vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

September, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation



Williams House

writing

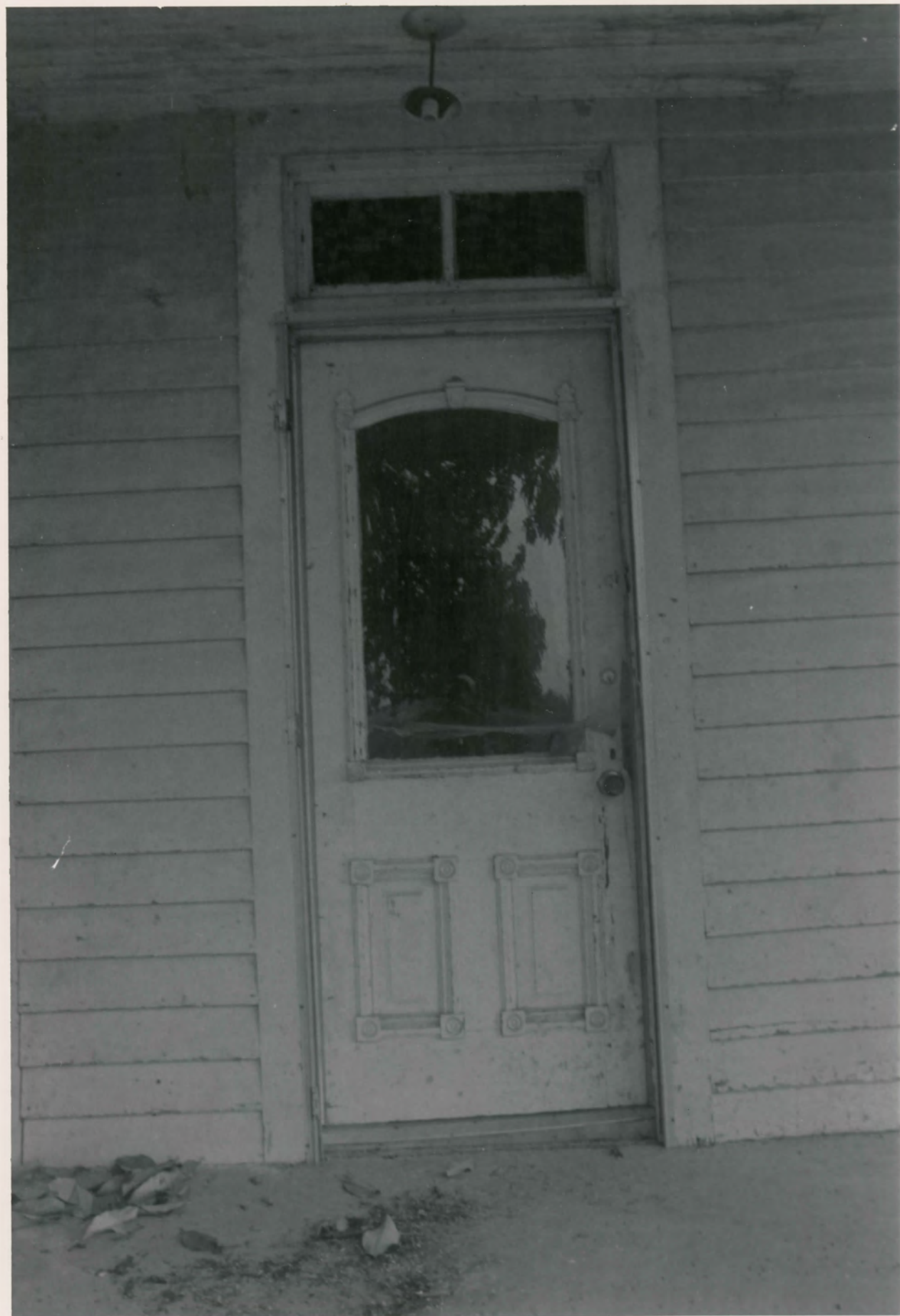
Searcy vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

September, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Interior detail



Williams House *white*

Searcy vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

September, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

East elevation



Williams House
Searcy vicinity, Arkansas
Photograph by Joe DeRose
September, 1988
Negative on file at AHPP
East elevation

white

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033