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Registration Form

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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 Hunt House

other names/site number Resource # WH2275

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 707 W. Center Street

☐ not for publication N/A

city, town Searcy

☐ vicinity N/A

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	Noncontributing
1	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 ProgramDate  
5-3-90

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:)

Patricia Andrews

9/13/91

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)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/  
English Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

stucco

roof shingle

other fieldstone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The Hunt House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame English Revival residence. The picturesque front elevation disguises the fundamentally rectangular plan formed by the T-shaped roofline resulting from the two principal, intersecting gable roof components. The sole chimney is an exterior brick chimney attached to the northern or front elevation. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are faced with brick, stucco, fieldstone, and artificial siding, and the house is supported upon brick piers.

The northern or front elevation is composed of a variable-pitch gable to the west, a projecting, gable roof entrance porch in the center, and a recessed porch to the east. The western gable is lighted with a single, rectangular, ten-pane fixed wood window in the peak, a fixed twelve-pane wood window to the west of the asymmetrical, stepped chimney and a pair of twelve-pane casement windows to the east of the chimney. The chimney is stepped toward the west and randomly decorated with fieldstones and stucco. The projecting, arched entrance porch is similarly decorated, though the fieldstones are isolated to facing the arch. The recessed porch to the east is entered through a square-headed entrance and extends for two bays down the eastern elevation. The inside of the entrance porch is faced with brick.

The eastern elevation consists of the gable end of the front side gable to the north and the side of the rear gable to the south with the rear gable roof wing terminating the elevation. The gable end is punctuated with the two bays of the open recessed porch at the northern end and lighted with a pair of nine-over-nine wood sash windows in the peak and another identical pair of windows toward the southern wall. The side gable wall is fenestrated with a single nine-over-nine wood sash window to the north and a pair of identical windows to the south. Another pair of sash windows lights the side of the rear wing.

The southern elevation features an entry in the western shed and two pair of sash windows in the rear wing with a louvered vent in the peak above. The entry is sheltered by a new, simple metal shed roof.

The western elevation consists of the northern gable end and another to the south which projects out and then maintains a continuous wall plane to the end of the elevation. The northern gable end is fenestrated with a pair of nine-over-nine wood sash windows in the artificially-sided pediment and two single identical sash windows placed symmetrically in the wall below. The projecting pediment is also artificially sided and three nine-over-nine wood sash windows light the wall below. In the side wall and rear shed wall, two pairs of nine-over-nine wood sash windows flank an entrance covered with a metal awning.

The Hunt House is virtually unaltered and in fair 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)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1935

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.

☒ 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*

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

### UTM References

A 

Zone	Easting	North

B 

Zone	Easting	North

C 

Zone	Easting	North

D 

Zone	Easting	North

☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See continuation sheet

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

☒ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Significance

## Criterion C, local significance

The Hunt House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is significant as the best high-style English Revival design in this neighborhood of Searcy and is especially noteworthy by virtue of its quirky application of various materials to enliven and ornament the flat, brick surface. However, it is significant also for its associations with the local building trade which grew in response to the needs of the growing middle class for high quality yet economical homes.

The improvements in both transportation and communication not only encouraged the dissemination of new architectural styles but also increased the availability and lowered the cost of various building materials and prefabricated architectural elements. A variety of entrepreneurs sought to attract new homeowners through being able to take advantage of these conditions and offer a new stylish home design at a reasonable cost without the expense of an architect or craftsman builder. The result was the smaller scale suburban home. These home designs exhibited a significant amount of detail and bespoke a certain level of owner status while being generally affordable.

Of particular favor among such homeowners was the English Revival style. Frequently constructed of brick, it was available at a reasonable cost and recalled the large Tudor style homes that were being designed for wealthier suburbanites around the United States. The Hunt House is a remarkably intact and high-quality example of this trend.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614210/3901120

Verbal Boundary Description

The western half of Lot 2 and the eastern quarter of Lot 3, Block 30, Jones Addition to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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



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ARKANSAS

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91001189	Edie, James W., House	9-5-91
91001303	El Paso Bank	9-5-91
91001269	Elm Street House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001327	✓ Emmer, Joe, House	7/12/92
91001198	✓ First Christian Church	7/12/92
91001206	✓ First United Methodist Church	7/12/92
91001324	✓ Floyd Cotton Gin <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/12/92
91001267	✓ Fox Motel House	7/12/92
91001185	Freeman, Wood, House No. 1	9-5-91
91001181	Freeman, Wood, House No. 2	9-5-91
91001318	✓ Frizell, Dr., House	7/12/92
91001263	Garrard, Lizzie, House	9-5-91
91001281	✓ Gooden, Milt, House	7/12/92
91001311	✓ Gordon, Leonard, Homestead, Hexagonal Grain Crib	7/12/92
91001323	✓ Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/12/92
91001334	✓ Gray House	7/12/92
91001194	✓ Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/12/92
91001294	Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
91001335	✓ Gray--Kincaid House	7/12/92
91001357	✓ Griffithville School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001358	✓ Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store	7/12/92
91001222	Hall, Fred, House	9-5-91
91001204	✓ Hammond, Mary Alice, House	7/12/92
91001304	✓ Harper, Roy, House	7/12/92
91001340	Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001205	Hassell House	9-5-91
91001312	Hays, Brady, Homestead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001348	Herring Building	9-5-91
91001317	✓ Hickmon, Marshall, Homestead	7/12/92
91001316	Hickmon, U. L., Hardware Store	9-5-91
91001180	Hicks, Ida, House	9-5-91
91001191	✓ Hilger, Louis N., Homestead, Livestock Barn	7/12/92
91001258	✓ Hill Farm	7/12/92
91001236	✓ Hoag House	7/12/92
91001309	✓ Holly Grove School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001352	✓ Honey Hill Christian Union Church	7/12/92
91001188	Hoofman Farmstead Barn	7/22/92
91001184	✓ Hoofman, Arthur W., House	7/22/92
91001238	✓ Hoofman, Tobe, Farmstead	7/22/92
91001283	✓ Hopewell District No. 45 School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001207	✓ Hunt House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001207

Date Listed: 9/13/91

Hunt House  
Property Name

White  
County

ARKANSAS  
State

Historic and Architectural Resources of White County  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Indus  
Signature of the Keeper

9/24/91  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 7

This nomination was amended to add aluminum siding (in the gables) to other construction materials.

The amendment was confirmed by phone with the Arkansas SHPO (9/18/91).

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hunt 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: 91001207

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This well-preserved house is architecturally significant as an example of the English Revival styling favored for the moderately expensive houses made increasingly affordable in the 1920s & 30s by increased standardization in housing construction. Its rather idiosyncratic application of a variety of materials & textures is also noteworthy.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / C

REVIEWER Harper

DISCIPLINE Historian

DATE 9/13/91

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

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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  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_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 \_\_\_\_\_





Hunt House *white*

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Jill Bayles

January, 1989

Negative on file at AHPP

North elevation







Hunt House      white)

Searcy, Arkansas

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January, 1989

Negative on file at AHPP

North elevation





Hunt House      white

Searcy, Arkansas

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January, 1989

Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033