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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property
historic name: O. L. Dunaway House
other name/site number: FA0407
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street & number: 920 Center Street
not for publication: $N/A$
city/town: Conway vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Faulkner code: AR 045 zip code: 72032
3. Classification
Ownership of Property: <u>Private</u>
Category of Property: <u>Building</u>
Number of Resources within Property:
Contributing Noncontributing
buildings sites structures objects 0 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: $\underline{{\rm N/A}}$
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

O. L. Dunaway House Name of Property	Faulkner County, AR County and State		
4. State/Federal Agency Certification			
As the designated authority under the Nation of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that request for determination of eligibility mestandards for registering properties in the Historic Places and meets the procedural arset forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion does not meet the National Register Crasheet	conal Historic Preservation Act this <u>X</u> nomination eets the documentation a National Register of and professional requirements and the property <u>X</u> meets and reconstitution		
Signature of certifying official	6-4-96 Date		
Signature of certifying official	Date		
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  State or Federal agency and bureau  In my opinion, the property _X_ meets  Register criteria See continuation	_ does not meet the National tion 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	Sen A. Bell 7-19-96 Intered in the lational Register		
	Signature of Keeper Date		

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6. Function	on or Use	==========	=========		
====== Historic:	DOMESTIC	Sub:	Single dwelli	.ng	
Current:	DOMESTIC	Sub:	Single dwelling		
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Architectu Prairie Other	ural Classification				
Other Desc	cription: American	Foursquare			
Materials	: foundation walls	Brick Brick	roof other	Asphalt N/A	
Describe parts sheet.	present and histori	c physical appea	arance	_ See continuation	

#### Summary

Located at 920 Center Street, the O. L. Dunaway House is a two-story, brick masonry residence designed in the vernacular style known as American Foursquare, but with relatively strong Prairie style influences. The broad, almost square plan of the main house block is augmented only by a small, single story gable roof projection near the house's rear or eastern elevation, a non-historic window bay projection on the eastern elevation, and the single story, hipped roof wrap-around porch that extends across the western or front elevation and wraps around to the northern elevation. A single exterior brick chimney rises through the roof's southern slope. The hipped, asphalt shingle roof and brick walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

#### Elaboration

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The front or western elevation features a full-width covered porch which wraps halfway around the northern side of the house. The roof is supported over the porch by five brick columns on the front, and one on the northwest elevation, and is accessed by two concrete steps. A centered single-leaf six panel door provides the main entrance, opening directly into the living room. Two sets of three-over-one double-hung triple windows flank the front door and illuminate the dining and living rooms. The upper story is fenestrated by a pair of similar windows lighting the upstairs sitting room and triple windows lighting the master bedroom.

The southern elevation is lighted on the first and second storys by two pairs of single three-over-one double-hung windows that flank the fireplaces. A pair of similarly-constructed windows light the downstairs bedroom, while a set of triple windows light the upstairs office. The northern elevation is illuminated by a set of double-hung three-over-one triple windows off of the dining room, and a similar pair of windows off the breakfast room. A wood door of nine-pane rectilinear design opens into the breakfast room from the wrap-around porch. On the second story, two pairs of three-over-one doublehung windows light the nursery and the northwest bedroom, respectively.

The rear or eastern elevation is fenestrated on the first story by a single three-over-one double-hung window which lights the breakfast room. similarly-constructed pair of windows provide light to the downstairs bedroom. A small one-over-one double-hung window lights the bathroom off the downstairs bedroom. The kitchen is illuminated by a bay window consisting of five one-over-one windows, as well as a nine-light steel panel door accessed by two concrete steps. On the second story, a band of four double-hung three-over-one windows provide light to the sleeping porch. Three similar single windows of varying size illuminate the stairway, upstairs bathroom and nursery.

The interior retains much of its original detail, including several multipane French doors, original door and window trim, and a tapestry brick, bracketed fireplace.

The O. L. Dunaway House remains largely intact, the most significant alteration being the addition of a modern bay window on the rear elevation to provide more light to the kitchen.

#### 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in

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O. L. Dunaway House  Name of Property  Faulkner County, AR  County and State
relation to other properties: <u>Locally</u> .
Applicable National Register Criteria:C
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A
Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
Period(s) of Significance: 1923
Significant Dates: 1923
Significant Person(s): N/A
Cultural Affiliation: N/A
Architect/Builder: <u>Unknown</u>
State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  See continuation sheet.

#### Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The O. L. Dunaway House is locally significant under Criterion C by virtue of its status as the best known example of an American Foursquare with strong Prairie style influences. Though the plan of the main house block is fundamentally square, the low, spreading roofline, the wrap-around porch and the heavy brick porch columns all lend the design the heavy, horizontal emphasis that was a defining feature of the Prairie style.

#### Elaboration

The town of "Conway Station" was laid out and platted by Colonel Asa Peter Robinson, a Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad official who in 1871 was granted a section of land of his own choice by the railroad on which to build a town. By 1873 Conway became the Faulkner County seat and a prosperous railroad town (now served by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad after the demise of the Little Rock and Ft. Smith Railroad) in the midst of rich farming country. It was incorporated on October 9, 1875, and

quickly grew into a bustling city, primarily due to its being an important regional hub for the surrounding farmers. Conway served the regional agricultural community both as a transportation center for selling and conveying their crops to an international marketplace and as a mercantile outlet where local farmers could purchase various staples and commodities. Over time the Conway merchants adjusted to the seasonal nature of this form of commerce and built a thriving commercial center that continues to be economically vital. By the early twentieth century Conway also became an educational center in the state, being the host to both the Arkansas State Normal School (later the Arkansas State Teachers College, now the University of Central Arkansas) and Hendrix College.

The oldest residential neighborhood of the city -- in which the O. L. Dunaway House is located -- largely reflects the architectural styles popular in the first decades of the twentieth century, when Conway experienced such dramatic growth. The lots upon which the O. L. Dunaway House was built were part of the original plat for the town of Conway as laid out by Colonel Asa P. Robinson himself.

Oscar Lee Dunaway was born in the nearby community of Beryl on February 14, 1872, the grandson of John D. Dunaway, Sr., who had served as a member of the Arkansas Constitutional Convention in 1874 and as a state senator between 1886 and 1890. O. L. received two degrees from Hendrix College: a bachelor of philosophy degree in 1897 and later a bachelor of arts. He went on to earn a master's degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee in 1919. He returned to Arkansas to teach school and to serve as superintendent of schools in Prescott, Texarkana, Texas, and Hot Springs. He moved to Conway in 1922 to accept a job with the Keystone View Company (of Meadville, Pennsylvania), a dealer of school supplies.

O. L. Dunaway also served as a founder and superintendent of the Arkansas Christadelphian Bible School, reputedly the first such school in the world, which initially convened on July 18, 1923 in Martinville, Arkansas. This school was eventually attended by residents of 31 states and Canada, with an average annual enrollment of approximately 500 students. The Arkansas Christadelphian Bible School was described as not centering on preaching repentance. Rather, it was literally a bible school, focusing on the Scriptures and the building of faith. O. L. also worked as a traveling speaker for the Christadelphians, delivering lectures sponsored by that organization.

He married Blanch Scanlan, originally of Bee Branch, Arkansas, on February 17, 1903. Their union produced six children, five of whom survived to adulthood and attended college in Conway.

Built in 1923, the O. L. Dunaway House is locally significant under Criterion C by virtue of its status as the best known example of an American Foursquare with strong Prairie style influences. Though the plan of the main house block is fundamentally square, the low, spreading roofline, the wrap-around porch and the heavy brick porch columns all lend the design the heavy, horizontal emphasis that was a defining feature of the Prairie style. As

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See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

\_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

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Verbal Boundary Des	scription:	See conti	nuati	on she	eet.	
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11. Form Prepared F	Зу					=======================================
Name/Title:	Ken Story, Nat	ional Regi	ister/	Surve	v Coordin	ator
	Ken Story, National Register/Survey Coordinator  Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 06/03/96					
Organization:	Arkansas Histo	oric Presei	<u>rvatio</u>	n Prod	gram Date	e: <u>06/03/96</u>
Street & Number:	323 Center St	reet, Suite	<u> 1500</u>	Tele	phone: (5	01) 324-9880
City or Town:	Little Rock			_ Sta	ate: AR	Zip: 72201

Faulkner County, AR

O. L. Dunaway House

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Dunaway, O. L., House NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Faulkner
DATE RECEIVED: 6/19/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/02/96 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/18/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/03/96 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000797
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:
COMMENT WAIVER: N
ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7.19.90 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



O. L. DUNAWAY HOUSE

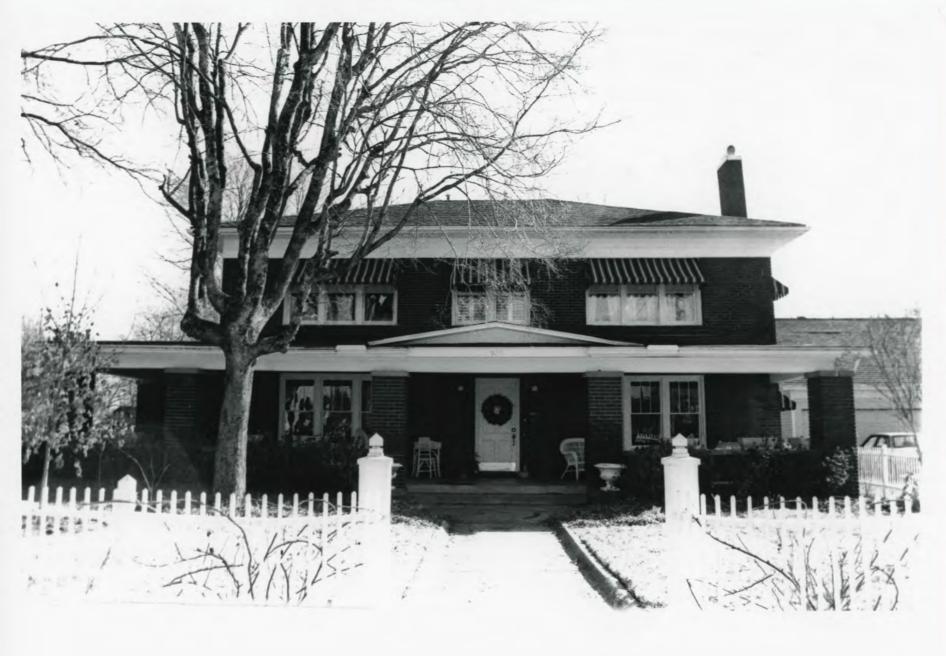
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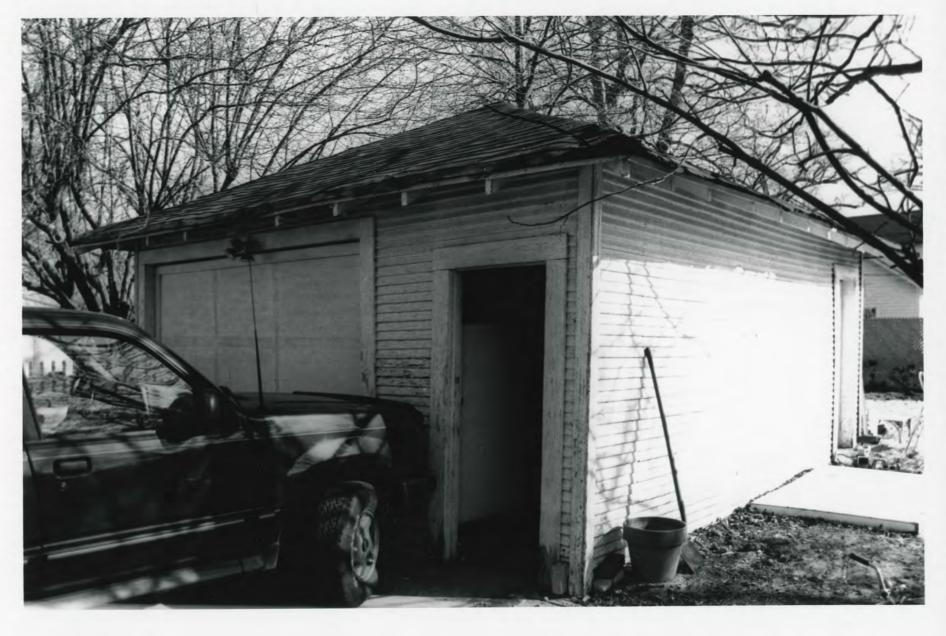
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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

June 4, 1996

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United State Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: O. L. Dunaway House Faulkner 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,

Cathy Buford Slater

State Historic Preservation Officer

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**Enclosures** 

