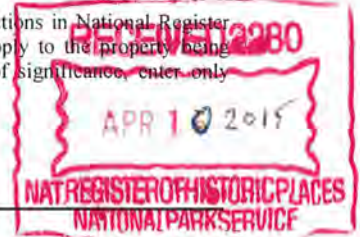


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Kocourek and Son Hardware

Other names/site number: Kocourek and Son Antiques, Site #PR0013

Name of related multiple property listing:

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

2. Location

Street & number: 110 East Front Street

City or town: Hazen State: Arkansas County: Prairie

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

<u>Stacy Hunt</u>	<u>3-19-15</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

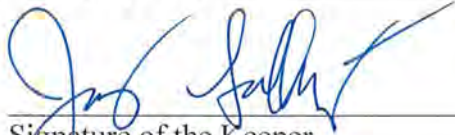
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

5-26-2015
Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Commercial Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK, TAR

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is located at 110 East Front Street in downtown Hazen, Prairie County, Arkansas. The building is located to the north of a green space in the center of town that is the location of a section of the original railroad line. The building is a two-story brick building with one-story rear section that rests on a brick foundation. A shallow shed roof that slopes towards the rear and is covered in roll-roofing tops the building. The front has two identical storefronts on the first floor and is fenestrated on the second floor by one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. More one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows, some with metal shutters, fenestrate the other sides of the building as well.

Narrative Description

The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is located at 110 East Front Street in downtown Hazen, Prairie County, Arkansas. The building is located in the heart of the town's commercial area and commercial buildings are located around the rest of the block. To the south of the building is a green space in the center of town that houses the remnant of the town's railroad line. The building is a two-story brick building with one-story rear section designed in the twentieth-century commercial style that rests on a continuous brick foundation. A shallow shed roof with parapet that slopes towards the rear and is covered in roll-roofing tops the building.

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The front has two identical storefronts on the first floor sheltered by a full-width corrugated-metal awning. The second floor is fenestrated by one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. More one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows, some with metal shutters, fenestrate the other sides of the building as well. The rear of the building, which fronts an alley, also has a large roll-up garage door sheltered by a metal awning.

Front/South Façade

The south façade of the Kocourek and Son Hardware building is symmetrical and has two storefronts on the first floor. Each storefront has a central recessed entrance with wooden double doors that have two windows in them. The bottom window is a large vertically-oriented rectangular window topped by a small horizontally-oriented rectangular window. On each side of the entrance is a plate-glass window that goes out to the main plane of the façade. The entrances are also flanked by a large plate-glass window at the main plane of the façade. Each of the entrances' plate-glass windows are topped by two transom windows. At each end of the façade's first floor is a small area of brick between the storefront and the side façades. The first floor of the façade is also spanned by a full-width corrugated-metal awning that is supported by four metal posts at the curb. The awning is not original, but was installed between 1916 and 1924.

The second floor of the façade is fenestrated by four pairs of one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. The windows have flat stone sills and arched lintels. In the center of the façade between the windows and awning is a faded wood sign that reads "ANTIQUES." Above the windows are two projecting brick courses that form the arches over the windows. Above the projecting courses and the cornice is a rectangular sign that reads "KOCOUREK AND SON."

At the top of the façade is a projecting double-level cornice formed of corbeled brickwork. In between the two levels of the cornice are engaged brick pilasters. Arched wrought-iron vents are located in the recessed brick panels in between the pilasters.

Side/East Façade

The east façade on the first floor is fenestrated by three one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows located near the rear of the building's two-story portion. The windows have flat stone sills and arched lintels, and are protected by operable metal shutters. The one-story portion of the first floor is devoid of fenestration. The second floor is also devoid of fenestration and near the front façade is the faint remnant of a ghost sign that reads "HARDWARE & FURNITURE." The ghost sign was on the building at least as early as 1916. The top of the façade is stepped towards the rear as it follows the roofline.

Rear/North Façade

The first floor of the north façade is comprised of the one-story section of the building. The one-story section has a central opening with roll-up garage door. The entrance is sheltered by a shed-roofed metal awning with scalloped edges. The door is flanked on each side by a single window opening with boards in them where the windows used to be. The openings have stone sills and arched lintels.

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The second floor of the north façade, which is the rear of the building's two-story section, is fenestrated by six one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. The windows have flat stone sills and arched lintels. Some of the windows are missing the glass and have boards in the frames instead.

Side/West Façade

The west façade on the first floor is fenestrated by two one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows near the rear of the building's two-story section. The windows have flat stone sills and arched lintels, and are protected by operable metal shutters. The one-story portion of the first floor is devoid of fenestration. The second floor is also devoid of fenestration. The top of the façade is stepped towards the rear as it follows the roofline.

Integrity

The Kocourek and Son Hardware building has excellent integrity from the time of its construction in 1907. The largest changes to the building include the loss of some of the window panes, especially on the rear façade, and the installation of the front awning, which occurred sometime between 1916 and 1924. The Kocourek and Son Hardware building still very much exhibits its original twentieth-century commercial style design, and it remains one of the largest commercial buildings in downtown Hazen. Hazen has also remained a small town and the commercial character that would have been present in 1907 when the building was built still remains. The Kocourek and Son Hardware building still reflects its commercial importance and would still be recognized by John Kocourek today.

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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.

Criteria Considerations

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

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1906-1965

Significant Dates

1906-1907

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** with **local significance** for its associations with the commercial history of Hazen. Kocourek and Son Hardware operated in this building from the time of the building's construction in 1906-1907 until the business closed in 2002. The business opened during Hazen's commercial prime in the late nineteenth century when Hazen was the leading commercial center in Lonoke County, and when it closed it claimed to be the longest continuously operating business between Memphis and Little Rock.

The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is also being nominated under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as the best remaining example of the Twentieth-Century Commercial Style in Hazen. The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is virtually unaltered from the time of its construction in 1906-1907, and is an excellent example of the style, which was found nationally in just about every commercial center. Although other examples exist in Hazen from the period, the Kocourek and Son Hardware building, is the largest and least altered example of the style in the community.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY

Settlement began in Prairie County in the early part of the nineteenth century with the arrival of two men named Watts and East who settled near the current location of Des Arc. By the mid-nineteenth century settlement began in the area of De Valls Bluff with the arrival of C. S. De Vall from Georgia and Captain Patrick H. Wheat. In 1846, there were enough people in the area to warrant the creation of Prairie County by an act of the legislature on November 25. Initially, Prairie County included nearly all of the land that encompasses Lonoke County, but it was separated off in 1873.¹

The year 1873 also brought about the creation of Hazen, which was surveyed and laid out by William C. Hazen. By the late 1880s, Hazen had a population of 650 people, and the town was described as being "well laid out, with wide streets running east and west and north and south." Surrounding the town was a "colony of thrifty and prosperous farmers from the North."²

Interestingly, Hazen was the leading commercial center in Lonoke County by the late 1880s and the "principal shipments [were] hay, cotton and fruit. More hay, fruit, produce and game [were] annually shipped from Hazen than from any other town in the county." The commercial

¹ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas*. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890, pp. 673-674.

² *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas*. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890, p. 680.

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importance of Hazen was also illustrated by the number of commercial establishments that the town had. It was indicated in the *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas* that Hazen contained “six general, two drug and two grocery stores, an undertaker’s shop, two livery stables, two blacksmith shops, two real estate offices, post-office, one meat market, two lumber yards, two hotels, a steam cotton-gin, saw and grist-mill, two school houses (one for each race), two churches for the white people and two for the colored people. In and around the town are six hay presses and nine hay barns.” In addition, the community had its own newspaper, the *Hazen Free Press*, which was published weekly beginning in May 1889.³

Around 1890, one of the people who came to Hazen to take advantage of the opportunities that the area offered was John Kocourek. Kocourek was born near Pisek in Central Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) in 1862 to Joseph and Christina Kocourek. As a young man, Kocourek came to the United States, first settling in Chicago before moving to Jackson County, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming.⁴

The booming commercial scene in Hazen attracted John Kocourek to open his own business, a hardware store, in 1892. Located on the north side of Front Street in between Hazen Avenue and Livermore Street, just to the north of the railroad line, it was located in the heart of downtown Hazen. Apparently, Kocourek’s business was quite successful since just a few years later he made plans for a new building to house the business.⁵

In 1906, Kocourek’s old building was placed on steel pipes and moved to the north out of the way in order to make way for a new building. Construction began on the current building in 1906 and was completed in 1907.⁶ The 1913 Sanborn map for Hazen indicated that the main part of the building was labeled “HARDW & FURN’E” and the rear one-story section was labeled as a warehouse “WARE HO.” By 1924, the building was only labeled “S,” meaning it was a store, although the rear section was still labeled as a warehouse “W. HO.” Interestingly, the full-width awning was also in place by 1924 and a gasoline tank was out front. The gasoline tank was likely installed by Kocourek to increase business from travelers on the Bankhead Highway/U.S. 70, which passed in front of the building on South Front Street just to the south of the railroad line.⁷

By the early 1920s, Kocourek’s business carried “an extensive line of shelf and heavy hardware.” Furthermore, “the building is one of the substantial structures of the city and his store one of the leading mercantile enterprises here. In addition to his stock of hardware he deals in farm implements and his trade has reached extensive proportions.”⁸

³ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas*. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890, p. 680.

⁴ Herndon, Dallas T., ed. *Centennial History of Arkansas*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1922, Volume 2, p. 969.

⁵ Rawn, Gregg. Telephone conversation with the author. 13 August 2014.

⁶ Rawn, Gregg. Telephone conversation with the author. 13 August 2014.

⁷ Sanborn Maps for Hazen, Arkansas, 1913 and 1924.

⁸ Herndon, Dallas T., ed. *Centennial History of Arkansas*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1922, Volume 2, p. 969.

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Although John Kocourek was well known for his hardware store in Hazen, he was also prominent in the area for several other reasons. When he came to Hazen, he established a real estate office and was a guiding force in establishing the Slovak settlement in Prairie County. As is written in the *Centennial History of Arkansas*:

He has since been instrumental in bringing many of his countrymen into this region, sixty-five different families having located here and become landowners in Prairie County, thus forming the nucleus of a substantial Bohemian population in this section of the state. Mr. Kocourek has also been instrumental in bringing seventy-five Slovak families to settle in Prairie County, their settlement being established about ten miles south of Hazen. His labors have thus been an important element in promoting the growth and development of this part of the state.⁹

Kocourek's other occupations while in Hazen included being the Vice-President of the Bank of Grand Prairie and he was also a prominent farmer in the area, owning 2,000 acres of land. Kocourek "was one of the first to undertake rice culture in this region and his labors have demonstrated the possibility for the production of the crop in this section of the state, thereby contributing in large measure to the material prosperity of the district."¹⁰

Kocourek married Anna Rehacek and they had three children: Frank J., Christine, and Anna. Frank J. Kocourek, who would eventually take over the business from his father, was a sergeant at Camp Pike during World War I, and his service also inspired John Kocourek to be heavily involved in the war effort in the Hazen area. "Mr. Kocourek was very prominent in promoting the Liberty Loan drives, selling many thousands of dollars worth of bonds to the Bohemian and Slovak farmers of this section. He was president of the county council of defense and did everything in his power to further the interest of the government by advancing its financial condition and in molding public opinion concerning vital questions at stake."¹¹

The business remained in the Kocourek family, passing from John to his son Frank, and then to his son Frank, also known as Dink, until 1980 when it was sold to Conley House. Even though the building and business passed out of the Kocourek family, it still kept the Kocourek and Son name. The hardware business remained open until 2002.¹²

⁹ Herndon, Dallas T., ed. *Centennial History of Arkansas*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1922, Volume 2, p. 969.

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¹² Rawn, Gregg. Telephone conversation with the author. 13 August 2014.

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In 2006, the building was purchased by the current owners, Gregg and Barbara Rawn, who opened Kocourek and Son Antiques in the building. The business remains today, and the building is still a landmark, occupying a prominent site in downtown Hazen.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPERTY

When Kocourek and Son Hardware opened and when the building was built, Hazen was the commercial center of Lonoke County. The prominent location of the business on North Front Street adjacent to the railroad line meant that the business was a prominent feature of downtown Hazen. The significance of the business was already apparent by the 1920s when it was described as “one of the leading mercantile enterprises” in Hazen whose “trade has reached extensive proportions.”¹³ Kocourek and Son Hardware operated in this building from the time of the building’s construction in 1906-1907 until the business closed in 2002. When it closed it claimed to be the longest continuously operating business between Memphis and Little Rock. Due to its importance in the commercial history of Hazen for almost a century, the Kocourek and Son Hardware building is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** with **local significance** for its associations with the commercial history of Hazen.

Although other examples of the Twentieth-Century Commercial Style are extant in the area of the Kocourek and Son Hardware building, specifically the Hammond Drug building on North Front Street and the Reid Furniture and Appliance Company building at the northeast corner of Front and Livermore, both of those buildings have altered storefronts. The Kocourek and Son Hardware building retains its original storefronts and is virtually unaltered from the time of its construction in 1906-1907. The Kocourek and Son Hardware building is an excellent example of the style, which was found nationally in just about every commercial center. As is indicated in the book *American Vernacular Design: 1870-1940*, “In vernacular design, it [the brick-front store] was the most popular storefront for the longest time.” The following description of the type in the book illustrates the textbook example of the style that the Kocourek and Son Hardware building is:

Brick-front organization resulted from the interaction of elements on the grid that underscored the front. Display space was conventional, whether the entrance was on- or off-center. The large windows framed by the building’s corners and the panel of brick between floors dominated the lower level. These stores were often narrow and deep, and the windows were a source of light as well as an invitation to inspect goods. The upper levels had more options, including single or double oriel windows, panels of brickwork, brick friezes and cornices featuring corbeled or otherwise arranged brick, tin cornices with elaborate patterns, parapet walls of various profiles, decorative lintels or sills

¹³ Herndon, Dallas T., ed. *Centennial History of Arkansas*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1922, Volume 2, p. 969.

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(especially continuous types that linked windows), and string courses or sections of belt courses that divided the wall laterally.¹⁴

Even though other examples of the style exist in Hazen from the period, the Kocourek and Son Hardware building, is the largest and least altered example of the style in the community. As a result, the Kocourek and Son Hardware building is also being nominated under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as the best remaining example of the Twentieth-Century Commercial Style in Hazen.

¹⁴ Gottfried, Herbert, and Jan Jennings. *American Vernacular Design, 1870-1940*. Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1985, p. 240.

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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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

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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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): PR0013

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre.

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lot 10, Block 14, Original Town of Hazen.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This boundary includes all of the land historically associated with the building.

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11. Form Prepared By

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date: September 22, 2014

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Kocourek and Son Hardware

City or Vicinity: Hazen

County: Prairie

State: Arkansas

Photographer: Ralph S. Wilcox

Date Photographed: July 18, 2013, and October 7, 2014

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 14. South façade, looking northwest.
- 2 of 14. East façade, looking northwest.
- 3 of 14. West façade, looking northeast.
- 4 of 14. Window detail on the west façade, looking northeast.
- 5 of 14. North façade, looking south.
- 6 of 14. Storefront detail, looking northeast.
- 7 of 14. Western entrance detail, looking north.
- 8 of 14. Eastern entrance detail, looking north.
- 9 of 14. Interior shelving on the east wall, looking northeast.
- 10 of 14. Original tin ceiling, looking southwest.
- 11 of 14. Ladder on the west wall, looking north.
- 12 of 14. Elevator on the first floor, looking north.
- 13 of 14. Elevator mechanism on the second floor, looking southeast.
- 14 of 14. Second floor, looking southeast.

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Kocourek and Son Hardware, c.1916 (From Hanley, Steven, and Ray Hanley. *Wish You Were Here*: Arkansas Postcard Past, 1900-1925. Fayetteville, Arkansas: The University of Arkansas Press, 1997, p. 158.)

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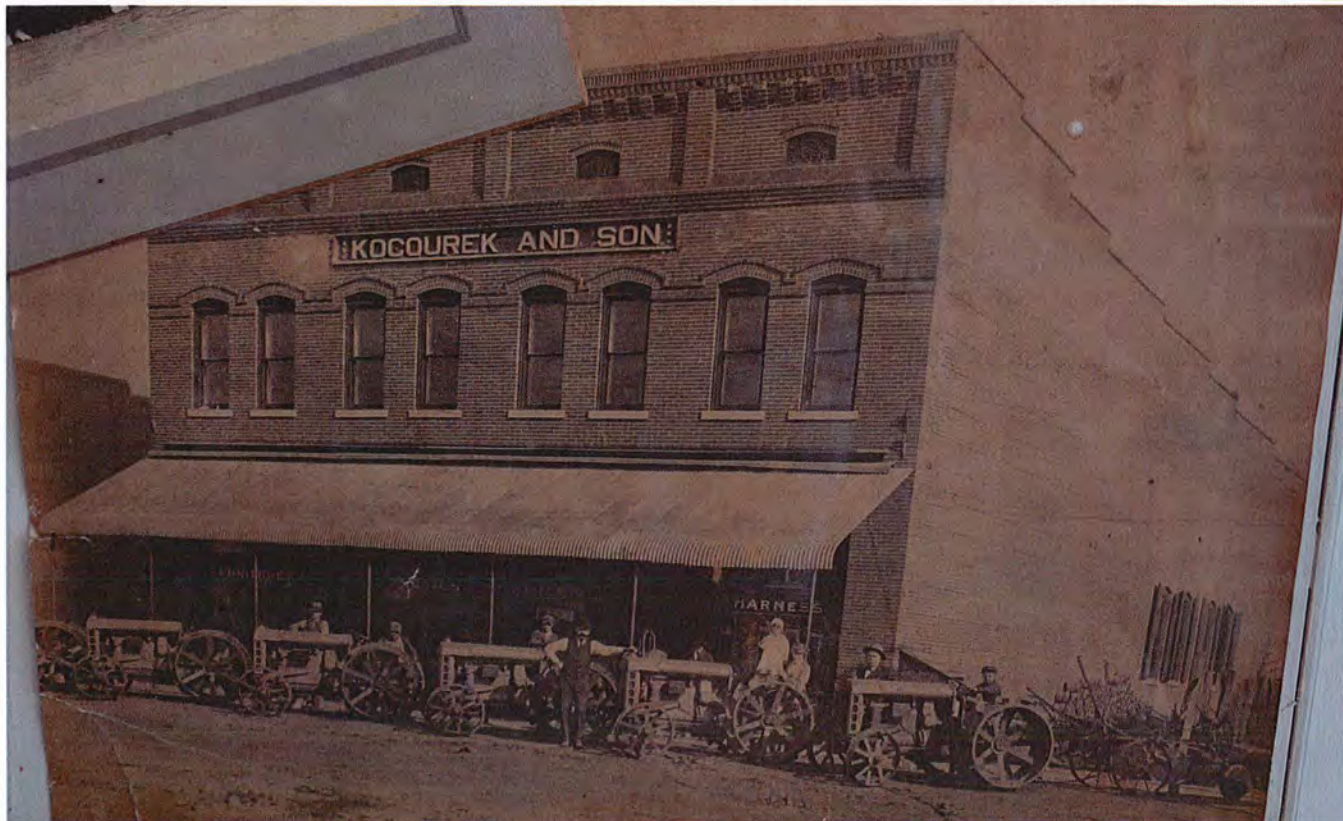
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Kocourek and Son Hardware, c.1915 (From the collection of the current owner, Gregg Rawn.)

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Kocourek and Son Hardware, c.1923. John Kocourek is standing at the right-hand corner of the building, behind the tractor. (From the collection of the current owner, Gregg Rawn.)

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



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North



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North

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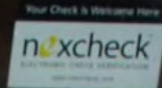
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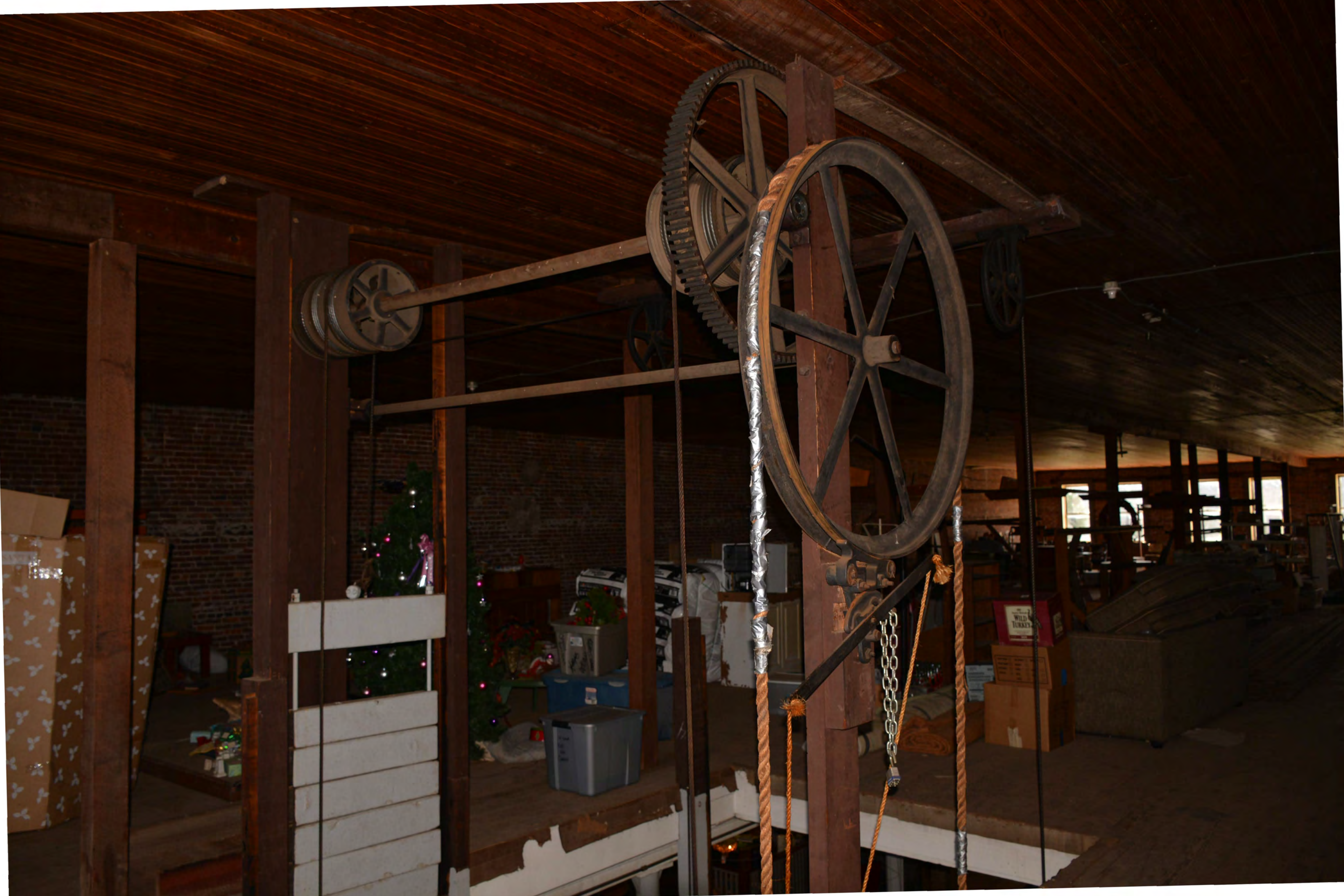
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Kocourek and Son Hardware

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Prairie

DATE RECEIVED: 4/10/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/06/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/21/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/26/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000257

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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 5-26-15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A/C

REVIEWER J. Gubler

DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____

DATE _____

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
HERITAGE

April 1, 2015



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RE: Kocourek and Son Hardware – Hazen, Prairie County,
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Loether:

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Hurst
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure

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