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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Leslie-Rolen House

other name/site number: SE 0263

2. Location

street & number: Eastern corner of Cherry and High Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Leslie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy

code: AR 129

zip code: 72645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing |
|--------------|-------------------|
| <u>2</u> | <u>buildings</u> |
| <u>1</u> | <u>sites</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>structures</u> |
| | <u>objects</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, 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.

Cathy Bradford Slaten

Signature of certifying official

6-7-93

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
_____ 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): _____

Entered in the National Register
Delores Hayes

8/18/93

f Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic Sub: single family dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: single family dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

N/A

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Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation concrete roof asphalt
walls weatherboard other _____

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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: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

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Period(s) of Significance: 1907

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Leslie, Sam

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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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Summary

The Leslie-Rolen House is a one-and-a-half story, wood-frame residence constructed in 1907 in the Plain Traditional style. Essentially square in plan, the house is covered by a hipped roof with three projecting cross gables and three gabled dormers. The exterior remains basically intact; however, the interior has been altered somewhat. There is one associated outbuilding, a gable-roof storage shed, located near the eastern corner of the house. A deteriorated concrete retaining wall on two sides of the house is also included in the nomination. Located at the eastern corner of High and Cherry Streets in Leslie, the Leslie-Rolen House is in good condition.

Elaboration

Constructed in 1907, the Leslie-Rolen House is a one-and-a-half story, wood-frame residence designed in the Plain Traditional style. Although basically square in plan, the house was designed with a simplified Queen Anne roofline that consists of three cross gables (which project slightly) and three gabled dormers extending from the basic hipped roof, which is currently covered with composition shingles. The frame walls rest upon a continuous foundation of rusticated concrete block and brick and are sheathed with white-painted simple drop novelty siding. Two interior brick chimneys and one nonhistoric exterior stone chimney punctuate the roofline.

The front, or southwestern, elevation consists of a projecting gable-end bay to the south and a shed-roofed porch along the remainder of this elevation. A large eighteen-over-one double-hung window dominated the first-story of the projecting gable-end bay. In the gable end, a pair of conventional one-over-one double-hung windows reside between the jigsawed ornamented cornice returns. Due to the slope of the landscape, the porch is several feet above ground and is accessed by concrete steps. The porch roof is supported by five turned-spindle posts, another sign of Queen Anne/Folk Victorian-style influence. Underneath the porch, there are two single-leaf wood doors with one entering into the projecting gable room. An eighteen-over-one window provides the only fenestration of that wall area. Above the shed roof, an inset gabled dormer with a one-over-one window projects from the roofline. The dormer duplicates the cornice return trim found on the larger projecting gable bay and is otherwise similar except on a smaller scale.

The northwestern elevation is composed a projecting gable-end bay at the southwestern end that is identical to its front elevation counterpart and an equal-length wall that is fenestrated

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by a single one-over-one double-hung window. This elevation also contains a gabled dormer (all three dormers are identical in composition) to the north of the projecting gable.

On the rear, or northeastern, elevation, the projecting-gable bay is positioned in the center. Fenestration on this bay is reversed from the other two bays by having a pair of conventional one-over-one windows on the first story and a single one-over-one in the gable end. A nonhistoric exterior stone chimney is located to the north, and to the south, an apparent enclosed inset porch with a single-leaf entrance. An inset dormer is also located to the south of the center gable bay.

A projecting-gable bay identical to the one on the northeastern elevation is placed to the east of center on the southeastern elevation. To the east of this bay is the short side wall of the enclosed inset porch. A small aluminum-frame two-over-two window has been installed here. The longer room to the north of the projecting-gable bay is lighted by a large one-over-one window.

The interior has been altered somewhat; however, most of the oak and walnut woodwork remains intact.

There is one contributing outbuilding located near the eastern corner of the house, that may have originally been used as a smokehouse. Clad with drop siding (and some false-bevel novelty siding on the northeast elevation) and covered by a gable roof, the outbuilding presents a dignified appearance through the use of enclosed eaves and a wide frieze band with returns.

Also included in the nomination is a concrete retaining wall along High and Cherry Streets that has deteriorated considerably.

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Significance

The Leslie-Rolen House was constructed as a residential building on High Street near downtown Leslie. It was built by Mr. Sam Leslie for he and his wife, though the local oral history holds that she did not like the house, and so he built her another. Its construction date of 1907 and its simple Plain Traditional style represent the historic context *Searcy County History, 1865-1910: Reconstruction, Railroads and Renewal*. As noted in this context, this was a period of county-wide growth and prosperity, relatively speaking, and thus a period during which there was much new immigration and new construction. The community of Leslie, with its lumber manufacturing and its propitious location on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad, looked forward to many years of growth and prosperity. With its traditional "L"-shaped floor plan and minimal "high-style" touches as the turned posts on the porch, the Leslie-Rolen House is thus eligible with local significance under Criterion C as an excellent and well-preserved example of this ostensibly plain but nevertheless representative residential style in Leslie during this period.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas," Section H.

X 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

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| A | <u>15</u> | <u>540010</u> | <u>3964990</u> | B | — | — | — |
| C | — | — | — | D | — | — | — |

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: _____ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the eastern corner of High and Cherry Streets, proceed southeasterly along the northern curbline of High Street to the intersection with a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the southeastern elevation of the outbuilding. Then proceed northeast along said line to the intersection with a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the northeastern elevation of the outbuilding. Then proceed northwest along said line to the intersection with the eastern curbline of Cherry Street. Then proceed southwest along the curbline to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity, including the house, outbuilding, and the concrete retaining walls.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Searcy County MPS Searcy County, ARKANSAS

| COVER | Substantive Review | DATE LISTED |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 | 8/18/93 |
| 7. Leslie--Rolen House | Entered in the National Register | 8/18/93 |
| 8. Lynch, Thomas, House | Entered in the National Register | 8/18/93 |
| 9. Redman, Oscar, Building | Entered in the National Register | 8/18/93 |
| 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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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Leslie--Rolen House

MULTIPLE NAME: Searcy County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 7/06/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/20/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/05/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/20/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000815

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 8/18/93 DATE

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

____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



Leslie-Rolen House

Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photograph by Todd Ferguson

August 1991

Negative on file at AHP

View of the front, or southwestern,
elevation



Leslie-Rolen House

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Negative on file at AHPP

View of the rear, or northeastern, elevation



Leslie - Rolen House

Searcy Co., Arkansas

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August 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View of the northwestern elevation



Leslie-Rolen House

Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photograph by ~~Todd~~ Ferguson

August, 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View from the southeastern elevation.



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Searcy Co., Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

View of outbuilding from the north

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500030