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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 Lightle, William H., Houseother names/site number Resource #WH0028

2. Location

street & number 601 East Race Street☐ not for publication N/Acity, town Searcy☐ vicinity N/Astate Arkansascode ARcounty Whitecode 145zip code 72143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 |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> buildings |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> sites |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> structures |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> objects |
| <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> 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

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

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:) _____

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National RegisterAlanna Byrum9/5/91

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/
Italianate vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The William H. Lightle House is single story, wood frame residence designed in a vernacular interpretation of the Italianate style. It is composed of a variety of gabled and hipped elements which combine to form a roughly rectangular plan with the exception of the gable roof enclosed porch and carport which projects from the west elevation. Two brick chimneys, now painted white, punctuate the roofline: one to the east, just inside from the gable end, and the other toward the center, to the east of the intersection of the northern or front side gable with the front gable end. The entire structure is covered with composition shingles, sheathed in weatherboard with decorative wood trim, and supported by a brick foundation.

The northern or front elevation is composed of an eastern side gable section with a recessed porch, a central front gable, and a western side gable enclosed porch and carport. The eastern side gable section is fenestrated with two arched two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows, which are decorated with large, flanged decorative crowns which accentuate the arched shape of the window below. The crowns are ornamented with two central acorn decorations, one above the other, and one at each springpoint below. Each window retains a pair of shutters, painted black. The entrance beneath the porch consists of a single panelled door surrounded by thin, arched half-sidelights with small wood panels below and a single-pane, horizontal, arched transom window. Outlining the entire composition and decorating the principal elements within are delicate rope moldings of various dimensions, each appropriate in size to that element which it adorns. Decorative acorn pendants are attached to the entrance facings at the upper corners. The recessed porch, which alters the slope of the roofline somewhat, is supported on four box columns each of which is decorated with molded capitals and a decorative, wood panelled and molded pedestal base. The central gable end is relieved by a single central arched window, containing two-over-two, double-hung wood sash, and decorated with a flaring, molded decorative crown identical to those seen under the recessed porch. The recent gabled porch and carport to the west is lighted with full-height aluminum windows and sliding doors and supported on simple box columns.

The western elevation is relieved by one two-over-two, double-hung arched wood sash window to the north, a row of full-height aluminum windows and entrance in the central porch (beneath the carport), and one six-over-six wood sash window followed by a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows at the southern end of the main section of the house. A single six-over-six wood sash window lights the hipped roof shed at the back of the house. The eastern elevation is fenestrated with three two-over-two arched wood sash windows to the north (two placed symmetrically in the gable end) and a single six-over-six wood sash window to the south. The wall of the enclosed rear shed is blank.

The southern elevation consists of the carport and enclosed porch to the west, a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows in the central hipped shed, and a single six-over-six wood sash window in the lower shed to the east.

The interior features specially crafted mantels which, like the arched windows, were shipped from St. Louis. The front entrance opens into an eleven-foot wide hallway which originally led to a rear entrance and breezeway which connected the main part of the house with the detached kitchen and dining room (these have long since disappeared, though the well remains). Apart from these missing

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elements and the obviously newer additions to the structure, the house has suffered no significant alterations.

The William H. Lightle House is in very good 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

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1881

1881-1922

Significant Dates

1881

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Lightle, William H.

Architect/Builder

Lightle, William H.

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 *maps*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

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| Zone | Easting | Northing |
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C

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B

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|------|---------|----------|
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
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D

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Verbal Boundary Description _____

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Boundary Justification _____

☒ See continuation sheet

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Significance

The William H. Lightle House (Part E, Historic Context #3) is significant as one of the last manifestations of the Italianate style in the county and one of the most unusual. Its exaggerated and dramatic flaring arched window crowns lend a mannered quality to this otherwise common house design. The unique design of the window crowns, and the fact that no other buildings in Searcy or White County have any decoration which could be considered similar, reveals their St. Louis origin. They, like the interior fireplace mantels, were ordered from that city and installed in the house.

This residence was constructed for his family by William H. Lightle, a prominent Searcy businessman and banker. Lightle began his business career in Searcy in 1881 as one of the directors of the Searcy Banking and Insurance Company, which started with a capital stock of \$25,000. By 1887 an investment firm doing business as the Hicks, Lightle and Company had purchased the Searcy West Point Railroad (a small and dilapidated connector line which both connected Searcy with West Point, the closest point on the Little Red River, and with the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad) and proceeded to improve it substantially. By this time Lightle had also purchased a rock crusher for the purpose of providing a proper roadbed for this rail line. In the meantime Lightle operated a mercantile business in Searcy with his brother, J.E. Lightle, a concern which they sold at a considerable profit in 1890. Lightle was later one of the founders of the Peoples Bank of Searcy, which opened in 1904, and by 1909 he became the president of another new bank, the Union Bank and Trust Company. He remained in this office until his death in 1922.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/615370/3901360

Verbal Boundary Description:

The northern 184 feet of the western 170 feet of Block 10, Watkins and Quarrles Addition to the City of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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

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ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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| 91001193✓ | Hunt, Thomas, House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001325✓ | Hutchinson, L. D., House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001241 | James, Dr., House Substantive Review | 9-13-91 |
| 91001266 | Jameson--Richards Cafe | 9-5-91 |
| 91001279 | Jameson--Richards Gas Station | 9-5-91 |
| 91001214✓ | Joiner House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001197 | Jones, Mark P., House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001234 | Judsonia Community Building Historic District | 9-5-91 |
| 91001232 | Judsonia High School Gymnasium Substantive Review | 9-13-91 |
| 91001190 | Kelly, C. D., House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001252 | Kimbrough, S. A., House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001273 | Klotz, Henry W., Sr., Service Station Substantive Review | 9-13-91 |
| 91001285✓ | Klotz, Henry, Sr., House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001235✓ | Larned, Capt., House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001215 | Lattimer House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001256✓ | Laws--Jarvis House | 7/22/92 |
| 91001270✓ | Lea, Harvey, House | 7/13/92 |
| 91001339✓ | Leggett House | 7/13/92 |
| 91001254✓ | Lemay House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001329 | Letona Hotel Substantive Review | 9-13-91 |
| 91001224✓ | Lightle House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001244 | Lightle House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001216 | Lightle, Ben, House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001226 | Lightle, William H., House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001315 | Little, Jim, House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001287✓ | Livestock and Equipment Barn, Glenn Homestead | 7/20/92 |
| 91001355✓ | Lone Star School | 7/20/92 |
| 91001314✓ | Lovell, Dr., House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001359✓ | Maddox, E. D., Farm Chicken House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001288 | Marsh, Walter, House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001328✓ | Marsh, Wesley, House SR 164303 | 7/20/92 |
| 91001330✓ | Martindale Corn Crib | 7/20/92 |
| 91001319✓ | Mason House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001242 | Mayfair Hotel | 9-5-91 |
| 91001289 | McAdams House | 9-5-91 |
| 91001300 | McAdams, Dr., House Substantive Review | 9-5-91 |
| 91001368✓ | McDonald, Emmett, House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001344✓ | McRae Jail | 7/20/92 |
| 91001278✓ | Methodist Episcopal Church, South | 7/20/92 |
| 91001237✓ | Miller, Emmett, House | 7/20/92 |
| 91001220 | Mills House | 9-5-91 |

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

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lightle, William H., 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: 91001226

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 9/15/91 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

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 _____



WILLIAM H. LIGHTLE HOUSE white

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY JILL BAYLES

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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTHWEST



WILLIAM H. LIGNTLE HOUSE white

VEARCY, ARKANSAS

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WINDOW DETAIL



WILLIAM H. LIGHTLE HOUSE whitewashed
VEARCY, ARKANSAS

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FRONT PORCH COLUMN



WILLIAM H. LIGHTLE HOUSE White

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

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FRONT ENTRANCE DETAIL



WILLIAM H. LIGHTLE HOUSE (white)

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033