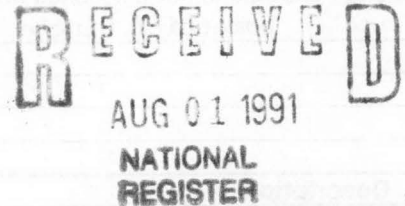


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Mills Houseother names/site number Resource # WH1955**2. Location**street & number 200 West Searcy☐ not for publication N/Acity, town Kensett☐ vicinity N/Astate Arkansas

code

ARcounty White

code

145zip code 72082**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>2</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>2</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:)

Entered in the  
National Register

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 Early 20th Century

American Movements/ Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The Mills House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame Craftsman residence. Its picturesque, varied roofline of several gabled and hipped roof elements is reflective of its irregular plan. One brick chimney is placed against the front of the main gable and set back from the front of the building upon the main gable ridge; another is placed to the inside of the secondary front gable component. A large brick exterior chimney is placed against the rear wall of the rear projecting gable roof ell. The roof covering is composition shingle, the walls are sheathed in weatherboard, and the continuous foundation is constructed of brick.

The southern or main elevation is composed of a low, spreading gable end to the east with a broad, wrap-around porch and another smaller gable end to the west. Both are connected by the slope of the perpendicular gable which terminates at their ridges. The eastern gable is dominated by the pedimented porch roof which spreads well beyond the walls beneath and covers the entire wrap-around porch. The porch is supported on square brick piers with short square capitals and decorative triangular knee braces at the cornice line. The brick piers and balustrade continue to the west where they form a brick patio and side entrance. The pediment is recessed behind the rafters, filled with novelty siding, and ornamented with delicate lattice detail in the verge. The elevation is fenestrated with two pair of casement windows flanking the asymmetrically stepped chimney in the gable end, three eight-over-one wood sash windows in the central wall section, and two eight-over-one wood sash windows in the eastern half of the western gable end; the western half is an enclosed porch. The eight-over-one sash configuration and the six-pane casement windows consist of a row of small, square panes above another row of tall, vertical panes which fill the remainder of the frame.

The eastern elevation is composed of the single story, wrap-around porch to the south, which extends the length of the elevation, terminating in an enclosed gable roof bay at the northern end. The fenestration includes two eight-over-one wood sash windows flanking an entry toward the southern end of the porch wall and a group of three eight-over-one wood sash windows in the center of the northern gable roof bay. The elevation is terminated by the projecting rear gable roof addition, which is lighted with three pair of wood sash windows on the first floor and a single fixed window in the end of the cross-gable raised dormer.

The western elevation is composed of the same recent rear addition to the north, a parallel gable roof wing set into the corner of the rear addition and the projecting gable bay next to the south, which terminates in the enclosed porch and itself features a shorter projecting gable bay to the north. The rear addition is lighted with two pairs of single pane aluminum windows flanking an aluminum sliding door. The gable roof central bay and its shorter, northern gable roof section are lighted with eight-pane fixed wood and eight-over-one wood sash windows. The cornice of the original elevation is decorated with lattice verge details and triangular knee braces.

The northern elevation features the large, new chimney on the gable end of the recent rear addition, the small gable roof wing to the west, and the gable end and side wall of the main gable and perpendicular porch gable to the east. The elevation is fenestrated with eight-pane fixed wood windows and wood sash windows.

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The only alterations of note regarding the Mills House is the rear gable roof ell with its large exterior chimney and raised, cross-gable roof dormer. These are all attached to the rear of the house, however, and are not visible from the front.

A small, gable roof, wood frame, original storage building is included with this nomination.

The Mills House is in 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

Period of Significance

1921

Significant Dates

1921

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.

☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data *Map 10*

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

### UTM References

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ 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 Mills House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is the best example in Kensett of a one-and-one-half story, wood frame Craftsman style residence. Designed by an unidentified architect from Memphis, this was the first house in Kensett to have running water. However, the Mills House is also distinctive within the county as one of its earliest examples of a Craftsman style house designed with an irregular, rambling plan composed of building units (bays, dormers, porches) of various heights, shapes, window configurations, cornice lines, materials, etc. The result is one of the most high-style and erudite Craftsman homes, with its assortment of voids and shapes, covered and uncovered, all placed in a most picturesque manner and without concern for balance or formal presentation.

As such, the Mills House, in addition to its obvious merits as a Craftsman design, stands as a particularly good example of the first phase of the evolution of Craftsman house design in White County, when the aesthetic was still relatively new and the resulting designs drew more directly from the design ethos which stressed rambling, functional plans, picturesque elevations of various indigenous materials, and low, spreading eaves which emphasized the design's site and inevitable relationship with the earth.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/621110/3899500

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 7-9, Block 11, Original Town of Kensett.

Boundary Justification:

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



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White County MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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 164903	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  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Mills House

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001220

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 9/5/91 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

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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  
☐ UTM's      ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_





Mills House      white a

Kensett, Arkansas

Photograph by Teresa Jenkins

October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

West elevation







Mills House

*white*

Kensett, Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation



Mills House      white  
kensett, Arkansas

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Southwest elevation





Mills House *white*

Kensett, Arkansas

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North elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033