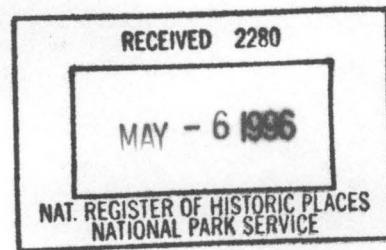


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Triplet Company Building

other name/site number: LA0057

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2. Location

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street & number: 2nd Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Lewisville vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lafayette code: AR 073 zip code: 71845

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945

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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.

Cathlyn H. Slatu
Signature of certifying official

4-15-96
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): _____

P.R. Lujan 6/20/96

R Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Business

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Business

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: Early 20th Century Traditional Commercial

Materials:	foundation	<u>BRICK</u>	roof	<u>ASPHALT</u>
	walls	<u>BRICK</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

Located on 2nd Street in Lewisville, the Triplett Co. Building is a two-story, brick masonry commercial office building designed in the simple panel-brick style popular for such early twentieth century construction.

Elaboration

Located on 2nd Street in Lewisville, the Triplett Co. Building is a two-story, brick masonry commercial office building designed in the simple panel-brick style popular for such early twentieth century construction. Its rectangular plan is augmented only by a modern metal awning that extends across the southern or front elevation and a wooden exterior staircase attached to the western elevation. Two short brick flues rise from the parapet near each of its northern ends. The built-up tar roof and brick walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

The southern or front elevation is fenestrated with four symmetrically-placed window bays in the upper story and two large storefront windows in the wall below that flank a pair of symmetrically-placed single-leaf entrances. The storefront windows are composed of four large stationary panes below eight smaller panes that form a sort of transom. The six-over-one windows in the second story are capped with a raised brick parapet that features delicate panelled cornice detailing. The eastern elevation is blank on the first story and fenestrated with four windows above, while the western elevation is fenestrated with two windows on the second story placed to either side of the second story entrance and wooden staircase. The northern elevation contains four windows on the second story and two central windows in the wall below, with a single-leaf entrance placed to the west and a filled entrance to the east.

Also included is the associated gable roof, metal storage building located immediately to the rear of the main building. Though its exact construction date is not known -- and though it has surely been resheathed since its original construction with the corrugated metal that appears on the building today -- oral history supports the contention that it is at least 50 years old.

The Triplett Co. Building is in good condition.

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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1915-1945

Significant Dates: c. 1915

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: 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.

Summary

Built c. 1915, the Triplett Co. Building is thus associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945* by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Lewisville as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County.

Elaboration

Built c. 1915, the Triplett Co. Building was built as a lumber company office during the boom years of the lumber industry in Lewisville and the surrounding area. The arrival of the Cotton Belt Railroad years before had provided the necessary means for shipping the heretofore-inaccessible and vast supply of timber and by the first decades of the twentieth century the timber industry here had grown dramatically. The Triplett Co. Building is thus associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945* by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Lewisville as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving commercial buildings in

Lafayette County constructed during the boom in the timber industry brought on by the arrival of the railroad years before; it is also significant under Criterion C as the best surviving example of a panel-brick commercial building in Lewisville.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945*, 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: _____

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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
A	<u>15</u>	<u>446030</u>	<u>3690750</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: — See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of 2nd Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation and located 25 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly on said edge for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the northern elevation of the associated storage building; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with storage building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line to its intersection with the northern edge of 2nd Street; thence proceed easterly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: — See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/29/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Triplet Company Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lafayette

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/21/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/06/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000638

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 _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Triplet Company Building is significant at the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Architecture and Community Planning and Development. The modest two-story building is a representative example of the first substantial wave of "community building" and commercial development that followed completion of local rail access to Lewisville and the subsequent establishment of a thriving lumber industry. Based on a comprehensive survey of the community, this building is among the best visual evidence of the large-scale community building programs and economic development efforts that occurred in town in the wake of the turn-of-the-century railroad expansion boom. Directly linked to the town's emerging lumber industry, the property reflects the typical pattern of growth of commercial and industrial buildings, which quickly arose in response to the expanding economic vitality of the railroad communities in the region. Architecturally, the building is a good representative example of the panel-brick commercial building type, a building form which pervaded small-town commercial construction in southwestern Arkansas' railroad communities during the early twentieth century. [Despite a limited architectural context, sufficient information can be obtained from studying the description, photographs, maps, and other nominated resources in the MPS to evaluate the architectural significance of this property.]

RECOM./CRITERIA

Accept CRITERIA A-C

REVIEWER Paul Lusignan

DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6/20/96

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



TRIPLET Co. BLOC.

LEWISVILLE, LAFAYETTE Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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TRIPLET Co. BLDG.

LEWISVILLE, LARAMETTE Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SW

LA0057



TRIPLET Co. BLDG.

LEWISVILLE, LAFAYETTE Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SE

LA 0057



TRIPPLET CO. BLOCK.

LEWISVILLE, LAFAYETTE CO., AR

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VIEW FROM NW

LA 0057



TRIADIAN C. BRDG. (MORSE BRDG.)

LEWISVILLE, LAFAYETTE CO., AR

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500029