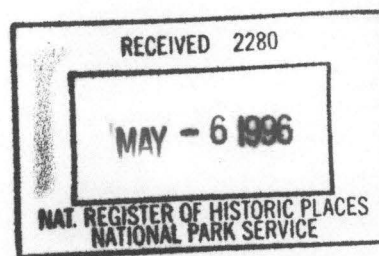


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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## 1. Name of Property

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historic name: Goff & Gamble Merchandise Storeother name/site number: SV0035

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## 2. Location

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street & number: Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham  
(one block to the north of the Kansas City-Southern  
Railroad tracks)not for publication: N/Acity/town: Gillhamvicinity: N/Astate: AR county: Sevier code: AR 133 zip code: 71841

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## 3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: PrivateCategory of Property: Building

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

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

Cathryn A. Slater  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

G. R. Lynn 6/20/96

h Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

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\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Early 20th Century Traditional Commercial

Materials:	foundation	<u>BRICK/STONE/CONCRETE</u>	roof	<u>ASPHALT</u>
	walls	<u>BRICK/STONE/CONCRETE</u>	other	<u>W o o d e n</u>
				<u>storefront</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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### Summary

Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham (though immediately to the north of the Kansas City-Southern Railroad tracks), the single-story, brick and concrete masonry Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store (Wax General Store) was built in three distinct stages between 1900 and 1911. The western section was constructed in 1900, the central section in 1906, and the eastern section in 1911.

### Elaboration

Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham (though immediately to the north of the Kansas City-Southern Railroad tracks), the single-story, brick and concrete masonry Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store (Wax General Store) was built in three distinct stages between 1900 and 1911. The western section was constructed in 1900, the central section in 1906, and the eastern section in 1911. The first section contained a wooden storefront that faced west and that was capped by an elaborate decorative metal cornice. The wooden storefront was unique in that it contains three pair of hinged wooden doors placed symmetrically across the rather narrow elevation, with a row of fixed transom windows above. The second section -- the formed concrete block storefront painted white -- faces north and is composed of a central double-leaf entrance flanked by stationary wood windows and surmounted by a transom. A raised parapet finishes its facade. The eastern and final section is also constructed of formed concrete block and is composed of a lower section that connects the 1906 section with the taller portion of the 1911 addition. The eastern portion of this addition is composed of a storefront -- also facing north -- set within two tall pilasters and surmounted by a raised block parapet that is unadorned with the sole exception of a central signage panel. The first-story storefront is composed of a central double-leaf entrance set between two large stationary display windows. The windows and doors are all surmounted by stationary transom windows.

The eastern side wall is blank with the exception of three small window and vent openings, and the southern or track elevation features several door and window openings, including a large cargo door in the wall of the eastern section.



The interiors of all three sections are largely intact and include such historic features as original shelving, floorboards and staircases.

The Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store is largely unaltered and continues to serve this small community as a general store. It is currently operated by Mr. Delbert Wax, its proprietor since World War II.

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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  
TRANSPORTATION  
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1900-1911

Significant Dates: 1900-1911

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.

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### Summary

Built between 1900 and 1911, the Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store was constructed during the early growth of Gillham as a railroad community located along the Kansas City-Southern Railroad; as such it is associated with the dramatic growth of that community during that time, and so also with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945* by virtue of its indirect associations with one of the larger railroads that played such a crucial role in the growth and development of this region of the state.

### Elaboration

Built between 1900 and 1911, the Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store was constructed during the early growth of Gillham as a railroad community located along the Kansas City-Southern Railroad; as such it is associated

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>378790</u>	<u>3781480</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 a line running parallel with the building's western elevation and located approximately 10 feet to the west thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located approximately 10 feet to the south thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation for a distance of approximately 100 feet, to its intersection with the southern edge of the unnamed road located

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000646

Date Listed: 6/20/96

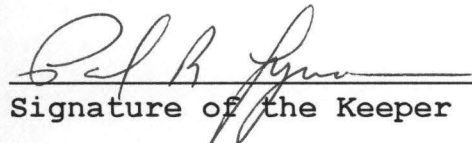
Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store  
Property Name

Sevier  
County

AR  
State

Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

6/20/96  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

The appropriate area of significance is Community Planning and Development (Criterion A). The current documentation does not support significance under Architecture (Criterion C) or Transportation. Insufficient property-type discussion and contextual information is provided to properly evaluate the significance of the resource under these two themes.

This information was confirmed with the Arkansas SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Sevier

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: 96000646

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 Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store is significant at the local level under Criteria A in the area of Community Planning and Development. The modest one-story commercial building is a good representative example of the first wave of significant "community building" and commercial development that followed completion of local rail access to the small community of Gillham around the turn of the century. The property reflects the typical patterns of growth of a commercial, industrial, and cultural infrastructure that arose in response to the expanding economic vitality brought by the railroads to communities in the region. Based on a comprehensive survey of the community, this building reflects perhaps the best remaining visual evidence of the significant community building programs and economic development efforts that occurred in Gillham in the wake of railroad expansion and the resulting growth of local mining, lumbering, and agricultural concerns during the period immediately after the turn of the century.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criterion A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 6/20/96

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





GOLF & RAMBLE MERCHANDISE STORE

GILKHAM, SEVIER Co., AR

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VIEW FROM NW

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GORE & GAMBLE MERCHANDISE STORE  
GILLHAM, SEVIER Co., AR.

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INTERIOR STOVE & CHIMNEY DETAIL

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GOFF & BAMBLE MERCHANDISE STORE

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INTERIOR KEYLIGHT DETAIL  
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Goff & Ramble Merchandise Store

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INTERIOR CEILING DETAIL

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Goff + Gamble Merchandise Store

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Interior Wall + Window Detail

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

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