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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. Clay House

other name/site number: SE0267

2. Location

street & number: Walnut Street (State Highway 66)

not for publication: N/A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>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/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, 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

Cathryn H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-8-93
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

☒ 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): _____

Gregory L. Lapsley 12/2/93

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Folk Victorian

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation walls	<u>Brick</u> <u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	roof other	<u>Asphalt</u> <u>Turned wood</u> <u>porch posts and</u> <u>balustrade, and</u> <u>j i g - s a w n</u> <u>decoration</u>
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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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1907

Significant Dates: 1907

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.
X See continuation sheet.

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Description

The Dr. Clay House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a more high-style version of the Folk Victorian style. Its irregular plan is only enhanced by its complex, combination gable/hipped/shed roofline. The central, hipped roof block is augmented by the gabled wall dormer on the front, the gabled bays on the northwestern and southeastern elevations, and the shed roof front porch and later rear addition. Two large brick chimneys rise through the flat section atop the hipped roof. The asphalt shingle roof and wood weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

The principle entrance into the building is through the single-leaf entrance beneath the shed roof front porch on the southeastern elevation. The porch roof is supported by a row of six turned wood posts that are ornamented at their cornice intersections with decorative gingerbread and connected below with a turned wood balustrade. The wall dormer above is fenestrated with a grouping of three windows, the central of which is larger and taller than the two flanking windows. Another single-leaf entrance provides access into the northwestern elevation of the shed roof addition to the northeast, and another single-leaf entrance provides access through the northwestern wall of the shed roof addition. The fenestration throughout is largely limited to one-over-one wood sash windows of various sizes, the only exception to which are the two three-over-one Craftsman windows in the rear shed addition and a few single-pane fixed windows.

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Significance

Criteria C, local significance

The Dr. Clay House was constructed in 1907 by an unknown builder for Dr. Clay, its first occupant. Dr. Clay was one of several local medical doctors in Leslie whose clientele consisted primarily of workers from both the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad and the various timber-related industries that surrounded Leslie.

The Dr. Clay House was constructed as a residence in Leslie during the first decade of the twentieth century and as such represents 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 so much new construction. The fact that a young medical doctor would settle here, in what up until that time had been one of Arkansas's most rural and isolated counties, speaks to the optimism attendant upon the growth of the various lumbering industries that flourished among the forests of Searcy County during the late nineteenth century and what many saw as the new era of development heralded by the arrival of the railroad. With this hope and prosperity, combined with the long-standing presence of the railroad, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As the finest example of the Folk Victorian style in Leslie, the Dr. Clay House is locally eligible under Criterion C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy 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:

- 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>539810</u>	<u>3964930</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 Walnut Street (State Highway 66) with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with the northern edge of Walnut Street; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/06/93

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: Clay, Dr., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Searcy County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 10/28/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/10/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/26/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/12/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001368

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 12/2/93 **entered in the**
DATE **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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



Dr. Clay House
Leslie, Searcy Co., Arkansas
Photographed by T. Ferguson
August 1991
Negative on file at AHPP
View from South
SE 0267



Dr. Clay House
Leslie, Searey Co., Arkansas
Photographed by T. Ferguson
August 1991
Negative on file at AHPP
View from West
SE0267



Dr. Clay House

Leslie, Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photographed by T. Ferguson

August 1991

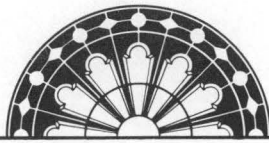
Negative on file at ANAP

View from Northwest

SE 0267

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500030



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October 8, 1993

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Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
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RE: Dr. Clay House
Leslie, Searcy County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:kg

Enclosures

