

United States Department of the Interior
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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 "Storm Cellar," William Howell House
other names/site number WH0182

2. Location

street & number County Road 47 ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town Clay ☐ vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code AR 145 zip 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> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of
White County, Arkansas

Number 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Secondary Structure**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rough-Hewn Fieldstone Masonry

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Stoneroof Metal

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The Storm Cellar at the William Howell House is a single story, stone masonry storm cellar. It is square in plan. Its metal gable roof and heavy, fieldstone walls are supported by a continuous fieldstone foundation. The southern wall is relieved only by a central, wood plank door. The three other elevations are blank.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

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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

c. 1930

Significant Dates

N/A

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

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The "Storm Cellar" (so-called due to some doubt as to its original function: the local oral tradition maintains that it served the family as a storm cellar, and yet its overall form and design resembles a number of outbuildings around the state that have been documented as food storage buildings. Nevertheless, it is certainly a secondary structure associated with the house itself, and the locally common name has been retained) at the William Howell House is significant in the county as the best example of a fieldstone masonry storm cellar from this era of White County history (Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years, 1914-1939; Section E,4) and as an unusual example of a protective shelter obviously overbuilt by the hand of a vernacular craftsman. Its heavy, spreading stone walls and low aspect lend it a rough-hewn, organic quality that is both appropriate to its purported purpose and aesthetically successful.

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 *map 11*

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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organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 6/13/91

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city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/610340/3917470

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of County Road 47 with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation of the storm cellar, proceed northerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of County Road 47; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Storm Cellar, William Howell House
NAME:

MULTIPLE White County MPS
NAME:

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: 91001295

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: ☒ NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER HCPDR
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 9/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments ☒ 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 Patrick Andrus Phone _____
Date 9/13/91

Storm Cellar, William Howell House
White County MPS
White County, ARKANSAS

Reviewer's Comments

The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms, states that "the boundaries of buildings should include the land surrounding the building, unless the lot occupied by the building contains no surrounding land as in the central business district of most cities."

Please revise the boundaries to include the property historically associated with the resource. If a portion of the original setting has lost its integrity, please explain.

Marilyn Harper
Historian
Sept. 16, 1991

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☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

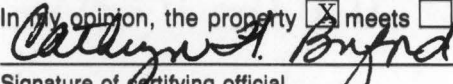
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Signature of certifying official

6-17-91
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

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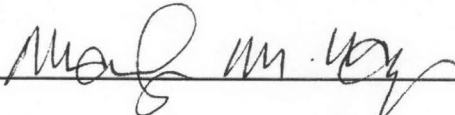
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7/20/92

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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walls Stone

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other _____

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8. Statement of Significance

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10. Geographical Data *map 11*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description _____

☒ See continuation sheet

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/610340/3917470

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the storm cellar's southern elevation and located 25 feet to the south thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the storm cellar and located 25 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly along the latter line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the storm cellar's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the storm cellar's western elevation; thence proceed southerly for a distance of approximately 100 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the storm cellar's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 100 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This resource was constructed as part of a larger farmstead that has lost its integrity as such; thus, this boundary includes all the property known to be historically associated with this resource.

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001246 ✓ Smith--Moore House
91001336 ✓ Smyrna Methodist Church
91001243 Snipes, Dr. Emmett, House
91001274 ✓ St. Richard's Catholic Church
91001250 Staggs--Huffaker Building
91001248 Stipe Cotton Gin Substantive Review
91001295 ✓ Storm Cellar, William Howell House
91001326 ✓ Thomas House
91001341 ✓ Thompson House
91001362 ✓ Thrasher, John, Homestead
91001240 Titus House
91001199 ✓ Trinity Episcopal Church
91001233 Van Meter, R. L., House
91001351 Walker Homestead Historic District Substantive Review
91001354 ✓ Walker, Otha, Homestead
91001313 Ward--Stout House
91001182 Watkins House
91001183 Watkins, Tom, House
91001308 ✓ Watson, William Henry, Homestead
91001272 Weber House
91001260 ✓ Westbrooke, Lipsy, House
91001297 ✓ Whisinant, Albert, House
91001177 Wilburn House
91001353 ✓ Williams House
91001321 ✓ Williams, Arthur, Homestead, Feed Storage Shed
91001211 Woodson, Arthur W., House
91001212 Woodson, Dalton, House
91001291 Wright, Avaneil, House
91001284 Wright, Jim, Farmstead Historic District

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Storm Cellar, William Howell House
NAME:

MULTIPLE White County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 6/29/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/13/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001295

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/20/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This small outbuilding is conspicuously over-
built - with extremely heavy stone walls. This
weight and the spreading wall profile would
be appropriate to the function of storm
cellar (assigned to it by oral tradition) and
appears also to have been intended to create
an aesthetic effect of strength & solidity.

Concerns raised in earlier return have
been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 7/20/92

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 HOWELL HOUSE; STORM CELLAR
CLAY, ARKANSAS *White*
PHOTOGRAPHED BY S. MITCHELL
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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST



WILLIAM HOWELL HOUSE; STORM CELLAR
CLAY, ARKANSAS *white*

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL
AUGUST, 1986

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM NORTHEAST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033