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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration FormNATIONAL  
REGISTER

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 Freeman, Wood, House #1  
other names/site number Resource # WH2258

## 2. Location

street & number 702 Arch Street not for publication N/A  
city, town Searcy vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 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
1	buildings
1	sites
1	structures
2	objects
	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):entered in the  
National Register

Melanie Byers

9-5-91

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)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/  
English Revival

foundation stone  
walls stucco  
coral  
roof asphalt shingle  
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

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Description

The First Wood Freeman House (referring to the first of two residences constructed by the Searcy builder Wood Freeman to be included in this nomination) is a single story, wood frame English Revival residence. Its plan is fundamentally T-shaped, a fact reflected by the perpendicular gable roof elements. An exterior chimney stands to the west of the gable roof entrance porch and another interior chimney rises through the ridge of the rear intersecting gable roof component of the house. Both are constructed of coral. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are faced with coral "boulders" and decorated with limestone quoins at the corners, and the house rests upon a continuous stone foundation.

The southern or front elevation features a tall gable to the east, a shorter, projecting gable roof entrance porch with abutting exterior chimney in the center, and the side wall of the front gable component to the west. The eastern gable displays a stuccoed pediment which is blank except for a rectangular, louvered, central wood vent. The wall below is fenestrated with a pair of six-over-one wood sash window. In the center, the gable roof entrance porch features an entrance arch built of limestone and decorated with a projecting keystone and projecting springers. A new single-pane glass door fills the wall entry. The adjoining chimney is ornamented with a single limestone offset, coped with limestone and capped with a metal chimney cap. The wall to the west is relieved only by a single-pane arched window.

The western elevation is dominated by the two projecting gable ends which flank the side wall of the intersecting rear gable. The southern gable end features a stuccoed pediment with a central vent and is fenestrated with a central group of three six-over-one wood sash windows. The wall between the gable ends is fenestrated by a pair of six-over-one wood sash windows, and the rear gable end features a stuccoed pediment also and a single six-over-one wood sash window to the north, and a smaller six-over-one wood sash window to the south. The elevation is finished by a later flush plank, shed roof addition which is relieved only by an entry on this elevation.

The northern elevation is composed of the recent shed addition to the west and an original gable roof wing to the east. Three wood sash windows light the shed addition and a central pair of six-over-one wood sash windows light the gable roof wing.

The eastern elevation features a pair of six-over-one wood sash windows in the side of the gable roof rear wing and two pair of six-over-one wood sash flanking a single six-over-one wood sash window in the main wall of the house.

The First Wood Freeman House is intact and virtually unaltered except for the rear shed addition.

A gable roof, frame cabin/garage building to the rear of the house, also faced with coral, is included in the nomination. Both structures are in excellent 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

c. 1934

Significant Dates

c. 1934

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Freeman, Wood

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.

### 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 19*

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 First Wood Freeman House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is not only an excellent example of English Revival style and composition but is also a unique example of early twentieth-century craftsmanship and innovation. Wood Freeman was a contractor who reportedly constructed this building as an advertisement to the community of the economy and beauty of facing a house with coral instead of genuine stone. He intended this building to be a "show" house and a public demonstration to cautious Depression-era homeowners of the practicality and durability of what must surely have been considered an unfamiliar and exotic material.

The sophisticated use in the First Wood Freeman House of such characteristically English Revival elements as the fracturing of the wall plane, the assortment of different cornice lines and the overall picturesque composition elevate this building to the best example of its architectural style in its neighborhood; however, its unique craftsmanship and materials make it unique to the entire county.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614240/3901310

Verbal Boundary Description:

The southern 122.5 feet of the eastern 50 feet of Lot 2, Block 28, Jones Addition to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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



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ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001189	Edie, James W., House	9-5-91
91001303	El Paso Bank	9-5-91
91001269	Elm Street House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001327	✓ Emmer, Joe, House	7/12/92
91001198	✓ First Christian Church	7/12/92
91001206	✓ First United Methodist Church	7/12/92
91001324	✓ Floyd Cotton Gin <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/12/92
91001267	✓ Fox Motel House	7/12/92
91001185	Freeman, Wood, House No. 1	9-5-91
91001181	Freeman, Wood, House No. 2	9-5-91
91001318	✓ Frizell, Dr., House	7/12/92
91001263	Garrard, Lizzie, House	9-5-91
91001281	✓ Gooden, Milt, House	7/12/92
91001311	Gordon, Leonard, Homestead, Hexagonal Grain Crib	7/12/92
91001323	✓ Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/12/92
91001334	✓ Gray House	7/12/92
91001194	✓ Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/12/92
91001294	Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
91001335	✓ Gray--Kincaid House	7/12/92
91001357	✓ Griffithville School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001358	✓ Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store	7/12/92
91001222	Hall, Fred, House	9-5-91
91001204	✓ Hammond, Mary Alice, House	7/12/92
91001304	✓ Harper, Roy, House	7/12/92
91001340	Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001205	Hassell House	9-5-91
91001312	Hays, Brady, Homestead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001348	Herring Building	9-5-91
91001317	✓ Hickmon, Marshall, Homestead	7/12/92
91001316	Hickmon, U. L., Hardware Store	9-5-91
91001180	Hicks, Ida, House	9-5-91
91001191	✓ Hilger, Louis N., Homestead, Livestock Barn	7/12/92
91001258	✓ Hill Farm	7/12/92
91001236	✓ Hoag House	9/21/92
91001309	✓ Holly Grove School <del>Substantive Review</del>	8/13/92
91001352	✓ Honey Hill Christian Union Church	7/12/92
91001188	Hoofman Farmstead Barn	7/22/92
91001184	✓ Hoofman, Arthur W., House	7/22/92
91001238	✓ Hoofman, Tobe, Farmstead	7/22/92
91001283	✓ Hopewell District No. 45 School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001207	Hunt House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CLASSIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

COUNT

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Freeman, Wood, House No. 1

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: 91001185

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_





Wood Freeman House, 702 Arch St.

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Jill Bayles

December, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation





Wood Freeman House, 702 Arch St. *white*

Searcy, Arkansas

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December, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation





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South elevation







Wood Freeman House, 702 Arch St. *white*

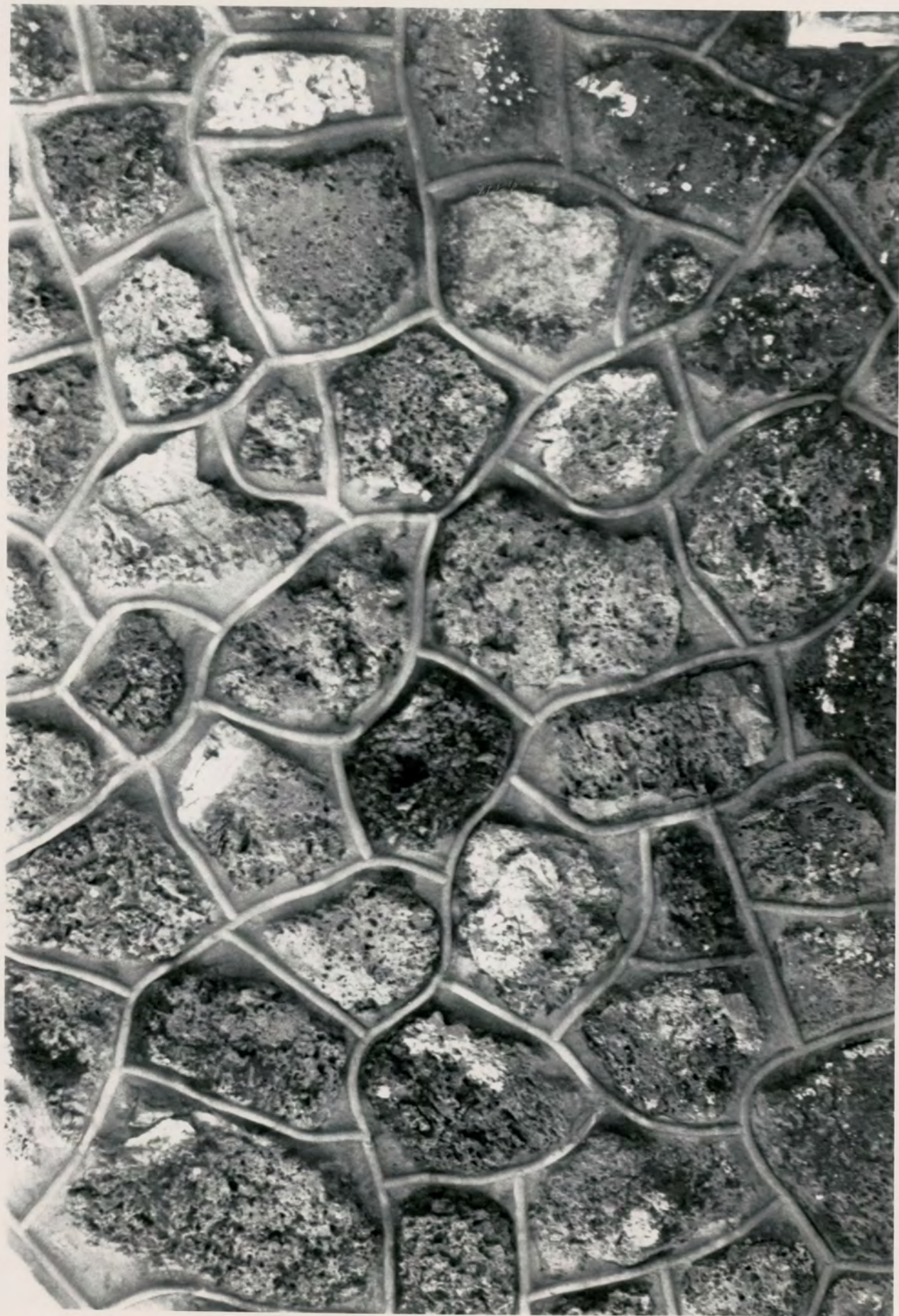
Searcy, Arkansas

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South elevation





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South elevation



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033