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REGISTERNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Hartsell, Morris, Farmsteadother names/site number Resource # WH0116

2. Location

street & number N/A☐ not for publication N/Acity, town Steprock☒ vicinitystate Arkansascode ARcounty Whitecode 145zip code 72159

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

123

Noncontributing

 buildings sites structures objects0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, ArkansasNumber 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 NationalRegister. ☐ 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/ Single Dwelling

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/

Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular/ Double-Pen

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The Morris Hartsell Farmstead consists of a main residence, a small equipment/storage shed, and a large, braced frame livestock/feed barn. It includes most of its original property: 31.94 acres, or the southeastern quarter of the southwestern quarter of Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 6 West, less approximately eight acres, which has been subdivided in the recent past.

The house is a single story, gable roof, double-pen residence, with the earlier, eastern pen constructed of hewn logs (half dovetail notching) and the later western pen of wood frame construction. The rear ell and the rooms behind the later pen also date from the c. 1880 remodeling of the original log pen. The only chimney is the original massive, stone exterior end chimney which adorns the eastern gable end of the house. The house is covered with a metal roof, sheathed with weatherboard, and supported upon stone piers.

The southern or front elevation is fundamentally symmetrical, with the two single-leaf entrances each flanked by two four-over-four wood sash windows. The windows in the newer, western pen, however, are placed slightly higher than those in the older, eastern pen. A continuous, single story, full-length shed roof porch shelters the entire elevation and is supported on solid wood posts. The northern elevation is fenestrated only by a central four-over-four wood sash window in the gable end of the ell and a square fixed wood window in the rear elevation of the attached shed to the west.

The eastern elevation features the massive stone chimney rising through the gable peak, flanked on either side by a square window opening (now filled). The rear ell is lighted by two four-over-four wood sash windows flanking a central single-leaf entry. The western elevation is lighted by a single central four-over-four wood sash window in the first floor of the gable end and two more identical windows flanking another single-leaf entry in the ell. The shed addition on the northern side of the gable end is blank.

The building has remained substantially unchanged since the 1880 expansion. A shed roof porch which projected from the eastern elevation of the rear ell has deteriorated and subsequently been removed.

The single story equipment/storage shed, located directly to the north (rear) of the house, is covered by a metal gable roof with attached side sheds. Though originally sheathed with board-and-batten, it is now covered with weatherboards. It is of wood frame construction and rests upon stone piers. It is relieved by three front entries and the eastern shed is open on that side.

The livestock/feed barn is a full two-and-one-half stories in height, covered with a metal gable roof with a ridgepole, and of mortise-and-tenon, braced frame construction. All interior fittings have been removed, leaving only the original structure itself, though it appears to have been a transverse crib plan. The exterior is sheathed in vertical boards and the structure rests upon stone piers. A hay hook remains attached to the ridgepole.

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

N/A c. 1880

Significant Dates

c. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White 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:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data *map 18*

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

The buildings of the Morris Hartsell Farmstead survive as the finest extant examples of early construction techniques within a single White County farmstead. The initial single log pen with its impressive stone chimney, followed by such typical "improvements" as the addition of a frame pen and weatherboarding throughout, is complemented by the huge braced frame, mortise and tenon barn which clearly dates to the 1880's and probably earlier. The unfortunate advanced state of deterioration of the barn actually aids the viewer in appreciating the quality of the construction and the expansiveness of the frame itself. All the included buildings are particularly good examples of the craftsmanship and skill of the earlier farmers who committed themselves to agrarian pursuits in the county.

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A	15/619200/3921610	B	15/619200/3921300
C	15/619145/3921305	D	15/619145/3921220
E	15/619430/3921220	F	15/619425/3921290
G	15/619320/3921290	H	15/619320/3921320
I	15/619530/3921320	J	15/619525/3921620

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of State Highway 157 and County Road 513, proceed northerly along the eastern edge of State Highway 157 to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the adjacent modern building (not included); thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southeast corner of the adjacent modern building to the north (not included); thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 1,000 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to State Highway 157 to the south; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of 1,062 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to State Highway 157 to the west; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the adjacent modern storage buildings (not included); thence proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the westernmost modern storage building; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the storage building; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the modern facility (not included); thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of State Highway 157; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001340

Date Listed: 9/13/91

Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead
Property Name

White
County

ARKANSAS
State

Historic and Architectural Resources of White County
Multiple Name

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.

Laticia Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

9/24/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 3

This nomination was amended to show the barn as a contributing building, rather than a contributing structure.

Section No. 10

It was also amended to show the acreage as 31.94 acres.

These amendments were confirmed by phone with the Arkansas SHPO (9/18/91).

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001189	Edie, James W., House	9-5-91
91001303	El Paso Bank	9-5-91
91001269	Elm Street House Substantive Review	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 Substantive Review	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 Substantive Review	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 Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001205	Hassell House	9-5-91
91001312	Hays, Brady, Homestead Substantive Review	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	7/12/92
91001309	Holly Grove School Substantive Review	7/13/92
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 Substantive Review	7/13/92
91001207	Hunt House Substantive Review	9-13-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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CLASSIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

COUNT

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

FUNCTION

PROPERTY NAME: Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead

historic

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

DESCRIPTION

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

architectural classification

materials

descriptive text

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:

SIGNIFICANCE

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001340

Period

NOMINATOR: STATE

Specific dates

Statement of significance (in one paragraph)

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

relating significance to the resource

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This farmstead is the finest extant example of early construction techniques in a single white Co. property-including log construction. The barn shows braced-frame, mortice & tenon construction techniques.

other

acres

boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C

REVIEWER Harper

DISCIPLINE Historian

DATE 9/13/91

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

Signed

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 _____



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD

STEPROCK, ARKANSAS

white

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL

MARCH, 1986

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHDP

VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST



Merrie Hartsell Armstead written

Steprock, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1984

Negative on file at AAP

VIEW FROM EAST



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD White Co
STEP ROCK, ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL
MARCH, 1986

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM WEST



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD written

STEPROCK, ARKANSAS

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MARCH, 1986

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTHWEST



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD *white*

STEPROCK, ARKANSAS

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MARCH, 1986

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CHIMNEY DETAIL



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD White

STEPROCK, ARKANSAS

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LOG NOTERING DETAIL



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD; EQUIPMENT/STORAGE SHED
STEP ROCK, ARKANSAS white

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MARCH, 1986

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VIEW FROM SOUTH



MORRIS HARTSELL FARMSTEAD; LIVESTOCK / FEED BARN

STEPROCK, ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL white

MARCH, 1986

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033