# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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8. Statement of Significance		
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Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C	D DE DF G	
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Significant Person	Architect/Builder Hale, Thomas Jeffs	erson
State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria consider	ations, and areas and periods of significa	nce noted above.

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These are the reasons why this building is being nominated under both Criterion A and C with local significance.

. Major Bibliographical References	
See "Historic and Architectural Resources	of White County, Arkansas," Section H.
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UTM References:

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#### Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of County Road 433 with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation of the building, proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of County Road 433; thence proceed easterly to the point of beginning.

#### Boundary Justification:

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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#### Reviewer's Comments

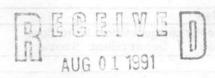
The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, <u>Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms</u>, 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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other names/site number Resour	ce #WH1180		
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city, town Vinity Corner			vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code	AR county White	code 145	zip code N/A
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name/titleJill Bayles, Historian	
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**UTM References:** 

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#### Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of County Road 433 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the east thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road 433; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

#### Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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91001303 El Paso Bank	9-5-91
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91001327 Emmer, Joe, House	7/12/92
91001198 First Christian Church	1/12/92
91001206 First United Methodist Church	7/13/97
91001324 Floyd Cotton Gin Substantive Review	7/12/92
91001267 Fox Motel House	7/82/92
91001185 Freeman, Wood, House No. 1	9-5-91
91001181 Freeman, Wood, House No. 2	0-5-91
91001318 Frizell, Dr., House	7/12/92
91001263 Garrard, Lizzie, House	9-5-91
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91001311 Gordon, Leonard, Homestead, Hexagonal Grain Crib	7/21/92
91001323 Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/2/192
91001334 Gray House	7/21/92
91001194 Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/21/92
91001294 Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
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91001205 Hassell House	9-5-81
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91001184 Hoofman, Arthur W., House	1/22/92
91001238 Hoofman, Tobe, Farmstead	7/22/12
91001283 Hopewell District No. 45 School Substantive Review	7/13/92
91001207 Hunt House Substantive Neview	9-13-91

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION PROPERTY Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store NAME: MULTIPLE White County MPS NAME: STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White DATE RECEIVED: 6/23/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/07/92 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001358 NOMINATOR: STATE DETAILED EVALUATION: Y ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN This small commercial building is the sole resource remaining from the small crossroads town of Vinity Comer. Built in 1925 with an unusual sheet metal wall covering, it has been 11 HIP citered. Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA ACCEPT/ATC REVIEWER HOTPET DISCIPLINE HISTORION DATE 7/21/92

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VIEW FROM NORTHWEST



T. V. HALE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE WHITE VINITY CORNER, ARKANSAS

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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST



T. J. HALE GENERAL MERCHANDISE FORE White a)
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FRONT DETAIL

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

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