

United States Department of the Interior
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 Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store

other names/site number Resource #WH1180

2. Location

street & number County Roads 62 and 433

city, town Vinity Corner

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code N/A

☐ not for publication N/A☐ vicinity N/A

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

1

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

1

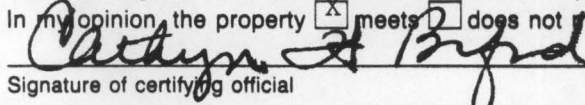
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Name of related multiple property listing:

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

5-13-90

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)
Commerce/Trade / Department Store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Vacant/ Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rectangular Commercial Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls sheet metal

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

Commercial buildings of the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939) usually mirrored current architectural trends. White County builders during this period did not construct many high-style buildings; instead they borrowed architectural details from these styles to embellish their basically vernacular brick structures. The Thomas Jefferson Hale General Merchandise Store, however, is an exception, because it was--and still is--sided with sheet metal instead of the customary brick.

The Thomas Jefferson Hale General Merchandise Store is located on the southwest corner of County Roads 62 and 433, in what was originally a small crossroads community known as Vinity Corner. The building is one-story tall, of rectangular plan with a rear shed addition, and clad with sheet metal. Though it is currently unoccupied it is in fair condition. The storefront windows facing County Road 433 are three-pane fixed frame windows that flank the main double-door entry. Another single entry is located just east of the main entrance. A shed roof porch extends the length of the facade and is supported by wooden posts adorned with simple wooden brackets. The east elevation of the building's main block is fenestrated with a centrally placed double-sash pocket window. There is a shed roof addition on the building's south elevation. A single entrance relieves the east elevation of this portion of the building while single, three-over-three double-hung sash windows are present on the other two elevations. The bottom sash of the window on the south elevation has been boarded over. All elevations except the rear are covered by a flat roof with a parapet. The entire structure is supported by cast concrete piers.

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

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1925

1925-1939

Significant Dates

N/A

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hale, Thomas Jefferson

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

The original community of Vinity Corner dates back to the pre-Civil War era even though its name has been changed several times. From its initial settlement until the early 1900's, this community was located on the main thoroughfare to Des Arc. At this time, Des Arc, which is on the White River in Prairie County, was the closest source of dependable trade. Between 1899 and 1907, as well as between 1913 and 1918, Vinity Corner became so prosperous as to warrant having its own post office.

The Hale family was very prominent in the history of Vinity Corner. They moved to the area from Mississippi around 1860. Several Hale houses can still be found in the surrounding countryside although they date from a much later period. This family also lent its name to the town: for a short while, the town was known as Hale's Store.

When the Thomas Jefferson Hale building was constructed c. 1925, it was the main commercial building in this small community. It is also the only one that has survived. In fact, it is the only surviving commercial structure in the county that was originally clad with sheet metal. This building is the lone visual reminder of Vinity Corner's past prosperity.

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

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
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- ☐ 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

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

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 21 March, 1990

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614540/3882380

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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CLASSIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store

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: 91001358

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: ☐

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT

☒ RETURN

REJECT

DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See Attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

DATE

Return

Harper

Historian

9/13/91

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

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___UTMs ___boundary justification

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed Patrick Andrus Phone _____
Date 7/13/91

Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store
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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0

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Signature of certifying official

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

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Date of Action

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National Register of Historic Places
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Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

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Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

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Cultural Affiliation

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Specify repository: _____

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UTM References

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Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

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D

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Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614540/3882380

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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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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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	7/21/92
91001323	✓ Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/21/92
91001334	✓ Gray House	7/21/92
91001194	✓ Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/21/92
91001294	Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
91001335	✓ Gray--Kincaid House	7/21/92
91001357	✓ Griffithville School Substantive Review	7/13/92
91001358	✓ Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store	7/21/92
91001222	Hall, Fred, House	9-5-91
91001204	✓ Hammond, Mary Alice, House	7/21/92
91001304	✓ Harper, Roy, House	7/21/92
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	7/21/92
91001316	Hickmon, U. L., Hardware Store	9-5-91
91001180	Hicks, Ida, House	9-5-91
91001191	✓ Hilger, Louis N., Homestead, Livestock Barn	7/21/92
91001258	✓ Hill Farm	7/21/92
91001236	✓ Hoag House	7/21/92
91001309	✓ Holly Grove School Substantive Review	7/13/92
91001352	✓ Honey Hill Christian Union Church	7/21/92
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
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

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 ☐ REJECT 7/21/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This small commercial building is the sole resource remaining from the small crossroads town of Unity corner. Built in 1925 with an unusual sheet metal wall covering, it has been little altered.

Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/A+C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 7/21/92

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
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___relating significance to the resource
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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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___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 _____



T. J. HALE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE WHITE
UNITY CORNER, ARKANSAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL
OCTOBER, 1987
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM NORTHWEST



T. J. HALE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE ~~white~~

VINITY CORNER, ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. MITCHELL

OCTOBER, 1987

NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST



T. J. HALE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE white a)
VINITY CORNER, ARKANSAS
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FRONT DETAIL

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033