

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Swift Building

other names/site number MI0196

2. Location

street & number 410 E. Broad Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Texarkana

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas

Code AR

county Miller

code 091

zip code 71854

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathy Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

3/14/08
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 for additional
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Eden W. Bell
Signature of the Keeper

8.1.08
Date of Action

Swift Building
Name of Property

Miller County, Arkansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Food Processing

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements:

Commercial Style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet, Section 7

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SUMMARY

The Swift Building at 410 E. Broad Street was constructed c.1920 for the Swift Meat Company. The two-story building represents a good example of vernacular commercial design in the 1920s exhibiting a distinctive front brick parapet with cast concrete capping and a band of window sets spanning the second story of the front.

ELABORATION

The Swift Building is located at 410 E. Broad Street and was constructed c.1920. It is located in the commercial downtown of the metropolitan area that is divided into two cities in two states. State Line Avenue dissects the city with Texarkana, Arkansas, on the northeast side of the street and Texarkana, Texas, on the southwest side. As a railroad hub, Texarkana's downtown is bordered on the south by the railroad tracks. Broad Street, located one block north of the railroad tracks, is the historic commercial core of Texarkana.

The Swift Building rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation and its walls are of brick. The building is two stories with a basement. A brick parapet with cast-concrete capping surrounds the building's flat roof. Two brick chimneys rise from the interior rear southeast corner.

The front or northeast elevation is denoted by stepped rises in the parapet on the outer sides. These parapet rises as well as the regular parapet are capped in cast concrete, providing a decorative contrast with the dark brick walls. Brick patterns create three rectangular spaces, one large flanked by two smaller on the parapet walls. Cast concrete ledges on the first and second story windows repeat the design element. The second story features a band of double-hung three-over-one wood window sets with cast concrete ledges arranged symmetrically around a center single window.

The first story front of the Swift Building features a center wood frame glass door with transom. Two sets of three double-hung windows are located on the wall to the northwest of the center entry bay. On the northeast side of the center bay is a large opening into a recessed loading dock.

The southwest elevation of the building is blank. An adjacent building has been demolished exposing this wall of the Swift Building. The rear elevation of the building features a small loading dock in the center with two large, rectangular window openings to the southwest of the door. Three similar windows are located above on the second story. Two small basement awning windows are located at the foundation below first floor windows on the rear of the building. The first and second story windows feature cast concrete ledges.

INTEGRITY

The Swift Building at 410 E. Broad Street in Texarkana, Arkansas is a significant resource in the historic downtown district. It is one of the larger, more industrial types of buildings in the area. The building maintains its original 1920s character through the retention of its original features.

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

c.1920-1958

Significant Dates

c.1920

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 8

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 9

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

Name of repository: _____

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SUMMARY

The Swift Building at 410 E. Broad Street in downtown Texarkana, Arkansas was constructed c.1920 for the Swift Meat Company. The two-story building features a distinctive front brick parapet with cast concrete capping. A band of sets of two and three windows spans the second story of the front. The Swift Building is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** as it is a significant example of a food processing facility that was located on Texarkana's main commercial street near the railroad tracks and depot. In addition, the Swift Building is being nominated under **Criterion C** for its vernacular commercial style, constructed in the 1920s. The nomination is submitted under the Multiple Property Listing *Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas*.

ELABORATION

The early history of Texarkana is inextricably linked to construction of the railroad to the area. The city of Texarkana grew out of construction camps that were established at the western end of the Cairo & Fulton railroad line and the eastern end of the Texas & Pacific line. The railroad companies began selling lots near the rail lines on both the Arkansas and Texas sides. Texarkana sits astride the boundary between Arkansas and Texas and is formally two cities in two states. State Line Avenue runs through the middle of the combined business section of Texarkana. Situated in the extreme southwest corner of Arkansas, Texarkana is less than thirty miles from Louisiana. It is fairly accepted that the name of Texarkana was derived from the three states.

The coming of the railroad to southwest Arkansas opened the opportunity to harvest the vast timberlands of southern Arkansas. The railroads enabled the lumber to be shipped to distant markets and local industry boomed. Nearby farmers also found the railroad presented opportunities for them to ship cotton and other products. The railroad also brought an influx of new residents to the town. Those who had invested in the railroad and timberland in the area gained great wealth and were able to build substantial businesses and homes in the town.

As an important railroad junction, Texarkana grew rapidly from its beginnings in 1873, and by the 1920s was a major railroad hub in its tri-state location. The downtown flourished with hotels, restaurants, and entertainment for the traveler. Texarkana is laid out along the angle of the railroad tracks with Union Station straddling the southern end of State Line Avenue and the Federal Post Office and Courthouse on the northern end. Although laid out in a grid pattern, the streets of downtown Texarkana run diagonally, northeast to southwest. Warehouses and industrial buildings were located along the rail lines on Front Street, many of which have been razed. Broad Street, one block north of Front Street, became the center of business and retains much of its historic built environment on both the Arkansas and Texas sides.

In the first three decades of the twentieth century, Texarkana grew and prospered. The economy of Texarkana, like the rest of the country, suffered during the Great Depression of the 1930s, but rebounded during the years of World War II. Construction of the Red River Army Depot and the Lone Star

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Ammunition Plant and the importance of the rail lines for transportation of military personnel, good and supplies caused business and employment in Texarkana to remain stable during the war years.

Texarkana continued to experience growth after the end of World War II as the city continued to spread. The center of commerce remained downtown until the 1960s, when U.S. Interstate 30 was constructed to the north of the city limits. Systematically, growth and relocation to the new transportation corridor affected the growth patterns of the city as many downtown businesses relocated near the new highway. However, downtown remained and continues to remain the governmental center of the city with the presence of both municipalities' city halls, and Federal government offices. Although not still the vibrant retail business center it once was, downtown Texarkana still retains much of its historic commercial fabric.

The Swift Meat Company constructed a two-story meat processing building at 410 E. Broad c. 1920. With access to the railroad line a block to the south of the building, the Swift Company was able to easily transport their product. At one time, a cold storage building was located to the south of the Swift Building, providing a holding area for processed meats to be shipped. The south side of the 400 block of E. Broad historically contained more large industrial type businesses than in other areas of E. Broad. Several large wholesale grocery companies and a feed plant were located on the south side of the block near the rail lines.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Swift Building at 410 E. Broad Street in downtown Texarkana, Arkansas retains much of the original character of its 1920s vernacular commercial design with minimal detail. It is being nominated under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as the best extant example of an early twentieth-century commercial building in the 400 block of E. Broad. The Swift Building is also being nominated under **Criterion A** for the role it played in the growth and development of Texarkana. It is an example of the varied types of commerce the nearby railroad brought to downtown Texarkana.

Swift Building
Name of Property

Miller County, Arkansas
County and State

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Architectural Resources Form for MI0196, 410 E. Broad Street, Texarkana, Miller County.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Texarkana, Arkansas: 1923, 1923/50, 1923/53.

Swift Building
Name of Property

Miller County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 403415 3698672
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 10

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part Lots 8 & 9, Block 78, Original Town of Texarkana, Arkansas

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The property boundary is that which was historically associated with the Swift Building.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Swift Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas, MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Miller

DATE RECEIVED: 6/18/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/08/08
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/23/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/01/08
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 08000725

EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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 8.1.08 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

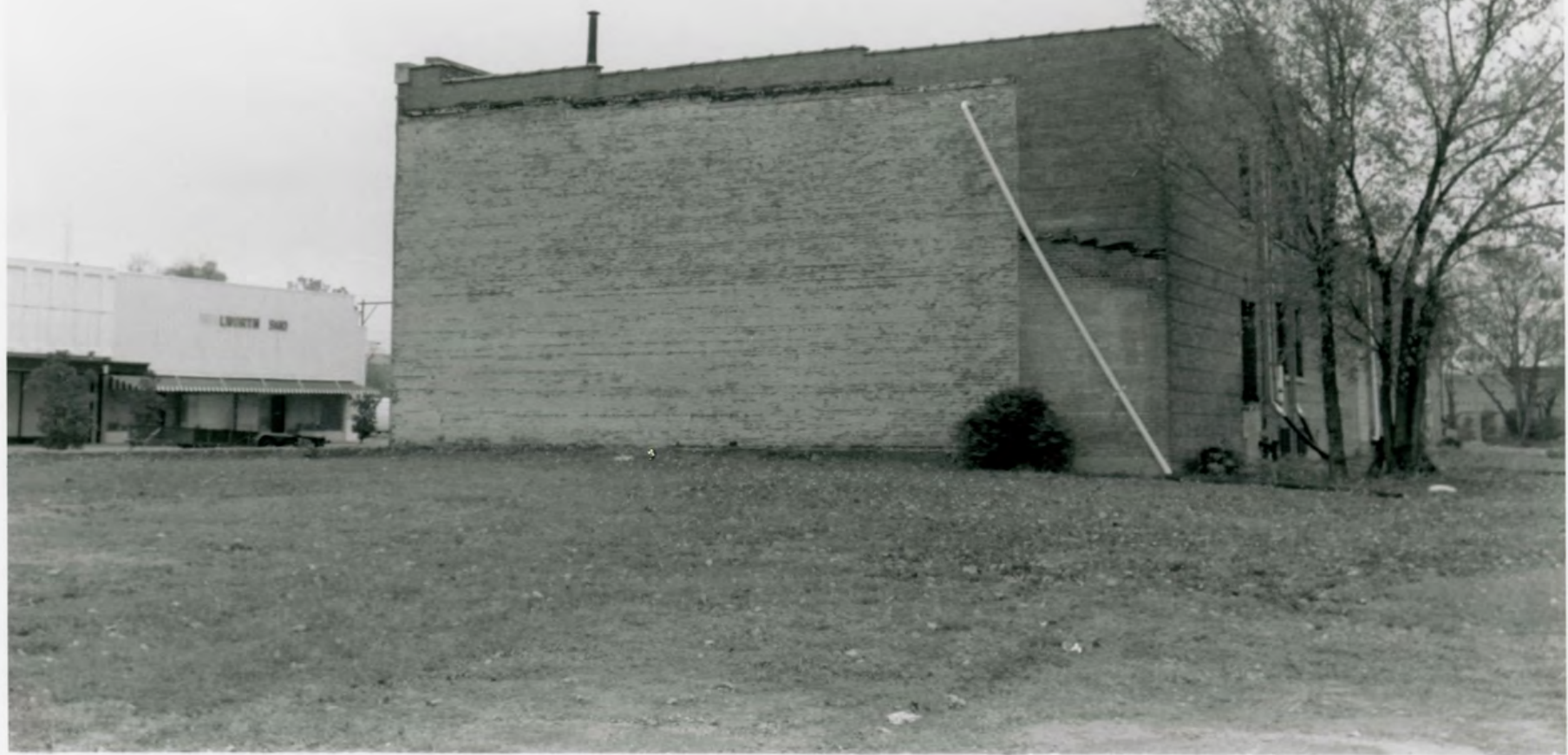
If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



1. SWIFT BUILDING
HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF TEXARKANA, AR
2. TEXARKANA, MILLER CTY., AR
3. PHOTO BY SANDRA TAYLOR SMITH
4. 12-7-07
5. NEGATIVE AT AHPD
6. VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST



1. Swift Building
Historic Buildings of Texarkana, AR
2. Texarkana, Miller Co., AR
3. Photo by Sandra Taylor Smith
4. 12-07-08
5. Negative at AHP
6. View looking northwest



1. Swift Building
Historic Buildings of Texarkana, AR
2. Texarkana, Miller Co., AR
3. Photo By Sandra Taylor Smith
4. 12-07-08
5. Negative At AHP
6. View Looking East



1. SWIFT BUILDING
HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF TEXARKANA, AR
2. TEXARKANA, MILLER CH., AR
3. PHOTO BY SARAH TAYLOR SMITH
4. 1207-07
5. NEGATIVE AT AHPP
6. VIEW LOOKING EAST



1. Swift Building
Historic Buildings of Texarkana, AR
2. Texarkana, Miller Co., AR
3. Photo By Sandra Taylor Smith
4. 12-11-07
5. Negative at AHP
6. View looking Southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64501014



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RE: Swift Building – Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:rsw

Enclosure

