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1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. J. O. Cotton House

other name/site number: SE0264

2. Location

street & number: Southeast corner of State Highway 66 and High Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Leslie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet

Anthony H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-8-93
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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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
Angus Lapsley 12/2/93

fn Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>Concrete</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	other	<u>Combination</u>
				<u>wood / brick</u>
				<u>porch supports</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1915 _____

Significant Dates: 1915 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Description

The Dr. J. O. Cotton House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a relatively high-style interpretation of the Craftsman style. Its irregular floor plan is focused around the one-and-one-half story, rectangular, gable roof core. A lower, single-story, gable roof room to the south is itself adjoined on its eastern elevation by an enclosed, shed roof room that runs along the southern elevation of the main section. The building is entered via a single-story, gable roof porch that projects from the western elevation. Three brick chimneys rise through the roofline: two within the main block of the house and another exterior end chimney rising through the gable peak of the single-story southern room. The asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

The house is entered via the western porch that shelters the single-leaf entrance that is flanked by a pair of eight-pane half-sidelights. The porch roof itself is ornamented with decorative exposed rafters and supported by two short, wood Craftsman columns atop large, square brick piers. The porch roof is further ornamented with decorative diagonal braces that rest upon the top of the brick piers. The short staircase leads up to two shorter brick piers that are finished with concrete coping. Another single-leaf entrance leads into the single-story room to the south from the western elevation, and another into the shed roof addition from the eastern elevation.

The house is fenestrated with an assortment of different types of window sash: six-over-one, six-over-six, nine-pane fixed, and one-over-one. The decorative exposed rafters that adorn the front porch are carried over to the overhanging cornice at the gable ends of the building. The only significant addition to the structure appears to be the shed roof addition at the southeast intersection of the single-story southern room and the main core.

Also included in the nomination is a single-story, wood frame ancillary building that serves as storage and that appears to have been built at the same time as the main building. It features a gable roof, three-over-one windows and other typical Craftsman-style details. It is contributing.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Dr. J. O. Cotton House was constructed in 1915 as a private residence at the southeastern corner of Walnut and High Streets near downtown Leslie by an unknown builder for its original occupant, Dr. J. O. Cotton. Dr. Cotton was one of several local medical doctors in Leslie whose clientele consisted primarily of workers from both the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad and the various timber-related industries that surrounded Leslie.

The construction date of 1915 and its clear Craftsman style represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide economic decline, some construction continued. With the long-standing presence of the railroad and the growing influence of the automobile, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As a particularly good example of the Craftsman style, and the most intact example in the community of Leslie, the Dr. J. O. Cotton House is locally significant under Criterion C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy 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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>539940</u>	<u>3965020</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of High Street with the southern edge of State Highway 66, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with the eastern edge of High Street; thence proceed northerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/06/93

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Cotton, Dr. J. O., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Searcy County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Searcy

DATE RECEIVED: 10/28/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/10/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/26/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/12/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001366

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 12/12/93 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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

 sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Dr. J.O. Cotton House
Leslie, Searcy Co., Arkansas
Photographed by T. Ferguson
August 1991
Negative on file at AHPP
View from East
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Dr. J. O. Cotton House
Leslie, Searey Co., Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

View from West

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Dr. J.O. Cotton House
Leslie, Searcy Co., Arkansas
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Negative on file at AHPP
View from South
SE 0264



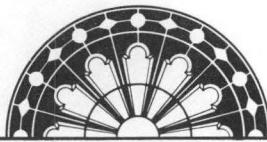
Dr. J.O. Cotton House
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Negative on file at AHPP
View from North
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Dr. J.O. Cotton House
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Negative on file at AHPP
View from west
SE 0264

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500030



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Chief of Registration
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RE: Dr. J. O. Cotton House
Leslie, Searcy County

Dear Carol:

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

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:kg

Enclosures

