# **Registration Form**

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Historic Name Pea Ridge Commercial	Historic District			
Other Names/Site Number <u>BE 3155; B</u> BE3168; BE1355; BE1356; BE3162; B				
2. Location				
Street & Number <u>Pickens Street rough</u> between Pike Street and MacIntosh Str			reet and Curtis	Avenue roughly
City or Town Pea Ridge			vicir	nity
State Arkansas Code A	AR County Bento	on Code <u>007</u>	Zip Code	72751-0700
3. State/Federal Agency 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):	Signature	of the Keeper		Date of Action  5 · 2 Z · 0 7

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5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)  private public-local public-State public-Federal  Name of related multiple pro (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a	Category of Property (Check only one box)    building(s)   district   site   structure   object  perty listing multiple property listing.)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)  Contributing Noncontributing  13 6 buildings sites structures objects  13 6 Total  Number of contributing resources previously listed the National Register		
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6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		
Commerce/Trade / Financia	al Institutions	Commerce /Trade / Specialty Stores		
Commerce/Trade /Specialty	Store	Government / City Hall		
Commerce/Trade / Clinic		Commerce / Trade / Business		
Commerce/Trade / Restaurant		Religion / Religious Facility		
Government/ Fire Station		Domestic / Single Dwelling		
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from instructions)		
Late 19th and Early 20th Cen		foundation Cast concrete/ Concrete block		
Movement/Commercial Styl	e	roof Composition Shingle; Tar Built-up; Metal		
Other/Plain-Traditional		walls Concrete blocks; Brick; Stucco; Weatherboard		
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Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### SUMMARY

The Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District is in the small town of Pea Ridge, in Benton County, in Northwest Arkansas near the Missouri border. The district is comprised of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style buildings and Plain-Traditional buildings that are significant for their association with the commercial and agricultural history of Pea Ridge.

#### ELABORATION

The proposed Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District is a group of nineteen properties. Their construction dates range from 1910-1995. There are 13 contributing (68%) and 6 non-contributing (32%) properties. The majority of the contributing buildings in the district are located on the south side of East Pickens Street. The buildings are divided by North Curtis Avenue.

PEA RIDGE CITY HALL BUILDING (Circa 1920) Non-Contributing

The Pea Ridge City Hall building is located at 227 East Pickens. This rectangular-shaped building was constructed in 1920, in the early  $20^{\rm th}$  Century Standard Commercial style. The two-story structure has a hipped roof with a gable and composition shingles.

#### Front/North Facade

The front façade shows a full front porch with six posts for support. It has a composition shingle roof. The second story has three stationary one-over-one windows on the east side of the front façade. Three windows on the west side of this façade are boarded. The first story is

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fenestrated by three large single-pane stationary windows. A glass door with metal frame is centered between two of the windows on the east side of this façade. The other window is on far west side of the façade with another glass door just west of the center of the façade. The building was originally wood construction. Russell Walker said in an interview that he helped make the blocks that now cover this building.

#### Side/East Facade

The east façade has two metal windows on the first story with six-over-one pane arrangement and two on the upper story with double-hung, two-over-two pane arrangement. A black metal staircase leads to a metal door on the second story of the building. The door is covered with a wood awning with a shed roof.

#### Rear/South

A porch with a shed roof covers the single metal door on the east side of this façade. The building extends farther south on the west side of this façade. A metal awning with a shed roof covers this portion. A single metal door opens onto the porch from the extension.

WEBB'S FEED AND SEED, INC. (Circa 1920) Contributing

Webb's Feed and Seed Store is an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style building. Built in 1920, it is a rectangular, two-story, concrete-block structure. The roof is flat with a parapet and the roof material is tar built-up. The foundation is cast concrete. Fred and Mabel McKinney own this building.

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#### Front/North Facade

The top of this façade is covered with a Purina Chows sign in red and white checkerboard and blue with white lettering. The concrete blocks are plastered and painted white. The windows on the second story are boarded and covered by the sign. The first story window is stationary. The window has four small rectangular panes in a wood frame over a large single stationary plate glass pane. The black metal door is off-center on the west side of the façade.

## Rear/South/Façade

A shed has been added to the rear of the building. It has fieldstone walls and a shed roof. A wide white sliding door is on the east side of this façade with a single door within the sliding door which can be opened when the sliding door is closed.

### R.C. WOODWORK (Circa 1920) Contributing

This is an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style building owned by Fred and Mabel McKinney. It is a rectangular two-story building with concrete block construction. The roof material is tar built-up and it is flat with a parapet.

#### Front/North Facade

The black wooden front door is centered in the one-bay central front porch which has a white metal awning roof. A window is on each side of the door. The windows are stationary single-pane plate glass. The concrete blocks and window trim are painted white. Windows in the second story are boarded and painted white.

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### Rear/South Façade

An addition was made to this façade. The walls are fieldstone and it has a metal shed roof. There is a wood door on the east side of the façade. From this façade, the stepped parapet on the east and west facades can be seen.

BUILDING AT 193 EAST PICKENS (Circa 1920) Contributing

The building at 193 East Pickens is an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style building. It is a rectangular one-story structure with a flat roof. The roof material is tar built-up. The building has concrete-block walls. It is being used as a private residence.

### Front/North Façade

A recessed porch is centered in this façade with stationary single-pane windows on each side of it. Transoms above the windows and on the façade above the recess have been painted. Narrow rectangular single-pane windows are on each side of the door. The metal door has a long rectangular decorative single pane. The windows and door have been covered with paper on the inside of the building.

## Rear/South Façade

A metal awning covers the metal door in this façade. A stationary one-over-one pane window is on the east side of this façade.

PEA RIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY (Circa 1920) Contributing

Pea Ridge Community Library was built circa 1920 in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style. The brick, rectangular-shaped, one-and-one-half story building has a

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flat roof with a parapet. The foundation material is brick and the roof is tar built-up. A chimney is near the center of the east side of the roof. An addition to the library is on the rear façade. A shed roof with composition shingles covers the addition.

#### Front/North Facade

Near the roofline, the building has a corbelled brick cornice with dentils. This façade is painted grey with burgundy wood trim around windows and door. The single glass recessed door is off-centered on the west side and is painted gray. Wooden panels with trim boards have replaced the rectangular window panes in the windows on either side of the door. One large stationary single-pane glass window is on the east side of this façade. A full wooden porch covers the window and door. It has a shed roof with composition shingles and is supported by five wood posts. The floor of the recessed entry is covered with black tiles.

### Rear/South Façade

The rear façade is brick and has a concrete block addition. In the rear façade there is a gray metal door and one small stationary one-over-one pane window.

#### Side/West Facade

The walls of this façade are concrete block. One narrow two-pane horizontal window is on the north end of this façade.

## GROUND ZERO (Circa 1930) Contributing

The building at 145 East Pickens Street was built in the early  $20^{\rm th}$  Century Standard Commercial style. It is rectangular shaped and has a flat roof with a parapet.

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This single-story building is a wood construction with concrete block walls.

# Front/North Façade

A wood-shingle shed roof is over a full porch which is supported by two cast iron posts. The porch roof covers much of the upper façade. The wood shingles on the porch roof are painted black, except for two irregular white rectangle areas painted white with GROUND ZERO printed in black on the white paint. Windows in this façade are boarded. A centered recessed door is painted white with two narrow panels of frosted glass in the upper half of the door. All windows in the recessed alcove are boarded. Above the porch roof a sign has been removed showing clearly the hand-made concrete blocks in contrast to the painted section.

### Side/West Façade

The west façade faces Curtis Avenue. This façade shows the beauty of the hand-made concrete blocks. The stepped parapet shows well from this façade. At the south end of this façade, a metal door covered with a metal awning is placed beside a single-pane stationary window.

#### Side/East Façade

A single wood door is placed in the east side of this façade near the rear façade of the library building. A boarded transom is over the one-over-one wood-framed window in the second story. On the south end of this façade another metal door is on the first-story level. A stationary one-over-one window is in the second story of this façade.

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EASLEY BUILDING (1928) Contributing

The Easley Building is a red brick structure. It has a flat roof with a stepped parapet. The building has an irregular shape. The foundation is cast concrete and the roof is tar built-up. It is built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style. Three buildings have been merged to make one large building. The buildings will be described separately. This building is at the corner of East Pickens and North Curtis.

#### Front/North Facade

This façade has a metal-framed glass door with a large stationary, plate-glass window on each side in a recessed entry. Two stationary glass windows are on either side of the recessed entry. The floor of the entry is covered with blue and white tiles. The façade is red brick and has another window between two white-painted sections of wall which appear to have been door openings. Above the door a large store sign hangs just under a crest in the parapet. A geometric design was placed in the bricks below the parapet using white bricks in contrast to the red bricks on the building. The top of the parapet has been covered with metal. A large front porch with metal shed-roof covers this façade. Five metal posts support the porch.

# Side/East Façade

Red brick covers this façade. A good view of the stepped parapet is seen on this façade. There is a metal framed glass door with a metal awning over the door on the west side of this façade.

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#### Rear/South Facade

The rear façade of Easley's first building is red brick with two cemented windows. One roll-up door is on the west side of this facade. This section of the building has a metal roof and a metal trim along the roof-line. Next to this façade is another small addition between the Easley Building and the W. T. Patterson Building, Easley's second building. It is a concrete block structure with a large roll-up door. This addition is painted white. The next addition is another concrete block building. On the east façade of this structure is a metal double door in metal frame with a small square pane of glass in each door. The south façade has no ornamentation. The west facade has a single two-over-two pane window.

# W. T. PATTERSON BUILDING (Circa 1929) Contributing

The W. T. Patterson Building is Easley's second building. It is a one-story red brick structure with a flat roof with a parapet. The full front porch has a metal awning roof and five steel posts for support. It is built in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style.

#### Front/North Facade

The front façade has the name W. T. Patterson engraved in the red bricks, in the crest of the parapet. White bricks are arranged in an ornamental pattern across the red bricks above the metal awning/roof of the porch. There are two single, stationary-glass windows and one double-paned, stationary-glass windows on this façade. A glass door in metal frame is on each side of the façade. The door on the east side of the façade has a single window to the east of it. The west side of the façade has a door with a single, stationary paned window on the west side of the door. A double stationary glass window is between the two doors.

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#### Side/East Façade

Double metal doors with a small square window in the upper section of the doors are placed in north side of this façade.

#### Rear/South Façade

The wall material on the rear façade is concrete block. Metal trim tops the parapet.

## Side/West Façade

A single, two-over-two, metal window is in the concrete blocks in the west side of this façade. A metal roof which covers the carport of the Visions Beauty Shop building is attached on the side of this west façade.

### VISIONS BEAUTY SHOP (Circa 1930) Contributing

Visions Beauty Shop building is of brick construction with a flat roof with a parapet. This rectangular structure is built in the early  $20^{\text{th}}$  Century Standard Commercial style. The foundation material is cast concrete. The roof is metal. It is another of Easley's buildings.

# Front/North Facade

The full front porch has a metal shed roof and is supported by three metal posts. A metal-framed glass door is centered in the front façade and a stationary-glass window is on each side of the door. A sign on the east side of the façade shows the name of the shop.

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#### Side/West Façade

The west façade has a metal door on the north side of the façade and a small, two-pane, horizontal, stationary-window on the south side of the façade. The bricks on this façade are painted white. There is no parapet on this façade and the bricks are covered with metal from the roofing material.

### Rear/South Façade

The rear façade is covered by a carport with a flat metal roof. It is supported by four steel posts. A wooden door is on the west side of this façade. There are also two large roll-up doors, one in the center and one on the east side of the façade. The floor of the carport is concrete.

# PEA RIDGE OUTLET BUILDING (Circa 1910) Contributing

The Pea Ridge Outlet building was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Commercial style in 1910. It is the oldest building in the district. It has a gabled roof with a front parapet. The roof is covered with composition shingles. The parapet is constructed of boards and is partially covered with the same rolled wall material that covers the wood walls of the building.

#### Front/South Façade

The front porch is elevated by concrete blocks and has two sets of steps. One set of steps is on the front of the porch, east of center. The other set of steps is on the east side of the porch. The floor of the porch is concrete. Two metal posts support the structure. The roof of the porch is a shed roof. It is covered with composition shingles. Corrugated steel skirts the top of

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the porch roof. The double doors on the front are wooden, each with a glass pane in the upper portion of the doors.

On the east side of the doors is a single-pane, stationary-glass window. On the west side of the doors are a single-pane, stationary-glass window and a large sheet of lattice concealing a boarded window. The frames around the windows are wood. Covering the front façade is weatherboard. A large Pea Ridge Outlet sign is centered in the corrugated metal above the porch.

## Side/East Façade

The east façade of the Pea Ridge Outlet is covered with a rolled wall covering. The building has a concrete block foundation, visible on this facade. A window on the south side of this façade has one large stationary window with three small panes over the large pane. The window is set in a wood frame. On the north side of this façade is a single wood door in a wood frame. Another door on this side has been boarded.

JOHN D. SHASTEEN TRUST BUILDING (Circa 1910) Contributing

The John D. Shasteen Trust Building was built in 1910 in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movement Commercial style. It has a gabled roof with a shed roof over west side of structure. A tall wooden parapet covers the high gable section of the roof and a lower parapet covers the shed roof. The structure's walls are covered with weatherboard except for the west façade which is covered in vertical siding.

#### Front/South Facade

A screened front porch covers this façade. The porch has a corrugated metal roof which projects from the parapet. The

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porch is enclosed by eight panels of metal screening separated by narrow boards attached to the frame of the porch. A screened door is on the east side of the porch.

The front of the building has a large one-over-one pane window on the east side of this facade. A wooden door with rectangular glass window is in the upper section of the door. The door is placed east of center of the façade. A window was placed near the center of the façade. It is a one-over-one pane window in a wooden frame. A wood door is on the west side of the façade. Horizontal weatherboard covers the façade, including the parapet, which has an air vent in the center of the parapet into the high-pitched gable of the roof.

#### Side/East Facade

The east façade is covered with weatherboard and there are two windows. One is on the south end of the façade. It has a two-over-one pane arrangement. The window is in a wood frame. The other window, on the north end of the façade, is boarded. There is a clear view of the red brick chimney from this façade. The chimney is placed in the center of the gable on the roof on the north interior.

### Side/West Facade

There is one window in the south end of this façade. It has a one-over-one pane arrangement in a wood frame. The walls of this façade are covered with vertical-board wall covering that had to be pieced together to make it long enough to cover the structure. A great deal of roofing deterioration is visible from this façade.

### Rear/North Façade

The north façade shows the shape of the structure. The tall peak of the gable and the slant of the shed roof are seen from this facade. A door on the west side of the

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façade is boarded. There are two steps leading to the door. On the east side of the façade is a wood-framed window with one-over-one pane arrangement. A large white roll-up door is near the center of the façade. White weatherboards cover this façade.

PEA RIDGE UPHOLSTERY BUILDING (Circa 1910) Non-Contributing

The Pea Ridge Upholstery building was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Commercial style. It is a one-story frame building, originally with stucco walls. It now has vertical board siding. The metal roof has a gable and a parapet. Stucco still covers the parapet. A lot of changes have been made on the building.

#### Front/South Facade

Vertical board siding covers this façade. Also new are the windows and doors. On the east side of the façade is a metal door with fifteen small window panes centered between two large single-pane stationary windows. The west side of the façade has a large, single-pane, stationary window far left, and a metal door with two horizontal windows in the upper portion of the door. A metal awning the width of the building compliments the vertical siding with its vertical strips of metal in the awning. The stucco covered parapet is seen above the awning.

### Side/East Façade

This side façade is covered with stucco and there are three small one-over-one windows in this façade on the north end. A roll-up door is on the south end of this façade.

### Side/West Façade

In the center of this façade are two windows, one a single window with one-over-one pane arrangement, and another with

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stationary glass with two pane arrangement. A single metal door is in the north end of this façade. Stucco covers the wall on this facade.

## Rear/North Façade

A single metal door is found on the west side of this façade. A roll-up door is east of center of this façade. Stucco covers the wall.

EASLEY'S LUMBER YARD AND STORAGE (1995) Non-Contributing

Easley's Lumber Yard and Storage is a frame structure with corrugated steel walls and a concrete foundation. The metal roof is gabled. This property is surrounded by a concrete lumber yard and a chain link fence.

### Front/South Façade

Two large roll-up windows dominate this façade. The wall material is corrugated steel as in all of the building.

THE FIRE STATION BUILDING (1940) Non-Contributing

The Fire Station Building is a concrete block construction with a gabled roof with composition shingles. It is built in the Plain-Traditional style.

## Front/East Façade

A large roll-up door in a wood frame is centered in the front façade of the concrete block building. A bargeboard is just below the roofline of the gabled roof.

#### Side/North Façade

A metal door is on the east side of this façade.

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CENTURY-TEL BUILDING (1975) Non-Contributing

The Century-Tel building is a brick structure with a flat roof. The front door is recessed and a flat metal awning covers the entrance. Brown bricks cover all the facades. There are no windows in the building. It is built in the Plain-Traditional style.

### Rear/West Façade

A door is in the south side of this façade. The door is metal and is covered with a flat metal awning.

PEA RIDGE TELEPHONE CO., INC. (Circa 1954) Contributing

Pea Ridge Telephone Co., Inc. is the historic name of the building. It is built in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style. It is now owned by Century-Tel. It is an irregular-shaped structure built of concrete blocks. The roof is flat with tar built-up material and it has a concrete block foundation. The roof has a wide overhang all around the building.

#### Front/East Façade

The concrete block walls are painted yellow. The trim on the building is brown. The south side of this facade has two windows. These windows have a two-over-one pane arrangement. A plaque with the names of the founders and the officers of the Pea Ridge Telephone Co., Inc. hangs on the front of this section of the building. The north one-half of this façade is recessed. A metal door with a two-pane window in the top half of the door is at the back of this recess. The recess is covered by the flat roof of the building. North of the door on the same façade is a large casement window. Two metal posts support the roof line under the recessed area.

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#### Side/North Façade

A casement window is centered in this façade. There are two roof lines visible from this façade. The east section of this façade is three feet (+or-) lower than the west section of this façade.

#### Rear/West Facade

A single metal door is centered on this façade.

### Side/South Façade

Four stationary windows are on this façade. The west side of the façade has a pair of two-over-one windows and a single two-over-one window, with a repetition of this arrangement on the east side of the façade.

### MASONIC LODGE BUILDING (circa 1945) Contributing

The Masonic Lodge Building is a two-story concrete block structure with a gabled roof with composition shingles. It is built in the Plain-Traditional style.

### Front/East Façade

The front façade is symmetrical. A centered metal door is between two windows with eight-over-eight pane arrangement on the first story and there are two windows placed directly above the lower level windows on the second story. The front door is placed in line with the peak of the gable.

### Side/South Façade

Three double-hung windows with eight-over-eight pane arrangement and a ground-level, single, metal door are evenly spaced on the lower level of this façade. A five-step stair case with a black metal pipe banister leads to a

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landing and another metal door. The second story has four windows, three of which are boarded and one is a double-hung window with eight-over-eight pane arrangement. All the windows have brick lintels on the bottom of the frames.

### Rear/West Façade

Two double-hung windows with two-over-one pane arrangement are in the north side of this façade. One second-story window is boarded.

BUILDING AT 1328 NORTH CURTIS (Circa 1930) Non-Contributing

This building is a concrete block building with an irregular plan. It has a flat roof and is built in early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style.

#### Front/West Facade

This façade is covered with slanted wood siding and is topped with metal siding which covers the building from the roofline to the tops of the doors. The south side of this façade has two double-hung windows with six-over-six pane arrangement. A metal door with a rectangular glass pane is slightly recessed in this façade. Three double-hung windows with six-over-six pane arrangement are just north of the center with a wood door on the other side of the windows in this façade.

#### Side/South Façade

The side façade has a large roll-up door in the west side of the façade. This façade has concrete block walls.

#### Rear/West Facade

The rear façade has a double metal door between two oneover-one, double-hung windows. The wall is recessed on the

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north side of this façade and a single metal door and a one-over-one, double-hung window are in the recessed area. This façade has concrete block walls.

BUILDING SOUTH OF 1328 NORTH CURTIS (Circa 1955) Contributing

The building is built in early 20th Century Standard Commercial style. It is a wood frame structure with concrete block walls. The one-story structure has a flat roof and composition shingles. The concrete blocks are embossed with a diamond pattern.

#### Front/West Facade

The front façade has a single-pane stationary-glass window on the north side of the façade and a single slightly recessed wood door with a rectangular single-pane window in the top portion of the door. The wood trim around the window and the door is painted blue. The only other ornamentation is in the concrete blocks with an embossed diamond pattern.

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BE3155	227 E. Pickens	City Hall	1	NC
BE3154	215 E. Pickens	Webb's Feed	2	C
BE3153	209 E. Pickens	R.C. Woodwork	3	C
BE2354	193 E. Pickens	Residence	4	C
BE1353	161 E. Pickens	Library	5	C
BE1352	145 E. Pickens	Church Facility	6	C
BE3166	105W. Pickens	Easley's	7	C
BE3167	105 W. Pickens	Easley's	8	C
BE3168	129 W. Pickens	Visions	9	C
BE1355	136 W. Pickens	Pea Ridge Outlet	10	C

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BE1356	W. Pickens	Abandoned	11	C
BE3162	120 W. Pickens	Pea Ridge Upholstery	12	NC
BE3163	NW Corner N. Curtis & Pickens	Easley's Lumber	13	NC
BE3161	N. Curtis Ave.	Fire Station	14	NC
BE3160	1425 N. Curtis	CenturyTel	15	NC
BE3159	1439 N. Curtis	Pea Ridge Telephone	16	C
BE3158	1507 N. Curtis	Home Economist	17	C
BE3157	1300 block N. Curtis	Office	18	C
BE3156	1328 N. Curtis	Vacant	19	NC

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8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property	Levels of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
for National Register listing)	Local
A Property is associated with events that have made	
a significant contribution to the broad patterns of	
our history.	Areas of Significance
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	(Enter categories from instructions)
	Commerce
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high	Architecture
artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance 1910-1957
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.)	Significant Dates 1910-1957
Property is:	
A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	
☐ B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
C a birthplace or a grave.	
D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
F a commemorative property.	A
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	Architect/Builder
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets	5.)
9. Major Bibliographical References	
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on o	ne or more continuation sheets.)
<ul> <li>□ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.</li> <li>□ previously listed in the National Register</li> <li>□ previously determined eligible by the National Register</li> <li>□ designated a National Historic Landmark</li> <li>□ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey</li> </ul>	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 Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its good examples of early  $20^{\rm th}$  Century Standard Commercial architectural styles. The Pea Ridge Outlet building, for example, is an excellent example of the early 20th Century Commercial style.

The Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District is also significant under Criterion A with local significance for its association with the commercial and agricultural history of Pea Ridge and Benton County. Apple orchards, chicken hatcheries, dairy farms, and tomato crops were the major agricultural interests in the early years of Pea Ridge. The businesses represented by the buildings in the Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District were of major importance to these agricultural pursuits. Webb's Feed and Seed Store has been serving the area since 1936 and Fred McKinney, son-in-law of Mr. Webb, is still in the same location providing a valuable service to his customers.

#### ELABORATION

Pea Ridge is located in Benton County in Northwest Arkansas, close to the Missouri border. A post office was established in Pea Ridge in 1850, the year the citizens of Pea Ridge consider the founding date. Pea Ridge was officially recorded in September 1888, and incorporated in the early 1900s. The town is named for the ridge just north-east of town. This is the same ridge for which the famous Civil War battle was named.

The streets in Pea Ridge are named for officers in the Civil War. The north/south streets are named for the Union

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Army officers, the east/west streets are named for Confederate Army officers. The two streets in the Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District are East Pickens, for Rebel Captain R. A. Pickens and North Curtis, named for the Union General Samuel Ryan Curtis, the Union's commanding officer at the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Apple orchards and tomato crops were two important crops in early 1900's. Apples were dried and shipped by train to neighboring states. The largest orchard in the area was planted in 1873. Michael and Sarah Buttram bought 220 acres of land and planted a large apple orchard. They called their farm the Mike Buttram Sunny Slopes Orchard A cooperage, or barrel-making business, was opened to provide barrels to ship the apples to market. the cooperage was in the corner of the old Pea Ridge Blacksmith Shop, which kept the buggies and wagons in repair for travel on the deeply rutted dirt roads. The blacksmith shop was owned by Thomas Harvey Ricketts. cooperage made many hundreds of barrels in the summer and fall. Russell Walker said his father dried apples and put them in fifty-gallon barrels and hauled them by wagon to Avoca, Arkansas, and put them on a train to go to market. The blacksmith shop and cooperage were located behind the building that now houses Webb's Feed and Seed Store. 1924, an apple blight caused great concern to the apple growers. Thinking the blight might be caused by the numerous cedar trees in the area, the growers cut down every cedar tree they could find. The blight continued for many years and the growers burned most of the apple trees in their orchards. There are no orchards left in this area.

A tomato canning factory, the Pea Ridge Canning Factory, opened in the late 1930's to process the large number of tomatoes grown in the area. Also during the 1930's, "Whiskers" Rogers owned Rogers Mill, a sugar cane

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processing mill. William Jefferson "Whiskers" Rogers was an entrepreneur. He contracted with W.T. Patterson to make the bricks used in the buildings downtown for \$1400.

In 1936 Hugh Webb and his wife, Nellie moved to Pea Ridge where he opened Webb's Electric Hatchery. Fred McKinney went to work at the hatchery April 20, 1940. The broiler industry was just beginning. McKinney married Webb's daughter, Mabel and a partnership was formed between McKinney, Webb, Russell Walker, and Webb's brother, Hugh. In 1942, Mr. Webb obtained a Ralston Purina franchise. A corporation was formed and Fred McKinney completed a Purina feeding advisory school and received an Arkansas State license to test poultry for Pullorum, a frequently fatal disease of young poultry, caused by bacteria and transmitted by the infected hen to the eggs. In 1952, Russell Walker sold his stock in the business, and in 1961 the hatchery business was sold. The McKinneys bought the remaining stock and renamed the business Webb's Feed and Seed. Fred McKinney is still selling feed, seeds, and hay. The corners of his store are occupied by two calves he keeps in a stall inside the building, and a chicken coop full of laying hens, complete with eggs. Webb's Feed and Seed is located at 215 East Pickens , in the Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District. Prior to Webb's Electric Hatchery, a car dealership occupied the building in the 1920's, when the building was first built. There was also a barber shop prior to Webb's Feed and Seed.

Until 1970, when the city bought the building at 227 East Pickens, the building had served the community in many ways. It was once two buildings. In 1928, the Chevrolet dealership was in the second building. A produce market was in the east building, where people brought their eggs, chickens, cream, strawberries, and other products they wanted to sell. Vogt's Dry Goods Store, selling men's and lady's clothing opened in 1947 after the car dealership

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moved. There were numerous restaurants in the place of the produce market. In 1956, during the proprietorship of Taylor's Café, a door was cut between the two buildings. The Taylors added a banquet room to their café by making use of both buildings. The two buildings became one. Pea Ridge City Hall is now in this building. Through a renovation, wooden windows were replaced by metal frame windows, beadboard walls were covered, and pressed tin ceilings disappeared.

"It is well documented in the 1911 board minutes of the Bank of Pea Ridge that W. J. Rogers Sr. erected the first home of the bank in the 200 block of East Pickens. The board accepted his bid of \$650 to 'build a cement building 20x40 feet with 12-foot ceiling, all complete except the front.'" This building now houses the Pea Ridge Library. There are remnants of the original building intact in this structure. The pressed tin ceiling is pristine. There are also small tiles on the floor that are original to the building. The front façade shows the bricks, the parapet, and the dentils which make it more ornate than most buildings in the district. W. T. Patterson owned the bank and in 1929 the beginning of the Great Depression, he used his own money to keep the bank open.

The Easley buildings are located across North Curtis on West Pickens Street. The first Easley building, built in 1928, housed a dry goods store, and then it housed a printing company and the local newspaper in the 1930s. A grocery store occupied the building for several years until Easley bought the buildings from W. T. Patterson and opened White Auto Store in 1963. The W. T. Patterson building was the second building Easley bought. The first tenant was Mrs. Nickerson, a one-armed woman who owned Nickerson's Café. In 1949, Eva Patterson moved her clothing store from the City Hall building to the Easley's second building. Later, a series of barber shops occupied this building

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until Mr. Easley decided to expand his hardware business. The Pea Ridge Post Office occupied the third Easley building until 1958. This building was built in the 1930s.

W.T. Patterson owned all the buildings on West Pickens when John Easley began buying buildings from him. When Easley bought the barber shop building, Patterson told him he built that building in 1929 for \$750.

The buildings on the north side of Pickens were built (Circa) 1910. The wooden structures are more at risk and need preservation measures badly. The architectural style sets them apart from the brick and concrete block structures.

The Pea Ridge Telephone Co., Inc. Building, located at 1429 North Curtis Street, was constructed in 1954. It was an act of faith in the people of Pea Ridge that the officers of this new company undertook this endeavor. The officers were: Floyd T. Wilson, President; L. W. Bush, Vice-President; and Ona Faye Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer. Pea Ridge Telephone Co., Inc. has been purchased by CenturyTel.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The buildings in the Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District made available to the people of Pea Ridge and Benton County a full range of services. The district is in the small town of Pea Ridge, in Benton County, in Northwest Arkansas near the Missouri border. The district is comprised of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Standard Commercial style buildings that are significant for their association with the commercial and agricultural history of Pea Ridge.

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These plain and simple buildings represent the lives of people who made a contribution to the town of Pea Ridge, and to the welfare of the people of Benton County.

The Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District is a group of nineteen properties. Their construction dates range from 1910-1995. There are 13 contributing (68%) and 6 non-contributing (32%) properties. The majority of the contributing properties are located on the south side of East Pickens Street. The District is divided by North Curtis Street.

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Name of Property	70. 77.	

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### 10. Geographical Data

## Acreage of Property 6 Acres

#### **UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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**Verbal Boundary Description** 

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

**Boundary Justification** 

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

### 11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title Barbara A. Smart

Organization H & W Engineering date 11/20/06 – 2/1/07

Street Town Camden

state AR

zip code 71701

#### 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 the SHPO or FPO.)

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city or town

state zip code \_\_\_\_

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# Verbal Boundary Description

From center of East Pickens Street east of building at 227 East Pickens, proceed west to North Curtis Street, then go north on North Curtis to northern boundary of property at 1507 North Curtis, then west to alley behind building, then south to drive-way behind building at northwest corner of North Curtis Avenue and West Pickens Street. Then go west on alley behind building on north side of West Pickens to west border of property at 136 West Pickens, then south to West Pickens, then east along West Pickens to west side of 129 West Pickens. Then south to drive-way behind building at 129 West Pickens, on south side and then east to North Curtis. Then south on North Curtis past building at 1328 North Curtis Avenue, then east along south side of building at 1328 North Curtis Avenue. Then north to back of buildings facing East Pickens, then east to 227 East Pickens, then north to starting point.

# Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District encompass most of the oldest historic buildings in the area. These are the buildings that affected the lives of the people who lived there and met their everyday needs.

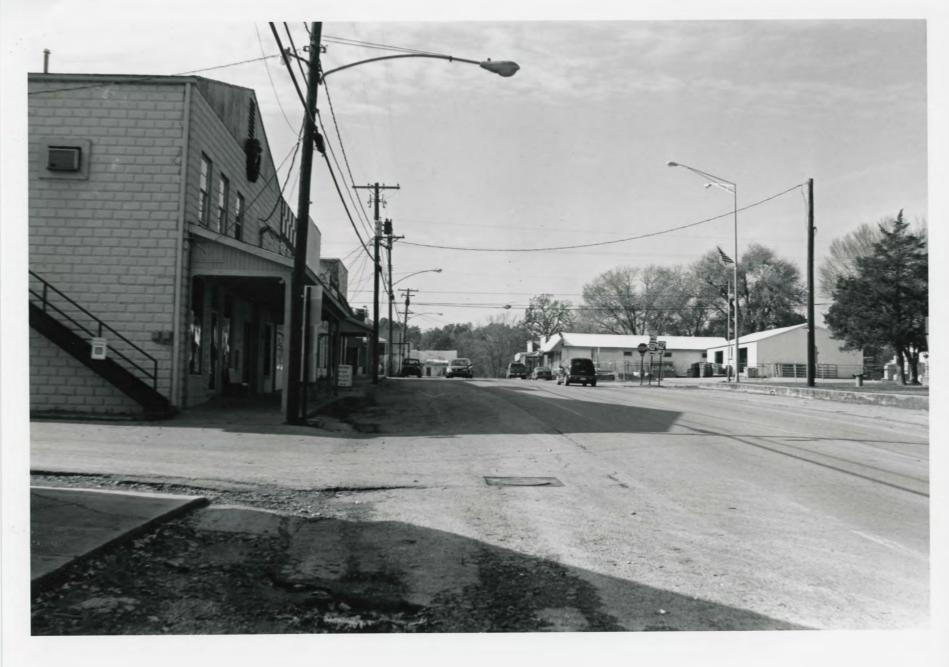
# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
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MULTIPLE Benton County MRA NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Benton
DATE RECEIVED: 4/10/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/30/07 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/15/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/24/07 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
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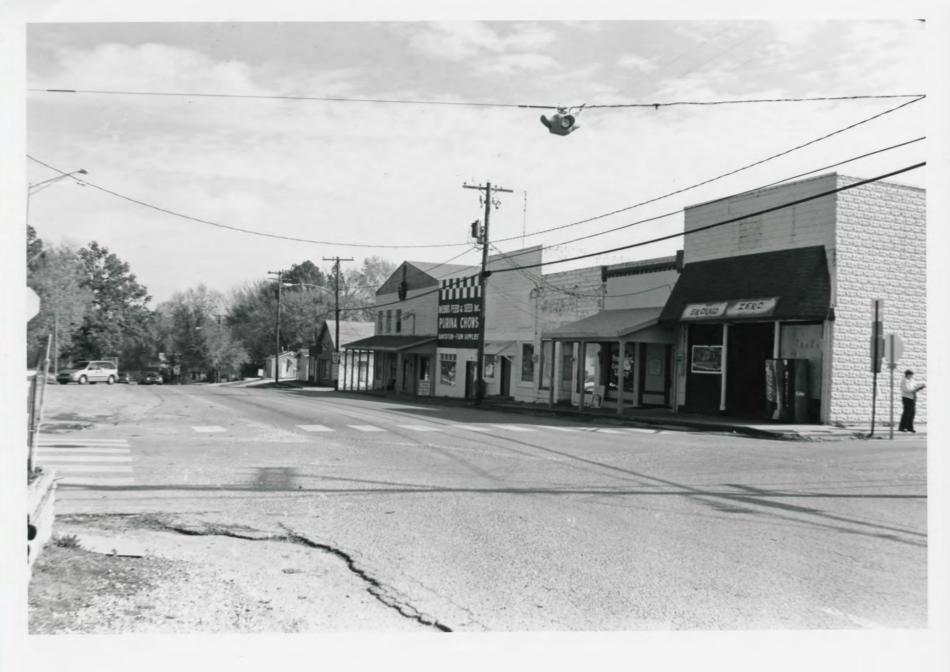
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RE: Pea Ridge Commercial Historic District – Pea Ridge, Benton County, Arkansas

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,

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Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure

