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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Watkins House
other names/site number Resource # WH2058

2. Location

street & number 1208 E. Race not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas
Number 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.
Cathy A. Boyd 5-13-90
Signature of certifying official 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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. 9/5/91
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain): _____

Alvina Payne 9/5/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/
Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls stucco

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

The Watkins House is a two story, wood frame Colonial Revival residence with Craftsman style influences. A single story, hipped roof room on the western elevation is balanced by a single story, hipped roof carport on the eastern elevation--both are original--and emphasize the symmetrical, rectangular plan of the main block of the house. An exterior end brick chimney is attached to the western wall of the house and an interior brick chimney rises through the north shed dormer, to the east of center. The roof material is composition shingle, the walls are covered with original stucco, and the structure is supported upon a continuous brick foundation. Almost all the windows are framed by a pair of simple, louvered shutters, painted white.

The southern or front elevation of the main house is composed of the first story wall below the gambrel roof and the tall, full-length shed dormer above. The single door entry is sheltered by a rounded shed porch roof supported on decorative sawn wood brackets. Two pair of six-over-six wood sash windows flank the doorway on the first floor and two identical six-over-six wood sash windows are symmetrically placed around a smaller, central six-over-six wood sash window in the shed dormer. The western, single story wing is lighted with a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows, and the eastern carport is open and supported on a pair of large, stuccoed corner piers. All of the cornices are decorated with thin, short brackets which resemble exposed rafters.

The western elevation is composed of the single story, hipped roof addition on the first floor and the chimney rising through the center of the main wall behind, dividing the end of both the gambrel roof and the shed dormers. The shed dormers feature short returns, decorated with thin brackets, and two six-over-six wood sash windows flank the chimney on the second floor. The single story wing is lighted with two pair of symmetrically-placed six-over-six wood sash windows. The eastern elevation is punctuated with a central attic vent beneath the roof peak and is fenestrated with two symmetrically-placed six-over-six wood sash windows on the second story. Two six-over-six wood sash windows are placed in the center and to the north of the first floor and a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows lights the southern end, beneath the carport. The gambrel roof's returns and the carport are decorated with thin cornice brackets.

The second story of the northern or rear elevation is fenestrated with two six-over-six wood sash windows symmetrically-placed around a central, eight-over-eight wood sash window. A central pair of six-over-six wood sash windows in the first floor is flanked to the west by a larger pair of six-over-six wood sash windows and to the east by a single sash window and an entry. The western, single story wing is punctuated by an entry and a single six-over-six wood sash window.

The Watkins House has been virtually unaltered since its construction date and is in excellent condition.

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

Period of Significance

1919-1920

Significant Dates

1919-1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

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
- 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 # _____

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 *map 19*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

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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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Watkins House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is one of two surviving Colonial Revival residences in Searcy. Like the Lightle House, the selection of the gambrel roof and the overall characteristics of symmetry and balance combine with such details as the six-over-six wood sash windows to reveal the obvious influence of the Colonial Revival style; and yet, here also the growing influence of the Craftsman style is exhibited in the false exposed rafters which decorate the cornices throughout this building. The Watkins House is symbolic of the rapid influx of the myriad architectural fashions that characterized the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and which were to be expected in a growing city and county seat.

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Acreege of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/616120/3901410

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 10, Block 6, Watkins and Quarrles Addition to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001246 ✓	Smith--Moore House	7/20/92
91001336 ✓	Smyrna Methodist Church	7/20/92
91001243	Snipes, Dr. Emmett, House	9-5-91
91001274 ✓	St. Richard's Catholic Church	7/20/92
91001250	Staggs--Huffaker Building	9-5-91
91001248	Stipe Cotton Gin	7/20/92
	Substantive Review	
91001295 ✓	Storm Cellar, William Howell House	7/20/92
91001326 ✓	Thomas House	7/23/92
91001341 ✓	Thompson House	7/23/92
91001362 ✓	Thrasher, John, Homestead	7/23/92
91001240	Titus House	9-5-91
91001199 ✓	Trinity Episcopal Church	7/27/92
91001233	Van Meter, R. L., House	9-5-91
91001351	Walker Homestead Historic District	7/20/92
	Substantive Review	
91001354 ✓	Walker, Otha, Homestead	7/23/92
91001313	Ward--Stout House	9-5-91
91001182	Watkins House	9-5-91
91001183	Watkins, Tom, House	9-5-91
91001308 ✓	Watson, William Henry, Homestead	7/20/92
91001272	Weber House	9-5-91
91001260 ✓	Westbrooke, Lipsy, House	7/23/92
91001297 ✓	Whisinant, Albert, House	7/23/92
91001177	Wilburn House	9-5-91
91001353 ✓	Williams House	7/23/92
91001321 ✓	Williams, Arthur, Homestead, Feed Storage Shed	7/23/92
91001211	Woodson, Arthur W., House	9-5-91
91001212	Woodson, Dalton, House	9-5-91
91001291	Wright, Avanell, House	9-5-91
91001284	Wright, Jim, Farmstead Historic District	9-5-91

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Watkins House

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: 91001182

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 9/5/91 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 _____



Watkins House white

Searcy, Arkansas

Photograph by Jeff Holder

November, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



Watkins House White Co

Searcy, Arkansas

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Northwest elevation



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Southwest elevation



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South elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033