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Registration Form

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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 Hassell House

other names/site number Resource # WH2181

2. Location

street & number S. Elm & West Woodruff Ave.

☐ not for publication N/A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

☒ 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

1

0

Total

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

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):Entered in the
National Register

Melvin Byers

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/ Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Irregular Plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

During the Railroad Era (1870-1914) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Hassell House is a good example of a one and one-half story irregularly-shaped building that is constructed of load-bearing brick, and has a hip roof that slopes downward to gable roof wings. The roof is clad with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on a brick foundation.

Located on the southwest corner of S. Elm Street and W. Woodruff Avenue, this building was constructed about six blocks southwest of the court square in Searcy. The Hassell House was constructed c. 1910, and is in fair condition. Its main, or north, elevation is dominated by a one-story porch that wraps around to the east elevation of the house. The porch roof is supported by Doric columns. Porch access from the house is provided by single asymmetrically placed doors on both the north and east elevations of the structure. The eastern entrance is skewed.

Ground floor fenestration on these elevations consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one single-hung sash windows. All upper portions of the gable ends, with one exception, are decorated with imbricated wooden shingles and fenestrated with one-over-one double-hung sash windows; louvered vents are found just above the upper sash of the windows. The lone exception is located on the south elevation of the structure. This gable end has imbricated shingles just like the others but its lone window is a single-pane fixed frame version. The western elevation of the structure is adorned with a chamfered bay that is relieved by a centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window and a single door on its northern edge.

A gable roof wing protrudes from the southwest corner of the house. Its western elevation is fenestrated with a centrally placed paired one-over-one double-hung sash window. The only addition to the building is attached to the east side of this wing and extends almost the full length of the south elevation. Fenestration consists of centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash ribbon windows found on the east side of the addition. A single centrally placed door enters the south elevation of this room. A porch once extended from the western side of the addition almost all of the way to the center of the rear gable wing; the eastern half of this porch has since been enclosed. The ground floor of the gable wing found on the east elevation of the structure is fenestrated with a single centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window.

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

c. 1910

Significant Dates

c. N/A

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.

☐ 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:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data *Map 10*

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

When this building was constructed, c. 1910, brick houses were not very numerous in White County. Surviving examples are even rarer today. In fact, only six remain in the entire county that date to the Railroad Era (1870-1914). This house remains as a rare example of a large-scale brick house. Because of this the Hassell House is significant; it can provide insight into construction techniques and living arrangements of this era. Hence its eligibility under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614565/3900840

Verbal Boundary Description:

The southern 165 feet of the northern 195 feet of Lot 11, Woodruff Addition to the City 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

91001189	Edie, James W., House	9-5-91
91001303	El Paso Bank	9-5-91
91001269	Elm Street House <u>Substantive Review</u>	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 <u>Substantive Review</u>	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	7/12/92
91001323	✓ Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/12/92
91001334	✓ Gray House	7/12/92
91001194	✓ Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/12/92
91001294	Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
91001335	✓ Gray--Kincaid House	7/12/92
91001357	✓ Griffithville School <u>Substantive Review</u>	7/13/92
91001358	✓ Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store	7/12/92
91001222	Hall, Fred, House	9-5-91
91001204	✓ Hammond, Mary Alice, House	7/12/92
91001304	✓ Harper, Roy, House	7/12/92
91001340	Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead <u>Substantive Review</u>	9-13-91
91001205	Hassell House	9-5-91
91001312	Hays, Brady, Homestead <u>Substantive Review</u>	9-13-91
91001348	Herring Building	9-5-91
91001317	✓ Hickmon, Marshall, Homestead	7/12/92
91001316	Hickmon, U. L., Hardware Store	9-5-91
91001180	Hicks, Ida, House	9-5-91
91001191	✓ Hilger, Louis N., Homestead, Livestock Barn	7/12/92
91001258	✓ Hill Farm	7/12/92
91001236	✓ Hoag House	7/12/92
91001309	✓ Holly Grove School <u>Substantive Review</u>	7/13/92
91001352	✓ Honey Hill Christian Union Church	7/12/92
91001188	✓ Hoofman Farmstead Barn	7/12/92
91001184	✓ Hoofman, Arthur W., House	7/12/92
91001238	✓ Hoofman, Tobe, Farmstead	7/12/92
91001283	✓ Hopewell District No. 45 School <u>Substantive Review</u>	7/13/92
91001207	Hunt House <u>Substantive Review</u>	9-13-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hassell House

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001205

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

DATE

9/5/91

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
___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 _____



HASSELL HOUSE
SEARCY, ARKANSAS white
PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. DE ROSE
DECEMBER, 1988
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM NORTHWEST



HASSELL HOUSE White C
SEARCY, ARKANSAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY V. DE ROSE
DECEMBER, 1988
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP
VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033