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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM	JUN 20 1996
1. Name of Property	
historic name: <u>Hunter-Coulter House</u>	
other name/site number: LR0062	
2. Location	
	f intersection of 2nd and Commerce
	not for publication: N/A
city/town: Ashdown	vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Little River	code: <u>AR 081</u> zip code: <u>71822</u>
3. Classification	
Ownership of Property: Private	
Category of Property: <u>Building</u>	·
Number of Resources within Property:	
Contributing Noncontributing	
buildingsitesstructurobjects0 Total	
Number of contributing resources previous Register: N/A	ously listed in the National
Name of related multiple property lists Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little 1870-1945	ing: <u>Railroad Era Resources of</u> River, Miller and Sevier Counties),

	4. State/Fe	deral Agency Certification			
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	other	(explain):	-		
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	6. Function	or Use			
	Historic: I			Single dwelling	
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	Current: §	SOCIAL	Sub:	Clubnouse	
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	7. Description
6	Architectural Classification:
	Craftsman
	Other Description: N/A
	Materials: foundation <u>BRICK</u> roof <u>Asphalt</u> walls <u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u> other <u>N/A</u>
	Describe present and historic physical appearance See continuation sheet.
	Summary
	The Hunter-Coulter House is a single-story, wood frame residence designed in the Craftsman style.
	Elaboration
	Located at the north corner of Commerce and 2nd Streets in Ashdown, the Hunter-Coulter House is a single-story, wood frame residence designed in the Craftsman style. Its irregular plan is defined by its full-width front porch and bays that project from the northwestern facade and the northeastern corner of the building. A single broad chimney rises through the roof from the southeastern wall. The asphalt shingle roof and novelty-sided walls are supported upon a continuous brick foundation.
	The southwestern or front elevation is dominated by the full-width, gable roof recessed front porch, supported upon two pyramidal wood columns set upon brick piers. A small fixed window is placed in the center of the pediment above, and the wall beneath is symmetrically-organized around the two pair of twelve-over-one windows that are placed to either side of the single-leaf front door with eighteen-pane sidelights. The southeastern wall is irregularly fenestrated with twelve-over-one wood windows, while the northwestern wall opposite is more symmetrically-organized around the projecting, gable roof bay. The northeastern facade contains two single-leaf entrances placed irregularly in the wall and an assortment of other multipane windows distributed freely around the facade.
	The significant exterior details are largely limited to the knee braces, exposed rafters and the large brick and wood columns that support the front porch. The interior is largely intact and in very good condition; it contains such noteworthy features as built-in cabinets and shelving.
	8. Statement of Significance
	Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in

Applicable National Register Criteria: A.C

Criteria Considerations	(Exceptions): N/A		
Areas of Significance:	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECTURE		
Period(s) of Significance Significant Dates: 1918			
Significant Person(s):	N/A		
Cultural Affiliation:	N/A		
Architect/Builder: West	brook, Henry		
State significance of considerations, and area See continuation sh	f property, and justify crist and periods of significance note eet.	teria, d above.	criteria

## Summary

Built in 1918, the Hunter-Coulter House is associated with the historic context Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Ashdown as a result of the arrival of three of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Little River County.

## Elaboration

Built in 1918, the Hunter-Coulter House was built by local builder Henry Westbrook for William Grant Hunter, a Fredericksburg, Indiana native who relocated his undertaking business to this address when he moved to Ashdown. The house was purchased by a Dr. John Coulter -- a dentist from nearby Mineral Springs, Arkansas -- in 1928 and remained in his family until 1991, when his daughters sold it Ed and Helen Russell, who two years later sold it to the Little River County Historical Society; they remain the current owners and are attempting to turn the building into an historical museum.

The Hunter-Coulter House dates from the second decade of prosperity in Ashdown after the arrival of the railroad, and was originally built to shelter a new business. As such, it is associated with the historic context Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Ashdown as a result of the arrival of three of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Little River County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving residences constructed during the first years after the railroad's arrival in the county; it is also significant under Criterion C as the best surviving example of a Craftsman-style residence in Ashdown.

9. Major Bibliographical References
See Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945, 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:
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UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
A <u>15</u> <u>395050</u> <u>3726240</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 Commerce Street with the northern edge of 2nd Street, proceed easterly or said edge for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line to its intersection with the eastern edge of Commerce Street; thence proceed southerly to the point of beginning.
Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.
This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

11. Form Prepared By

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