

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Adams, Wallace, Service Station

other names/site number MI0208

2. Location

street & number 523 E. 3rd Street

not for publication

city or town Texarkana

vicinity

state Arkansas Code AR county Miller code 091 zip code 71854

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathie Marshall
Signature of certifying official/Title

6/12/08
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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
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1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: Road-related (vehicular)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements:

foundation Concrete

Commercial Style

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet, Section 7

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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 for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons Significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or Represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack Individual distinction.
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.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

c.1929-1958

Significant Dates

c.1929

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 8

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet, Section 9

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

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 403466 3698878
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

See continuation sheet

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

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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name Bethany Hanna
street & number P.O. Box 631 telephone (870)774-2122
city or town Texarkana state AR zip code 75504

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SUMMARY

The Wallace Adams Service Station was constructed c.1929 and is a good example of filling stations of this era. The one-story brick building is the only remaining historic gas station on the Arkansas side of downtown Texarkana.

ELABORATION

The building at 523 E. 3rd was constructed c.1929 as an auto service station. The building is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of S. Laurel and E. 3rd Streets and is one-story, of brick construction and covered by a flat tar built-up roof with brick parapet. The building is rectangular in shape and rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation and has brick walls.

The front (southeast) elevation of the building faces E. 3rd Street. A single entry door and large plate-glass window are covered by a flat roof projection over the former gas service bay, supported on the outer edge by large square brick columns. The parapet of the front side of the roof of the projection rises slightly in the center, adding stylistic detail to the simple building. The wall of the building under the car bay projection features a single plate-glass window topped by a pair of four-light transom windows. The adjacent door is wood with a single light glass pane in its upper one-half. A stationary transom window is located above the door. A single nine-over-three hopper window punctuates the center of the front elevation. Two garage bays are located on the southwest end of the front. Two metal-frame overhead doors with fifteen glass panels open into the garage area of the building.

The southwest elevation of the building contains two large openings with sets of metal hopper windows. The northeast side of the building features a single metal hopper window and wood-paneled door with transom. The rear of the building contains four window openings, now infilled.

INTEGRITY

The Wallace Adams Service Station presents a good example of a 1920s service station with service bay and overhead doors. The building remains virtually unaltered from its original appearance and is a significant component of the mixed uses in Texarkana's historic downtown. The building is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A for its representation of commercial development in Texarkana and under Criterion C for its architectural integrity.

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SUMMARY

The Wallace Adams Service Station is a significant representation of the commercial development in downtown Texarkana, Arkansas. Constructed c.1929, the building is the only remaining example of an early automobile service station constructed in the central business district of the city. The building possesses **local significance** under **Criterion A** as a good example of the varied types of businesses historically constructed in Texarkana's downtown in this era. It is also locally significant under **Criterion C** as a good example of a brick service station utilizing elements of popular 1920s architectural designs in its brick patterns. It is consistent with the criteria established in the associated property type, Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas (see Texarkana multiple property group cover, Section F) and is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas, 1873-1958".

ELABORATION

The early history of Texarkana is inextricably linked to construction of the railroad to the area. The city of Texarkana grew out of construction camps that were established at the western end of the Cairo & Fulton railroad line and the eastern end of the Texas & Pacific line. The railroad companies began selling lots near the rail lines on both the Arkansas and Texas sides. Texarkana sits astride the boundary between Arkansas and Texas and is formally two cities in two states. State Line Avenue runs through the middle of the combined business section of Texarkana. Situated in the extreme southwest corner of Arkansas, Texarkana is less than thirty miles from Louisiana. It is fairly accepted that the name of Texarkana was derived from the three states.

The coming of the railroad to southwest Arkansas opened the opportunity to harvest the vast timberlands of southern Arkansas. The railroads enabled the lumber to be shipped to distant markets and local industry boomed. Nearby farmers also found the railroad presented opportunities for them to ship cotton and other products. The railroad also brought an influx of new residents to the town. Those who had invested in the railroad and timberland in the area gained great wealth and were able to build substantial businesses and homes in the town.

As an important railroad junction, Texarkana grew rapidly from its beginnings in 1873, and by the 1920s was a major railroad hub in its tri-state location. The downtown flourished with hotels, restaurants, and entertainment for the traveler. Texarkana is laid out along the angle of the railroad tracks with Union Station straddling the southern end of State Line Avenue and the Federal Post Office and Courthouse on the northern end. Although laid out in a grid pattern, the streets of downtown Texarkana run diagonally, northeast to southwest. Warehouses and industrial buildings were located along the rail lines on Front Street, many of which have been razed. Broad Street, one block north of Front Street, became the center of business and retains much of its historic built environment on both the Arkansas and Texas sides.

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In the first three decades of the twentieth century, Texarkana grew and prospered. The economy of Texarkana, like the rest of the country, suffered during the Great Depression of the 1930s, but rebounded during the years of World War II. Construction of the Red River Army Depot and the Lone Star Ammunition Plant and the importance of the rail lines for transportation of military personnel, goods and supplies caused business and employment in Texarkana to remain stable during the war years.

Texarkana continued to experience growth after the end of World War II as the city continued to spread. The center of commerce remained downtown until the 1960s, when U.S. Interstate 30 was constructed to the north of the city limits. Systematically, growth and relocation to the new transportation corridor affected the growth patterns of the city as many downtown businesses relocated near the new highway. However, downtown remained and continues to remain the governmental center of the city with the presence of both municipalities' city halls, and Federal government offices. Although not still the vibrant retail business center it once was, downtown Texarkana still retains much of its historic commercial fabric.

The Wallace Adams Service Station was built at a time when the economy and growth of Texarkana was booming. The 1920s saw significant expansion of the city and the construction of new amenities to accommodate the widespread use of automobiles as the major mode of local transportation. Immediately adjacent to a residential area, the building harmonizes in scale and materials. The Wallace Adams family lived in a house (razed) that was located immediately next door.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Wallace Adams Service Station is the only historic service station remaining in downtown Texarkana, Arkansas. Its architecture reflects the 1920s when filling stations were designed to harmonize with neighborhoods. The 523 E. Third Street Filling Station is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** for its stylistic brick detail and under **Criterion A** for its association with the development of Texarkana. The building is being submitted under the multiple property nomination *Historic Buildings of Texarkana, Arkansas, 1873-1958*.

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City Directories of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas, 1908-1958.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Texarkana, Arkansas: 1923, 1923/50, 1923/53.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

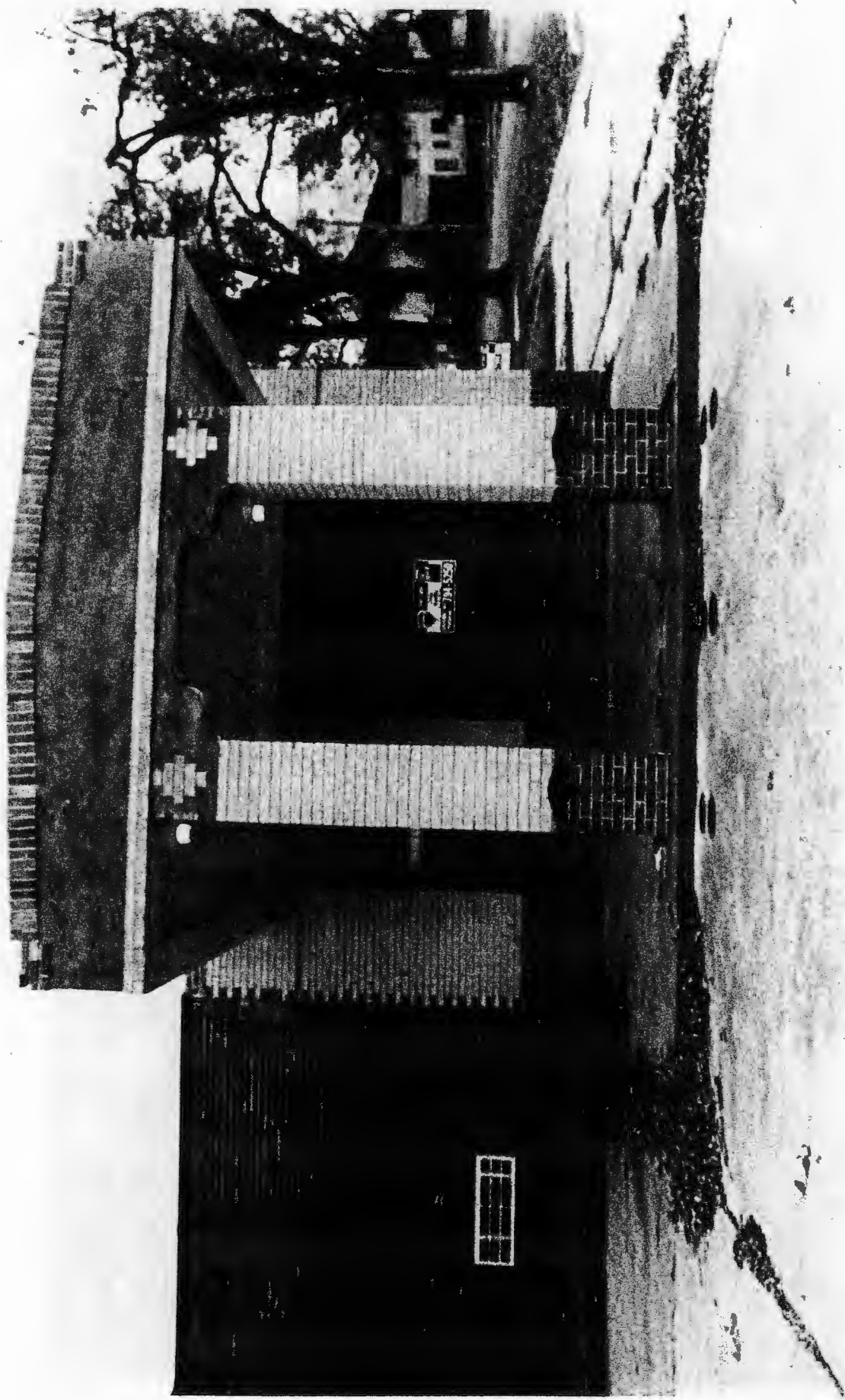
East 77.5 feet of Lot 6, Block 55, Original Town of Texarkana, Arkansas

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The property boundary is that which was historically associated with the Wallace Adams Filling Station at 523 E. 3rd Street.









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Duster City, Ark
UTM Reference

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