

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bates Tourist Court

other name/site number: SE0109

2. Location

street & number: Fair Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Marshall

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72650

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet

Cathryn A. Slater _____ 8-13-93
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): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: Hotel

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Stone roof Asphalt
walls Stone other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1935

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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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 southern edge of Fair Street with a perpendicular line running parallel with the westernmost building's western elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the buildings' southern elevations; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the easternmost 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 along the southern edge of Fair Street; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 08/12/93

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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Description

The Bates Tourist Court is composed of three small, single-story, wood frame and stone veneer rental cabins. The westernmost cabin is accessed via a central southern entrance and lit by a single central window on each of its other three sides. The central cabin is accessed via a central southern entrance and lit by a single central window in its western elevation. The easternmost cabin is accessed via an entrance in its southern elevation placed off-center to the west and lit by a single window in its western elevation placed off-center to the south. All are of a single-pen plan, covered with combination shingles, and supported by continuous stone foundations.

The original office building, located immediately to the west of the cabins, has been altered significantly over the years and is thus not included in the nomination.

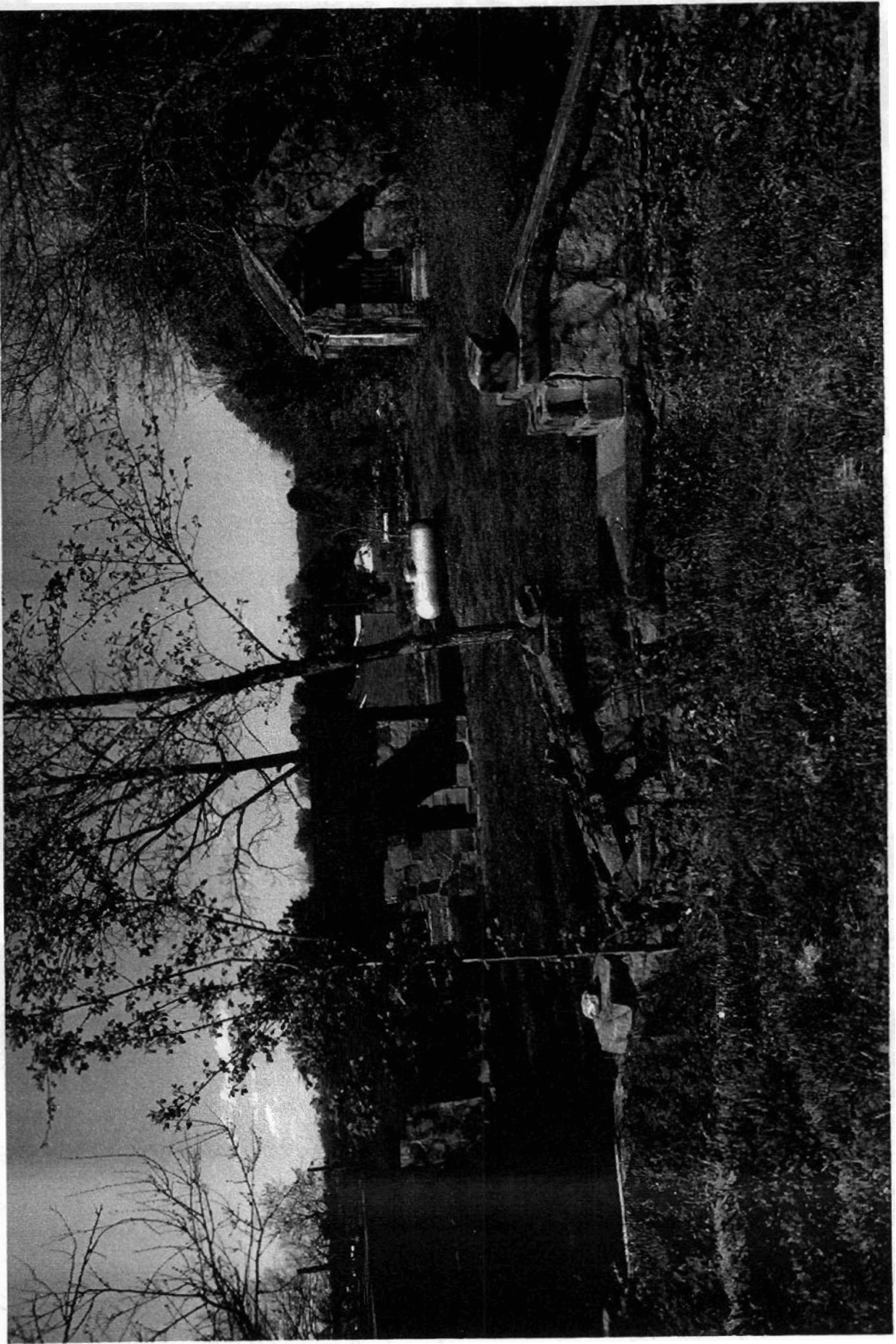
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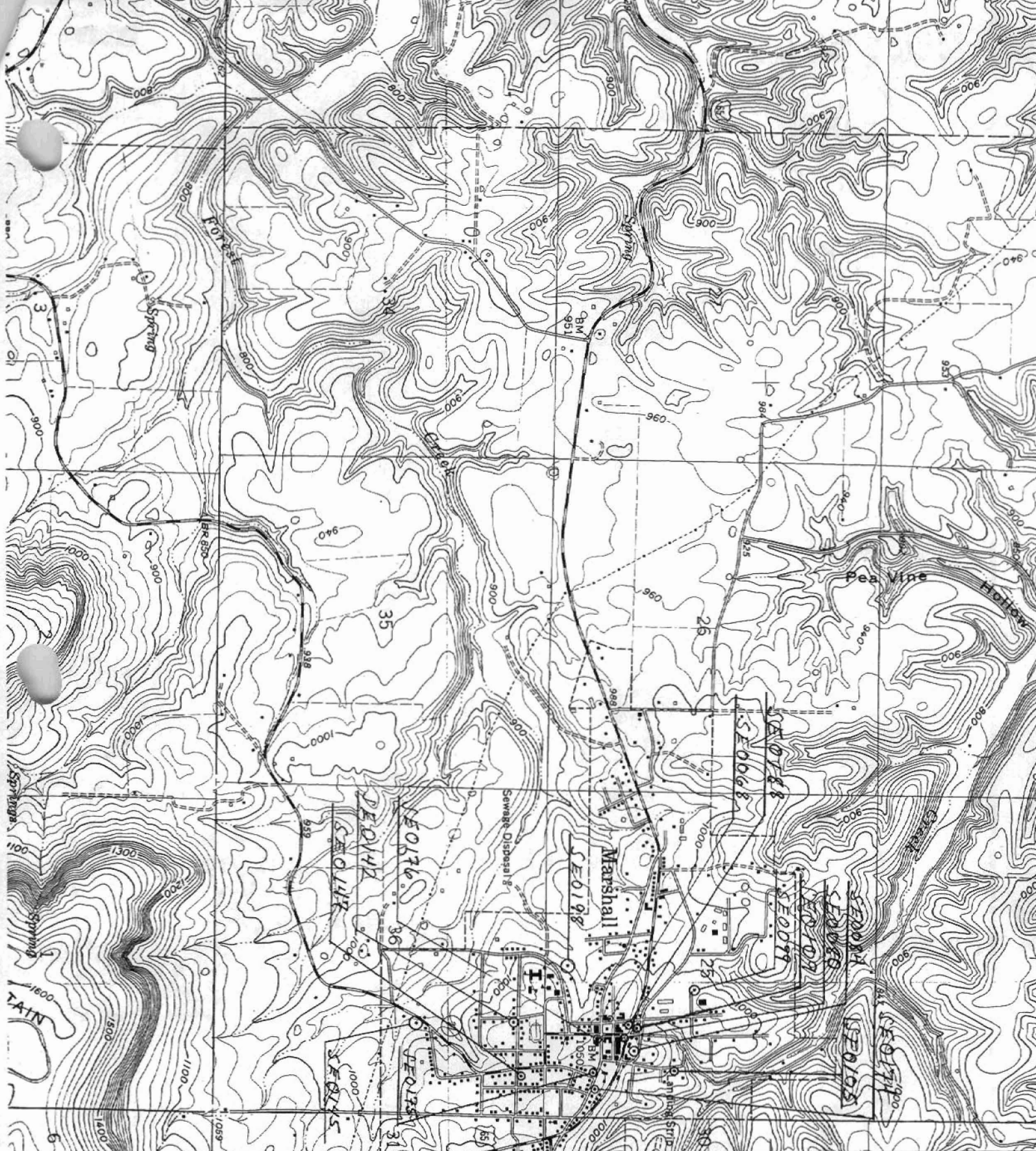
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Significance

The Bates Tourist Court, constructed in 1935 and originally owned by local resident Delbert Bates, is one of the few surviving examples of an historic tourist court in Searcy County, and certainly one of the best preserved. Though the actual builder is unknown, the construction date of 1935 and its status as one of the few surviving examples of tourist court architecture represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide economic decline, some construction continued. With the long-standing presence of the railroad and the growing influence of the automobile, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As a particularly good example of tourist court architecture, and the most intact example in the community of Marshall, the Bates Tourist Court is locally significant under Criterion C.







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SE 0099	15/533040/3974210
SE 0105	55/533010/3973920
SE 0109	15/533420/3973920
SE 0142	15/533190/3973320
SE 0145	15/533450/3973270
SE 0147	15/533460/3973350
SE 0174	15/533510/3973710
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