

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Meek Building
other names/site number Hogg Building (SE0351)

2. Location

street & number North Corner of Main Street and Oak Street not for publication
city or town Leslie vicinity
state Arkansas code AR County Searcy code 129 zip code 72645

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.)

Catherine Matthews 9/28/00
Signature of certifying official/Title 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

Meek Building

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Searcy County, Arkansas

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

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

N/A

Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: 20th Century Commercial

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

STONE

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

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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 moved from its original location.
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

Period of Significance

1907

Significant Dates

1907, 1912

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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

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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Table with 3 columns: Zone, Easting, Northing. Row 1: 15, 539740, 3964960. Row 2: blank.

Table with 3 columns: Zone, Easting, Northing. Row 3: blank. Row 4: blank.

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.)

Beginning at the corner of Lot No. 1, in Block No. 6 on the corner of Main and Oak Streets; thence North 37 degrees 45 minutes East 40 feet with Oak Street; thence North 52 degrees 15 minutes West 50 feet; thence North 37 degrees 45 minutes East 20 feet; thence North 52 degrees 15 minutes West 25 feet; thence South 37 degrees 45 minutes West 60 feet; thence South 52 degrees 15 minutes East 75 feet to the point of beginning, being Part of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block No. 6, in the original Town of Leslie, Arkansas.

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SUMMARY

The c. 1907 Meek Building in Leslie, Searcy County, is a prominent commercial building located on the north corner of Main and Oak Streets. The outstanding feature of this red brick two-story building is its beveled corner entrance. The Meek Building has suffered some deterioration. Until recently its original upper story windows were replaced by false-muntin windows and rough-sawn lumber concealed the first story transom windows. However in 1998 with help from a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the windows were replaced with one-over-one pane wood-framed windows that conform to the original style found on the building and the lumber was removed revealing the original configuration of transom windows.

ELABORATION

The c. 1907 Meek Building in Leslie, Searcy County, is a prominent commercial building located on the north corner of Main and Oak Streets. The vernacular two-story building is constructed of load-bearing brick resting on a continuous brick foundation and is covered by a built-up tar roof set behind a parapet. The fundamentally rectangular plan is oriented with its shorter storefront side facing toward Oak Street, and its beveled entrance bay facing the intersection of Oak Street and Main Street. The northwestern and northeastern walls are faced with fieldstone. At some point in the history of the building, the original five posts that supported a metal awning were removed and replaced by suspension cables. The present awning wraps around the corner and extends one third of the southwestern façade and the full length of the southeastern facade. In 1998 the twelve false-muntin windows were replaced with historic one-over-one pane wood-framed windows with help from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Also during the recent restoration, several non-historic panels of rough-sawn lumber were removed from the first story revealing the original two-light transoms.

The beveled entrance bay is oriented toward the intersection of Oak and Main Streets between the southwestern and northeastern elevations. The present aluminum framed glass door with sidelights replaced a double-leaf entrance. The original two-light transom remains intact above the entryway.

The southeastern elevation is situated towards Oak Street and contains the principal storefront. The first story is composed of a single-leaf door centered between for large store-front windows. The original door is a single light wooden door that remains intact, but is covered with plywood. Above in the second story fenestration is composed of four one-over-one windows. Concrete lintels and sills highlight the windows.

The southwestern elevation is quite similar to the southeastern elevation except that it contains one large stationary window with transom. This window is closest to the corner beveled entrance. To the west on this elevation are two single-leaf doors with concrete lintels. These entrances are boarded up. One entry will be exposed to allow for an

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exterior access to the upstairs. Between the store front window and the doors is a Coca-Cola advertisement painted directly on the building. Above on the second story are four evenly spaced bays of windows. The center windows are paired and are flanked by single windows. Like the southeastern elevation, all windows retain their concrete lintels.

Northwestern and northeastern elevations are covered with fieldstone connected to the red brick along the edges in a quoin effect. The northeastern elevation shares a party wall with a one-story commercial building. Attached to the northwestern elevation is a storage building sheathed in corrugated metal and covered by a shed roof with exposed rafter ends. A warehouse building was original to the building, but was destroyed in the 1912 fire and was rebuilt at a later date. The architectural footprint of the current storage building is shown on the Sanborn Insurance Company map of February 1914. The only exterior feature of the shed is a single leaf entrance on the southwestern elevation. The shed does not contribute to this nomination with its current sheathing of corrugated metal.

The first floor of the interior is currently used as both a soda fountain and an antique store. This area of the interior retains the hardwood floors, beaded board ceiling, and a wood and tin lined built-in icebox. Two display freezers that date to the 1940s are still in use downstairs. Upstairs historic features include an embossed tin ceiling, several of the original doors with transom windows, and a hardwood floor.

Integrity

The Meek Building has been a prominent feature in the town of Leslie since its construction circa 1907, it still retains integrity of location and setting as it is nestled in downtown Leslie, Arkansas. The vast majority of non-historic changes that were made to the building have recently been corrected restoring the historical appearance of the building and which further amplifies the historic character of this building. The newly restored building beautifully displays the workmanship, design features and materials used by the architect and builder.

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SUMMARY

The c. 1907 Meek Building in Leslie, Searcy County, is a prominent commercial building located on the north corner of Main and Oak Street. The outstanding feature of this red brick two-story building is its beveled corner entrance. In 1998 non-historic changes including boarded windows and false-muntin windows were corrected with a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. The Meek building now reflects its historic appearance. The building is being elevated from the Arkansas Register of Historic Places to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **local significance** for its longstanding presence as a prominent building in the town of Leslie.

ELABORATION

Prior to its designation as the southern terminus of the Missouri & North Arkansas line, Leslie consisted of just four stores, a gristmill, a flourmill, a blacksmith shop and a post office. Soon after its incorporation on 19 June 1902, and the arrival of the railroad the following years, Leslie quickly developed into a thriving community and the largest city in the county. Estimates range from 4,500 to 10,000 people just prior to World War I. Soon after the tracks were laid, the H. D. Williams Cooperage Company moved its barrel-making operations from Poplar Bluff Missouri to Leslie, where it quickly grew into the largest cooperage company west of the Mississippi and the county's largest employer. Related industries were established in Leslie as well, including four large stave plants, a hub factory, and other small timber mills, and flour and sawmills. Over 130,000 acres of timberland were purchased to the west and south of town, more than 500 Leslians were employed by the timber industry, and settlers began to pour into Searcy County from throughout the Ozarks. As the railroad expanded beyond Leslie, several hundred men were employed in laying track on the route through Rumley to Shirley and beyond. Leslie's population exploded to several thousand.

Based on research, the Meek Building could have been constructed as early as 1903. The Mountain Wave Newspaper describes that four stores were already present in the town

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and that five large brick businesses were under construction. In 1907 Roy C. Meek bought the property from G. T. Blair, but again there is no concrete evidence to show that a building was present in two business advertisements as the "Meek Building." Roy C. Meek opened the R.C. Meek's Grocery Company on the first store and rented the upper story to the telephone exchange and other offices.

On 22 January 1912, a fire ignited in the commercial district of Leslie sometime in the late night or early morning. According to the *Arkansas Gazette*, 23 January 1912: "The following buildings were destroyed: Russ Shoe Store, Porch Drug Store, post office building, vacant building adjoining the hotel, Meeks warehouse, Crampton's hotel, and the office of Dr. Hollabaugh. The first four store buildings were two-story brick, the remainder being frame."

Fortunately the Meek Building was the last building on the row, and withstood the fire. In 1914 and 1919 Sandborn Fire Insurance maps clearly show the Meek Building at the north corner of Main and Oak Street with empty lots to the northwest. The present structure of the town is still evidence to the 1912 first because while there are many older commercial buildings on the northeastern side of Oak Street, the Meek Building is the only historic building located on the northwestern side of Main Street. Today, to the northwest of the Meek Building's warehouse is a modern post office building, presumably built on the same lot as the original one.

On 5 February 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Meek sold their building to Mr. G.W. Hogg, the town mayor. The Hoggs opened the G.W. Hogg Meat Market, and the upstairs continued to be used as offices including that of D.T. Cotton Lawyer.

In recent times the building was called the "Carousel Building" and the "Corner Pocket." The "Carousel" name pertained to a soda fountain, ice cream parlor and antique business and the latter name referred to a pool hall. Today the building is once again known as the "Carousel" and is an ice cream soda fountain and antique business.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Meek Building remains significant architecturally by virtue of its status as a prominent corner building in the town of Leslie and as the only building on the northwestern side of Main Street to survive the 1912 fire. In 1998 with help from a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program twelve non-historic false-muntin windows were replaced with historically accurate one-over-one pane windows. For this reason the Meek Building originally listed on the Arkansas Register is being nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C**.

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Antiques & Collectibles

Ice Cream Soda Fountain
Homemade
Sandwiches
Fudge

Closed

THE CAROUSEL



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*Ice Cream Soda Fountain
Specialty Homemade
Sandwiches*

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Coca-Cola

Closed







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(HARRIET)

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