

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 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 Booth-Weir House  
other names/site number Resource # WH0016

2. Location

street & number West First Street  not for publication N/A  
city, town McRae  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas  
Number 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.  
Cathryn A. Boyd 5-12-90  
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 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/ Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Irregular Plan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick  
walls novelty siding  
roof asphalt siding  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**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)

COMMERCE  
HEALTH/MEDICINE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1911-1914  
1915-1939  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

N/A  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

Booth, William. Weir, Dr. Vivian W.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Blevins, Forest  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References**

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B 

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C 

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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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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. Even though the Booth-Weir House has been somewhat architecturally altered it is still reflective of the time these gentlemen were prominent McRae citizens.

Located on W. First Street, this building was constructed less than two blocks southwest of where the McRae railroad depot once stood. This house is one and one-half stories tall, frame, and irregularly shaped. The hip roof slopes downward and terminates with gable wings; the entire roof is covered with composition shingles. The walls are still clad with novelty siding and the entire structure rests on brick piers. It was constructed in 1911, and is still in good condition.

The main, or south, elevation of the structure is dominated by two gable ends; one is a gable wing while the other is the porch roof. The lone window on this elevation is a single centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window that is located in the gable end wing. The gable end of the porch is supported by non-historic wrought iron posts and is decorated with geometrically shaped wood shingles. There are two doors leading onto the porch; the one on the south elevation of the house is the more ornate of the two. It is flanked by two-pane sidelights with wooden kicks and capped by a three-pane transom. The east elevation of the structure is fenestrated with one-over-one double-hung sash windows.

An original gable roof portion of the building extends from the north elevation of the structure. A large window was originally located in the center of the gable end but it has since been replaced by a smaller paired one-over-one double-hung sash window. Shed roof porches originally flanked this section of the building but they have since been enclosed. Only the eastern porch is accessible from the outside but both porches are fenestrated with symmetrically placed windows that are similar to the ones found on the rear gable end. The original turned posts can still be seen on the western porch. The projecting gable roof bay on the west elevation of the original house has a chamfered southern corner. Both sides of this bay contain single one-over-one double-hung sash windows; a similar window is found just south of these on the main portion of the building.

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Significance

This building is being nominated under Criterion B with local significance because of the gentlemen who have lived here when they were prominent citizens of McRae.

Forest Blevins built this house in 1911 for Bill Booth. Booth was a fireman for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and one day was injured on the job. He was shovelling coal when he was thrown from the train and injured his back; he was allegedly awarded a large settlement as compensation. After his recovery he owned several businesses and property around McRae. His businesses included a sawmill, barber shop-confectionery, and a dry goods store. In 1915, Booth was the 1st vice president of the McRae State Bank. He also owned the town's first automobile and was one of the first McRae residents to have carbide lighting in his house. He was a partner in the town's carbide light plant. During the 1920's, Booth was the mayor of McRae. After his term he moved to Little Rock.

Dr. Vivian W. Weir moved into this house after Bill Booth moved into his new brick residence c. 1915. He, like Booth, was very important in McRae's history. Weir was born August 16, 1856, in Jackson, Tennessee. He eventually moved to Little Rock and studied to be a physician and surgeon. By the time he moved to McRae in 1914, he was a dentist as well. Dr. Weir allegedly never refused to see a patient that could not afford to pay for his services; he also would not charge for medicine dispensed on Sundays. In 1920, Dr. Weir was a member of the McRae Fruit and Truck Growers' Association. This organization was responsible for shipping almost thirty thousand crates of strawberries in 1921. He died in North Little Rock on April 8, 1946.

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UTM References:

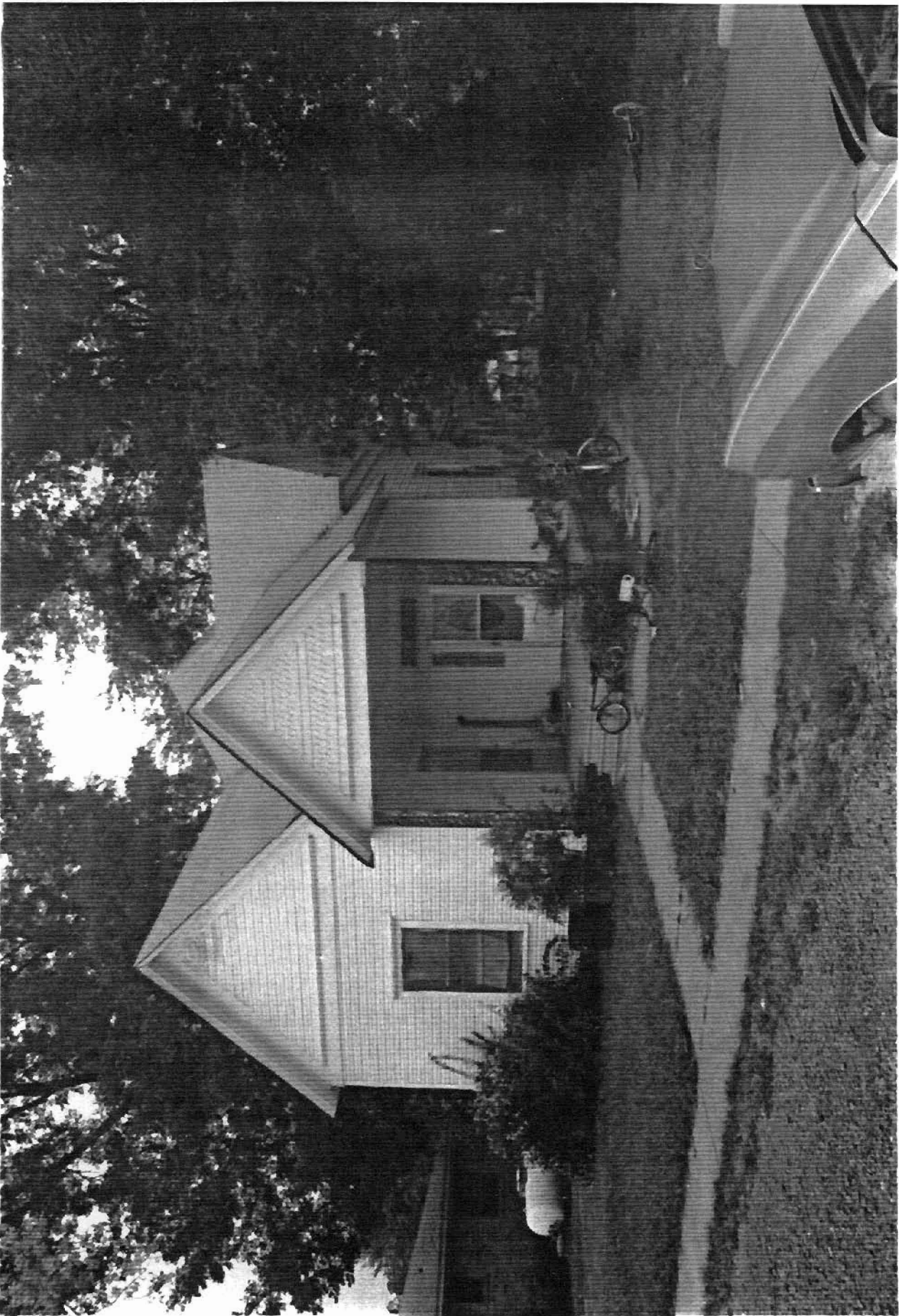
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 10 and the northern half of Lot 11, Block 7, Original Town of McRae, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.





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BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas

White County, Arkansas

- Resource # WH1636: 15/608690/3883980  
WH1631: 15/606880/3883890  
WH0013: 15/607280/3885900  
WH1699: 15/607360/3885880  
WH0016: 15/607980/3886770  
WH1719: 15/607430/3886040  
WH1740: 15/607700 /3886360

McRae Quadrangle  
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