

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 Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead
other names/site number Resource # WH0116

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A
city, town Steprock vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72159

3. Classification

Ownership of Property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	Category of Property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
		<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
		<u>2</u>	<u> </u> sites
		<u>3</u>	<u> </u> structures
		<u>0</u>	<u> </u> objects
			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.

Catherine 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

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/

Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular/ Double-Pen

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof metal

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)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

N/A c. 1880

Significant Dates

c. N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing			

B

Zone	Easting	Northing			

C

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

See continuation sheet

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Significance

The buildings of the Morris Hartsell Farmstead survive as the finest extant examples of early construction techniques within a single White County farmstead. The initial single log pen with its impressive stone chimney, followed by such typical "improvements" as the addition of a frame pen and weatherboarding throughout, is complemented by the huge braced frame, mortise and tenon barn which clearly dates to the 1880's and probably earlier. The unfortunate advanced state of deterioration of the barn actually aids the viewer in appreciating the quality of the construction and the expansiveness of the frame itself. All the included buildings are particularly good examples of the craftsmanship and skill of the earlier farmers who committed themselves to agrarian pursuits in the county.

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Description

The Morris Hartsell Farmstead consists of a main residence, a small equipment/storage shed, and a large, braced frame livestock/feed barn. It includes most of its original property: 31.94 acres, or the southeastern quarter of the southwestern quarter of Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 6 West, less approximately eight acres, which has been subdivided in the recent past.

The house is a single story, gable roof, double-pen residence, with the earlier, eastern pen constructed of hewn logs (half dovetail notching) and the later western pen of wood frame construction. The rear ell and the rooms behind the later pen also date from the c. 1880 remodeling of the original log pen. The only chimney is the original massive, stone exterior end chimney which adorns the eastern gable end of the house. The house is covered with a metal roof, sheathed with weatherboard, and supported upon stone piers.

The southern or front elevation is fundamentally symmetrical, with the two single-leaf entrances each flanked by two four-over-four wood sash windows. The windows in the newer, western pen, however, are placed slightly higher than those in the older, eastern pen. A continuous, single story, full-length shed roof porch shelters the entire elevation and is supported on solid wood posts. The northern elevation is fenestrated only by a central four-over-four wood sash window in the gable end of the ell and a square fixed wood window in the rear elevation of the attached shed to the west.

The eastern elevation features the massive stone chimney rising through the gable peak, flanked on either side by a square window opening (now filled). The rear ell is lighted by two four-over-four wood sash windows flanking a central single-leaf entry. The western elevation is lighted by a single central four-over-four wood sash window in the first floor of the gable end and two more identical windows flanking another single-leaf entry in the ell. The shed addition on the northern side of the gable end is blank.

The building has remained substantially unchanged since the 1880 expansion. A shed roof porch which projected from the eastern elevation of the rear ell has deteriorated and subsequently been removed.

The single story equipment/storage shed, located directly to the north (rear) of the house, is covered by a metal gable roof with attached side sheds. Though originally sheathed with board-and-batten, it is now covered with weatherboards. It is of wood frame construction and rests upon stone piers. It is relieved by three front entries and the eastern shed is open on that side.

The livestock/feed barn is a full two-and-one-half stories in height, covered with a metal gable roof with a ridgepole, and of mortise-and-tenon, braced frame construction. All interior fittings have been removed, leaving only the original structure itself, though it appears to have been a transverse crib plan. The exterior is sheathed in vertical boards and the structure rests upon stone piers. A hay hook remains attached to the ridgepole.

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A	15/619200/3921610	B	15/619200/3921300
C	15/619145/3921305	D	15/619145/3921220
E	15/619430/3921220	F	15/619425/3921290
G	15/619320/3921290	H	15/619320/3921320
I	15/619530/3921320	J	15/619525/3921620

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of State Highway 157 and County Road 513, proceed northerly along the eastern edge of State Highway 157 to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the adjacent modern building (not included); thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southeast corner of the adjacent modern building to the north (not included); thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 1,000 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to State Highway 157 to the south; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of 1,062 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to State Highway 157 to the west; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the adjacent modern storage buildings (not included); thence proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the westernmost modern storage building; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the storage building; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the modern facility (not included); thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of State Highway 157; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

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



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Steprock Quadrangle
1:24000















