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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 Watson, William Henry, Homestead
other names/site number Resource # WH0332

2. Location

street & number County Road 68
city, town Denmark
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72020

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0

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 38 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: [Signature]
Date: 5-17-90
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

In my opinion, the property meets (checked) 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.
[] determined eligible for the National Register.
[] 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)

VACANT/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular/ Dog-Trot

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
walls weatherboard
board and batten
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

c. 1890

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Watson, William Henry

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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Description

The William Henry Watson Homestead is a single story, wood frame dogtrot residence. It features the standard dogtrot plan, with two virtually identical pens flanking an open, central passageway, all of which is covered by a continuous gable roof. The smaller, interior brick chimney in the eastern pen and the fact that it was weatherboarded originally indicate that it was the later of the two pens. The western pen is heated by a massive, stone exterior end chimney and features its original board-and-batten exterior on the gable end and the rear shed, while the front beneath the porch is covered with weatherboard. The western pen also features both a front and side entry (opposite the chimney), while the eastern pen is entered only from the passageway. The continuous porch on the northern or front elevation is probably a form original to the building, though the flooring and roof supports appear to have been replaced in the relatively recent past. The rear shed on the western pen appears to be original, though the rear porch over the passageway is a more recent addition. The entire structure is covered with corrugated metal and supported on stone piers.

The entire building is lighted by four-over-four, double-hung wood sash windows. Two flank the front entrance of the western pen while two more provide the only relief to the northern elevation of the eastern pen. Both the western and eastern pens are lighted by another identical window toward the southern wall of their western and eastern elevations, respectively. One four-over-four double-hung wood sash window has been turned sideways and placed in the southern wall of the rear shed.

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Significance

The William Henry Watson Homestead is named for its builder and original inhabitant, about whom little else is known except for the fact that he was certainly a farmer. The main house which survives as an excellent, intact example of the common evolution of the dog-trot type of residence. This vernacular type was popular among the rural residents who settled White County during the Railroad Era and its appearance was once widespread throughout the county. The obvious "updating" of the residence to include a second, weatherboarded pen with its brick flue reveals the increasing fortunes of its owner and his desire to improve the residence. The William Henry Watson Homestead remains one of the finest examples of this house type from this era in White County; as such, it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acres of property: Less than one

UTM References

A 15/628010/3922790

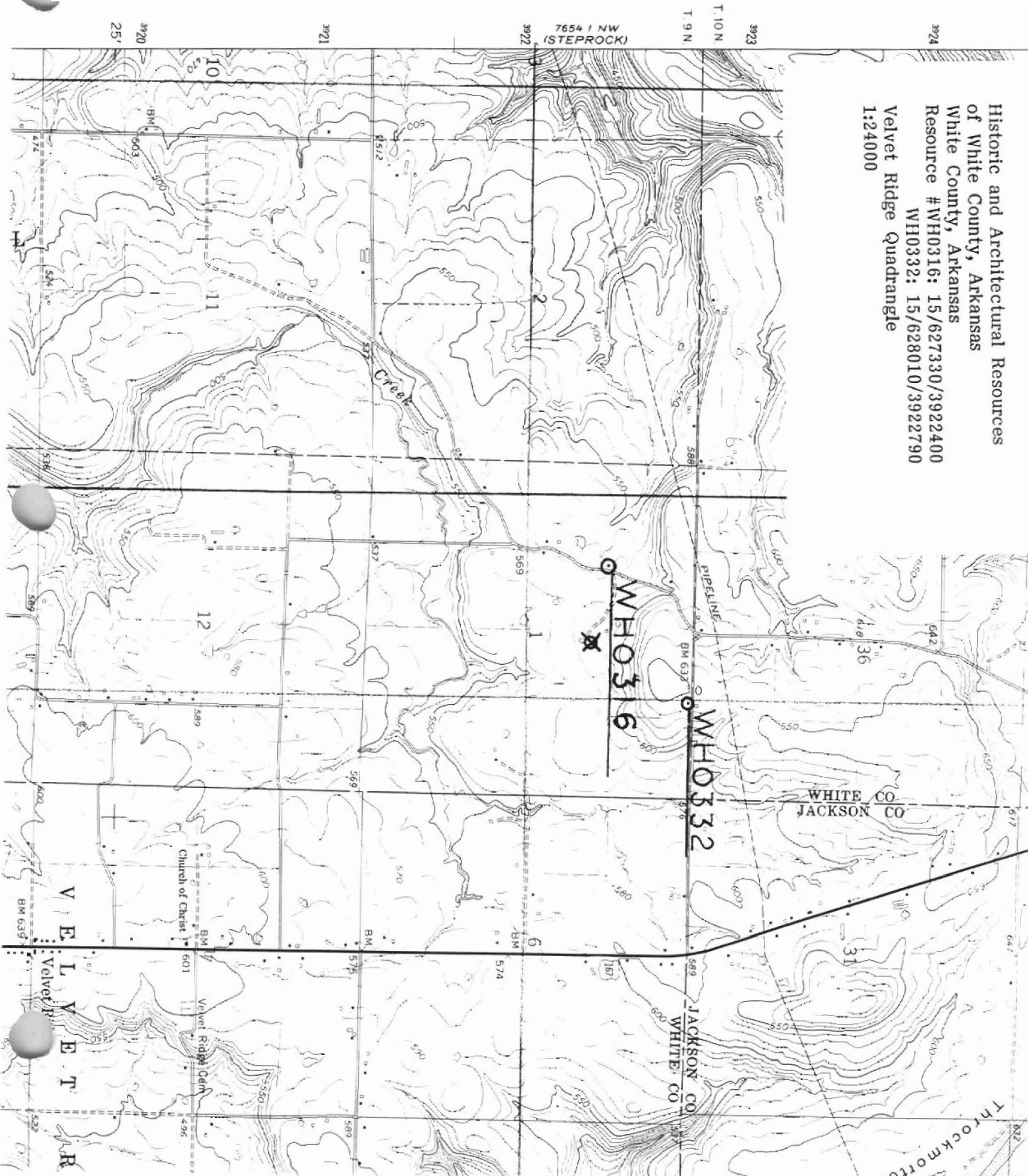
Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of County Road 68 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the house and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the house; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the house; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road 68; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas
White County, Arkansas
Resource # WH0316: 15/627330/3922400
WH0332: 15/628010/3922790
Velvet Ridge Quadrangle
1:24000



7654 1 NW
(STEPROCK)

T. 10 N
T. 9 N

R. 10 E
R. 9 E

WHITE CO
JACKSON CO

WH0332

WH0316

VELVET RIDGE

Throckmorton

