

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 Beebe Theater
other names/site number Resource # WH1357

2. Location

street & number Center Street not for publication N/A
city, town Beebe vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72012

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>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.
Clayton A. Buford 5-13-96
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)

Recreation and Culture/ Theater

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular commercial

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

stucco

roof asphalt

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. 1930

Significant Dates

c. 1930

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.

See continuation sheet

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
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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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

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Description

The Beebe Theater stands on Center Street in downtown Beebe, a small railroad town in White County. The circa 1930 building is of basically vernacular architecture with a few stylistic details on its front elevation. Although its present use is unknown, the theater is intact, has not been significantly altered, and is in relatively good condition.

Its two-story, rectangular floorplan is constructed of buff brick and stucco with a decorative brick panel separated by a single brick course above the second-story fenestration. A metal awning has been added to the front facade, which covers a slightly recessed, raised porch that holds the ticket window bay and two multi-paned french doors flanking it on either side. Another french door is located to the right of the porch area, with a six-over-six double-hung window to the left. The theater also has three brick interior chimneys, a brick foundation, and a flat, parapeted roof.

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Significance

The Beebe Theater is being nominated under National Register Criterion C with local significance because it is a good example of the commercial building practices of the first three decades of the twentieth century in small White County towns. It was the tradition among small town commercial builders at this time to construct simple, vernacular structures and then add a few architectural details, usually in the area above the second-story fenestration. The later addition of the metal awning is another embodiment of a type, period and method of construction, as it was a definite attempt to keep pace with current trends in movie theater design.

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Acreege of property: Less than one

UTM References:

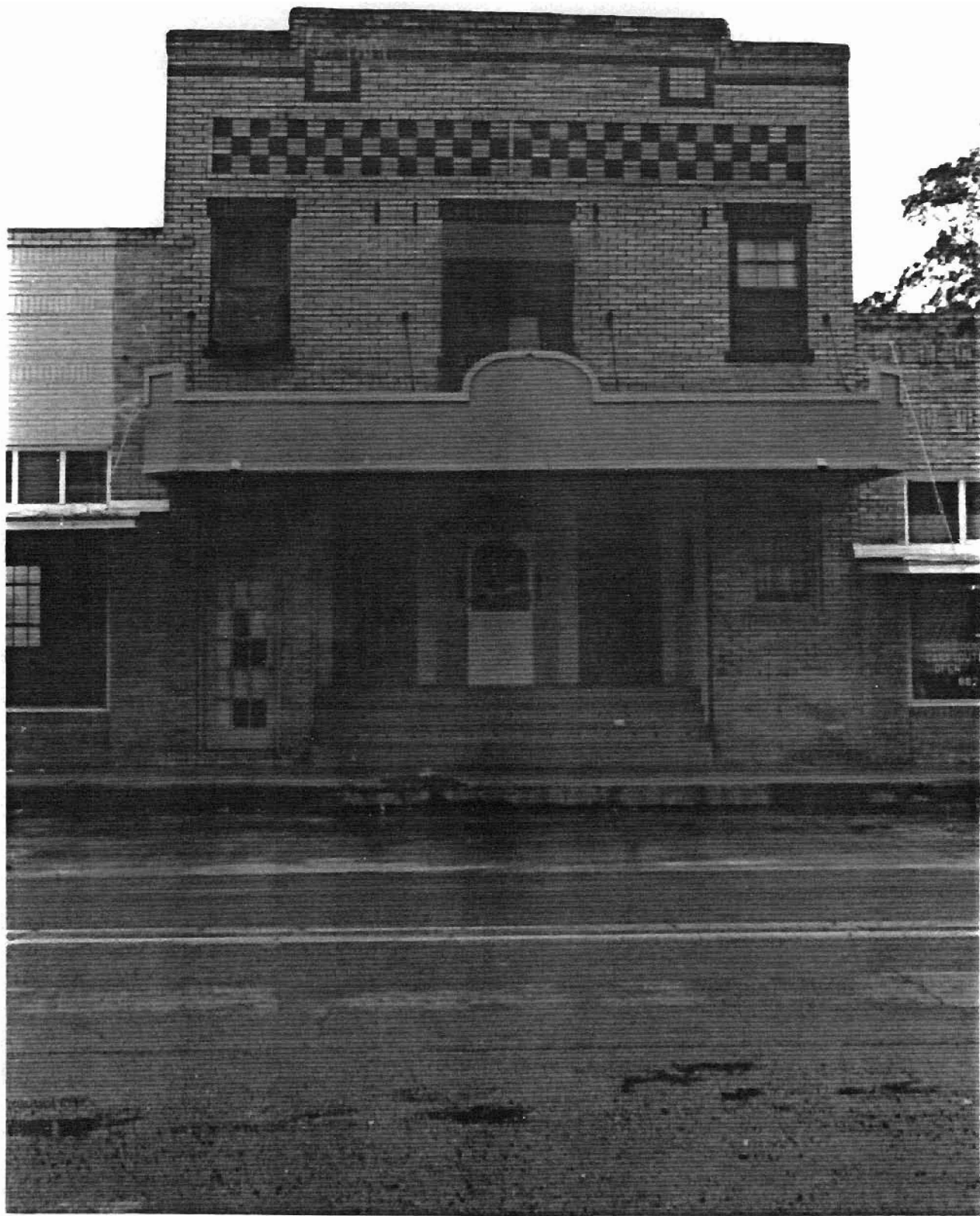
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 2, Original Town of Beebe.

Boundary Justification:

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



Historic Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas

- White County, Arkansas
Resource # WH1594: 15/602560/3880750
WH1497: 15/601210/3880950
WH1503: 15/601420/3881000
WH1508: 15/601350/3881050
WH1489: 15/601460/3881490
WH1446: 15/601830/3881340
WH1400: 15/602000/3881560
WH1357: 15/602180/3881280

WH1396: 15/601950/3881490
Beebe Quadrangle
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