

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 18). 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 Staggs-Huffaker Building

other names/site number Resource #WH1381

### 2. Location

street & number North Main and West Illinois Streets

not for publication N/A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

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

#### Category of Property

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

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<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.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Cathryn B. Buford  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5-17-90

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)

Commerce/ Trade/  
General Store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/ Not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Commercial Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete  
walls brick

roof asphalt  
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**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**

Acres 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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**B. 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

Significant Dates

c. 1880

c. 1880

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.

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Description

Commercial buildings of the Railroad Era (1870-1914) mirrored current architectural trends. Builders during this period in White County did not construct many high-style buildings; the Staggs - Huffacker Building is no exception to this.

Located on the south corner of N. Main and W. Illinois Streets, the Staggs - Huffacker Building is located in what was once the economic heart of Beebe. The building is two-stories tall, rectangular in shape with a chamfered corner and a shed roofed addition, and constructed of brick. Even though it was built in c. 1880, it is still in good condition. The storefront windows along Main St. have been replaced by single-pane fixed frame windows.

A wood shingled awning extends the length of the facade on the first floor. Second floor fenestration consists of two-over-two double-hung sash windows which appear to be original. Extending above these windows along the facade and onto the chamfered corner is a corbelled belt course. The flat with parapet roof has a corbelled cornice and a one-bay gabled portion which rises up from the center of main elevation's roof line.

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### Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1880, it was one of numerous businesses located along Main St. This street runs perpendicular to the Missouri-Pacific Railroad tracks and in fact crosses them near the depot. Because of its proximity to this beehive of activity, many businesses located on Main St. Architecturally, the Staggs - Huffacker Building is a good example of buildings constructed during this period. Also, it is one of only eleven relatively unaltered Railroad Era commercial buildings which survives in town.

Throughout the years, this building has housed a variety of businesses on its first and second floors. The ground floor, for example, has played host to a restaurant, stationary store, furniture store, and a dry goods store while the upper floor has been occupied by a furniture store, movie theater, and a hardware and millinery store.

The building was named after Ray Huffacker and his cousin Paul Staggs; they originally operated a hardware store in this building.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/602080/3881260

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 10, Block 3, Original City of Beebe.

Boundary Justification:

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



VARIETY



of White County, Arkansas  
 White County, Arkansas  
 Resource

- WHI1412: 15/601940/3882060
- WHI1596: 15/602400/3880180
- WHI1393: 15/602280/3880950
- WHI1380: 15/602040/3881290
- WHI1381: 15/602080/3881260
- WHI1368: 15/602510/3881300
- WHI1449: 15/602250/3881450
  
- WHI536: 15/601750/3881490
- WHI443: 15/601580/3880960
- WHI587: 15/602400/3880180

Beebe Quadrangle  
 1:24000

