

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 Hoofman, Arthur W., House
other names/site number Resource # WH2054

2. Location

street & number E. Race and N. Cross
city, town Searcy
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [x] private, [] public-local, [] public-State, [] public-Federal
Category of Property: [x] building(s), [] district, [] site, [] structure, [] object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (1), Noncontributing (0), Total (1)

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 [x] 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 [x] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: [Signature]
Date: 5-13-90
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)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/
English Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick/ stucco

roof asphalt shingle

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. 1931

Significant Dates

c. 1931

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Mr. Kayler

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

See continuation sheet

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The Arthur W. Hoofman House is a one-and-one-half story, brick English Revival residence. Its irregular roofline, composed of parallel and intersecting gables of different heights and asymmetrically-placed chimneys, belies the virtually rectangular plan of the house. An exterior, stepped brick chimney is placed toward the west on the northern or front elevation and an interior square brick chimney rises from the western slope of the intersecting rear ell. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are constructed of tapestry brick, and the continuous foundation is formed from poured concrete.

The northern or front elevation is composed of an arched entry to the east, which accesses a recessed porch, a projecting, gable roof, arched entrance porch, and a western wall divided by a stepped brick chimney with concrete offsets. The eastern recessed porch entry is formed by brick piers and features a low, decorative brick balustrade built of tapestry bricks which form low, squat columns. The gable roof entrance porch features a steep gable roof and an entrance arch accented by a tall, decorative keystone and springers. The chimney to the west rises through a blank stuccoed dormer and is punctuated with a blind arch which is also accented with a decorative keystone. Two pair of twelve-pane wood casement windows flank the chimney and complete the elevation.

The eastern elevation consists of the one-and-one-half rear shed at the southern end, the side wall of the gable in the center, and the two gable ends to the north. The rear hipped roof addition is sheathed with novelty siding on the upper half-story and fenestrated with two pair of nine-over-one wood sash windows on each floor. The side wall of the intersecting rear gable is symmetrically fenestrated, with two pair of nine-over-one wood sash flanking a central one-over-one wood sash window. The two northern gable ends are placed so that the southernmost is flush with the side wall of the rear gable while the northern gable projects slightly. The gable ends are decorated with half-timbering and stucco in their pediments. The northern gable features a simple arched porch opening while the larger gable end to the south is accessed by two identical arched openings decorated with formed concrete springers.

The rear addition extends across the width of the southern elevation and is composed of a western shed section in addition to the hipped roof section. It features a central entry in the hipped roof section flanked by two pairs of one-over-one sash windows and another entry in the shed roof section.

The western elevation is composed of the southern one-and-one-half story shed roof section, the side of the rear gable roof section and the end of the front intersecting gable. The gable end is decorated with half-timbering in the pediment and fenestrated with a pair of twelve-pane casement windows. A group of three windows is placed in the center of the side wall of the rear gable ell and a smaller one-over-one sash window is placed to the south. A pair of one-over-one sash windows in the side wall and a single one-over-one sash window in the upper part of the shed section complete the elevation.

With the exception of the shed section of the rear addition and the replacement of some of the windows, the Arthur W. Hoofman House is intact. It is in good condition.

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Criterion C, local significance

The Arthur W. Hoofman House (Part E, Historic Context #4) was constructed by a builder known only as Mr. Kayler and was named for the client who commissioned it as his private residence. Arthur W. Hoofman was an agricultural entrepreneur who cultivated strawberry plants and shipped them to other growers in both the United States and abroad during the time of the strawberry boom in White County.

The Arthur W. Hoofman House is significant as the best high-style English Revival design in this neighborhood of Searcy. However, it is significant also for its associations with the local building trade which grew in response to the needs of the growing middle class for high quality yet economical homes.

The improvements in both transportation and communication not only encouraged the dissemination of new architectural styles but also increased the availability and lowered the cost of various building materials and prefabricated architectural elements. A variety of entrepreneurs sought to attract new homeowners through being able to take advantage of these conditions and offer a new stylish home design at a reasonable cost without the expense of an architect or craftsman builder. The result was the smaller scale suburban home. These home designs exhibited a significant amount of detail and bespoke a certain level of owner status while being generally affordable.

Of particular favor among such homeowners was the English Revival style. Frequently constructed of brick, it was available at a reasonable cost and recalled the large Tudor style homes that were being designed for wealthier suburbanites around the United States. The Arthur W. Hoofman House is a remarkably intact and high-quality example of this trend.

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Acres of property: Less than one

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

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























