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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 Brooks House other names/site number Resource # WH2080

2. Location

street & number 704 E Market city, town Searcy state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Number of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

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: Catherine St. Bernard Date: 5-23-90

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official Date

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)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals/
English Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

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. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1935

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

C

B
Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Description

The Brooks House is a single story, wood frame English Revival residence. Its perpendicular gable roof principal components combine with the central, projecting front gable and porch to form a Latin cross plan with a small, hipped roof rear wing. A brick exterior end chimney rises through the ridge on the western gable end and another interior brick chimney rises from the western slope of the rear gable. The roof material is composition shingles, the walls are faced with brick, and the continuous foundation is formed from cast concrete.

The southern or front elevation is divided into three sections by the projecting central gable roof bay and its western gable roof entrance porch. The wall to the west is fenestrated with a segmental wall dormer filled with a group of three wood sash windows composed of a central six-over-one window flanked by two four-over-one windows. The original arched window in the wall to the east has been boarded up. The central gable roof bay features the lower, projecting, stuccoed gable roof porch to the west, into which arched openings provide access on all three sides; the front arch is faced with fieldstone. The eastern side of the bay is fenestrated by a window grouping identical to that in the western end of the wall. The entrance door is lighted with three vertical panes in the upper half. Both verges are decorated with simple round pendants.

The western elevation is composed of the gable end to the south and the side wall of the intersecting rear gable roof section. The gable end is lighted with two six-over-one wood sash windows flanking the central stepped chimney, which is decorated with concrete offsets. The pediment is stuccoed. The wall to the north is lighted with two pair of six-over-one wood sash windows and the original opening in the northern end has been bricked over. The side of the hipped roof rear wing is blank.

The northern elevation is blank except for a central pair of six-over-one wood sash windows in the hipped roof wing.

The eastern elevation is very similar to the western elevation, the only exceptions being the lack of the chimney in the gable end and the recessed porch near the end of the elevation. The side of the rear wing is lighted with a pair of six-over-one wood sash windows.

The Brooks House is intact and unaltered with the exception of the two filled-in windows; it is in good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Brooks House (Part E, Historic Context #4) 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 Brooks House is a remarkably intact and high-quality example of this trend.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References

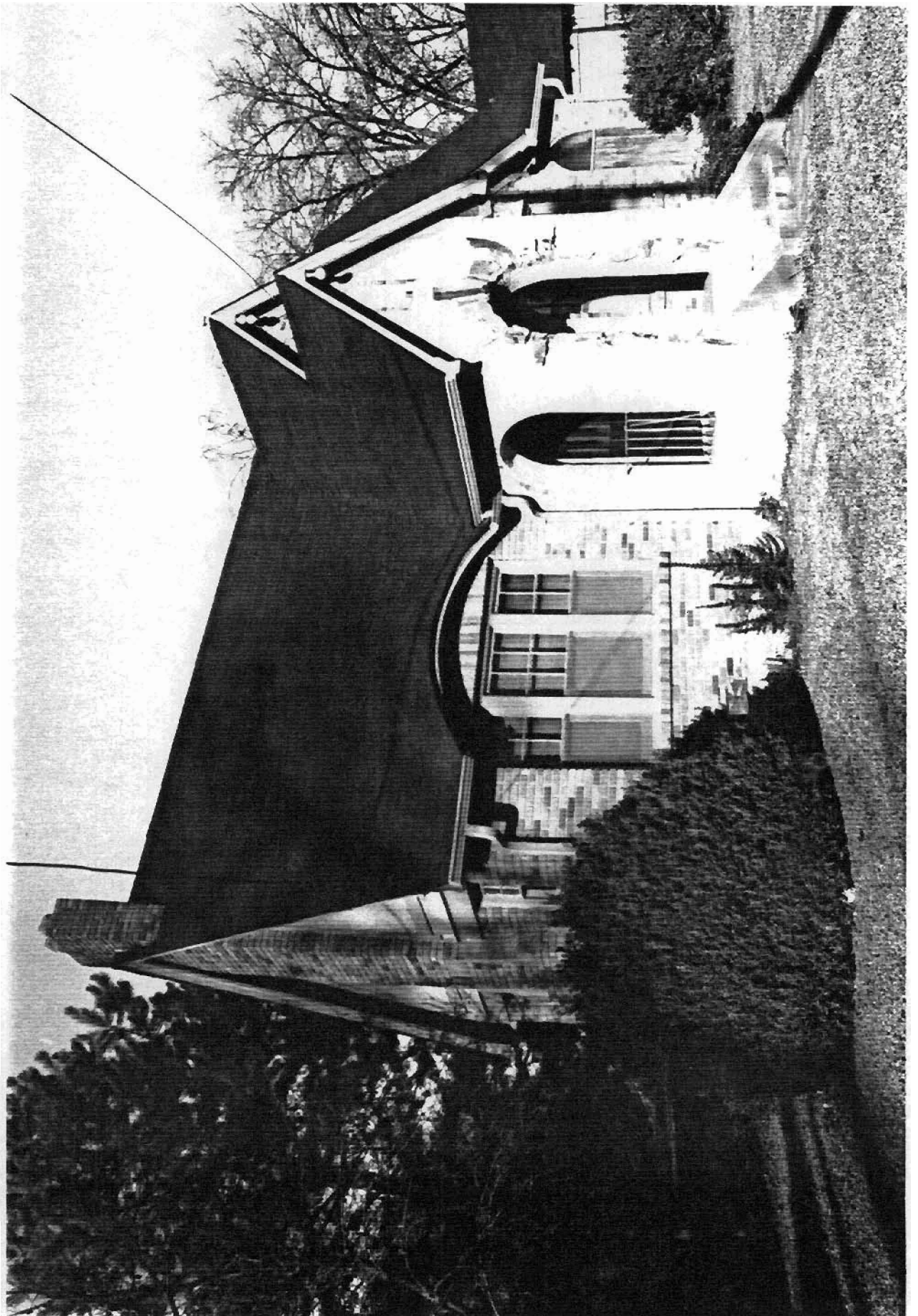
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of East Market Street with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the house and located 50 feet to the west thereof; proceed northerly 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 northern 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 southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with the northern edge of East Market Street; 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.



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