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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 Watkins, Tom, House

other names/site number Resource # WH2084

2. Location

street & number Oak & Race Streets not for publication N/A

city, town Searcy vicinity N/A

state Arkansas code AR county _____ code 145 zip code 72143

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>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ 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

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.

Cathryn A. Byrd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90
Date

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)

Commerce/ Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century

American Movements/ Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof ceramic tile

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. 1920

Significant Dates

c. 1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Thompson, Charles L.

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

11. Form Prepared By

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Description

The Tom Watkins House is a two story, structural brick wall, Craftsman residence. The fundamentally rectangular plan of the gable roof main house block has been augmented with a wrap-around porch/carport and a rear gable roof ell and shed. Both brick chimneys are on the exterior of the house, the larger of the two being attached to the back of the main house block and the other on the gable end of the rear ell. The roof material is ceramic tile, the walls are brick, and the continuous foundation is formed from poured concrete.

The front or southern elevation features the shed roof, single story, brick wrap-around porch and carport at the southwest corner and the main block of the house to the east. The porch is supported on brick piers and features exposed rafters. The house roof displays exposed rafters also and is fenestrated with one-over-one wood sash windows and eight-pane casement windows.

The eastern elevation is fenestrated with a central group of eight-pane casement windows on each floor and those on the first floor are each surmounted by a pair of square panes. The western elevation is lighted with a pair of one-over-one wood sash windows beneath the porch on the first floor and a group of eight-pane casement windows on the upper story. The eaves are decorated with simple wood brackets.

The northern elevation is composed of the rear gable roof ell and the single story inserted shed. The elevation is fenestrated with a variety of multi-pane sash and casement windows and features an entry in the eastern end of the gable ell.

The Tom Watkins House is largely unaltered; it is in good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Tom Watkins House (Part E, Historic Context #4), designed by Little Rock architect Charles L. Thompson, is the best example in Searcy of a two story, structural brick wall Craftsman style residence. It is typical of the early character of the Craftsman style in that there is a greater emphasis on the irregularity of both elevation and floor plan, and a concomitant emphasis upon quality materials and design to produce relatively sophisticated, ambitious, and informed architectural statements. Later the tendency toward picturesque, irregular compositions would trickle down to smaller commissions and designs if not the desire for the quality materials and expensive detail.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/615220/3901410

Verbal Boundary Description:

The southern 17 feet of Lot 2 and Lots 3-5, Block 34, Original Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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





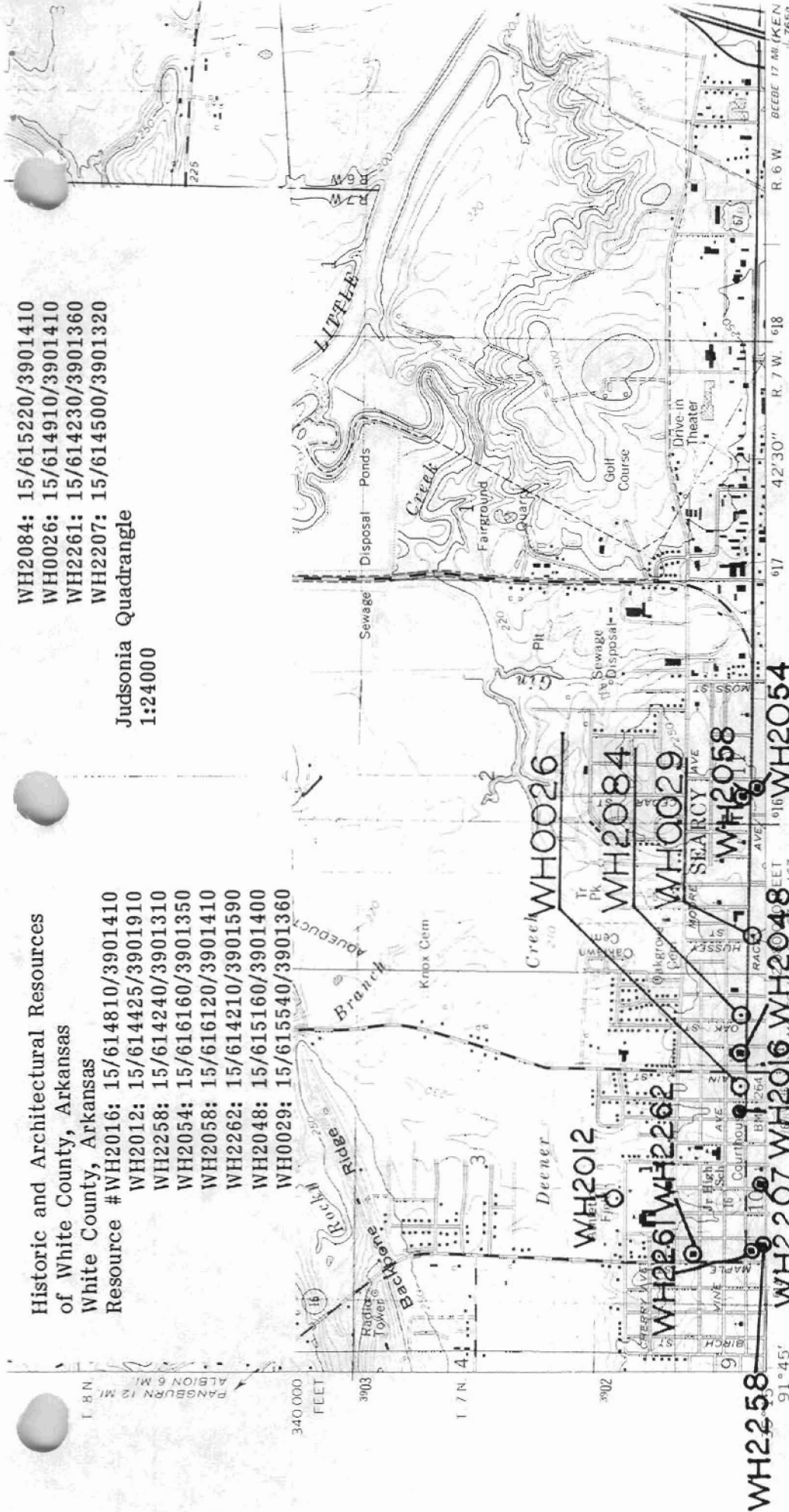


**Historic and Architectural Resources
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Resource #**

- WH2016: 15/614810/3901410
- WH2012: 15/614425/3901910
- WH2258: 15/614240/3901310
- WH2054: 15/616160/3901350
- WH2058: 15/616120/3901410
- WH2262: 15/614210/3901590
- WH2048: 15/615160/3901400
- WH0029: 15/615540/3901360

- WH2084: 15/615220/3901410
- WH0026: 15/614910/3901410
- WH2261: 15/614230/3901360
- WH2207: 15/614500/3901320

**Judsonia Quadrangle
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

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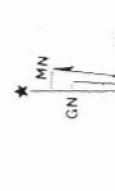
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12 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

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1980. Map edited 1981. This information not field checked

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