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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 Lightle, Ben, House
other names/site number Resource #WH2143

2. Location

street & number North Locust & East Market Streets not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

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>0</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> objects
			<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 80. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Bryant 5-13-90
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)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular/ Folk Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls novelty siding

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

1898

Significant Dates

1898

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

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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Description

During the Railroad Era (1870-1914) in White County a variety of vernacular buildings were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Ben Lightle House is a good example of a Folk Victorian House. It is two-stories in height, irregularly-shaped and is of frame construction. The walls are clad with novelty siding. The hipped roof terminates with either gable or gable on hip wings that are covered with composition shingles. The entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located on the southeast corner of N. Locust and E. Market Streets, this building was constructed three blocks southeast of the courthouse in Searcy. The Ben Lightle House was built in 1898 and is in good condition. Its main, or north elevation plays host to a one-story one-bay porch. This porch has a hipped roof that is supported by turned posts. Other details found on this porch include a balustrade, decorative spindle work and a one-bay porch that rests on top of the hipped roof porch. Both porches are accessed by single centrally placed doors. Fenestration found on the house consists of single or paired two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows that are symmetrically arranged. A lone centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window relieves the upper portion of the gable end on the south elevation of the structure. Extending from the northeast corner of the house is a square one-story bay. The west elevation of the structure plays host to a one-story porch that has a gable roof; this porch is decorated in a similar fashion to the one on the main elevation of the house. A recessed one-bay porch is found on the west elevation of the rear gable roofed room. The only non-historic addition found on the structure is located on the western slope of this gable roofed room. The addition is a small shed roof dormer.

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Significance

Ben Lightle had this building constructed in 1898 after moving to Searcy from Carlisle in Lonoke County. When this house was built it was one of numerous irregularly-shaped houses constructed in White County during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Although there are sixty-seven of these structures extant in the county, few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the Ben Lightle House. For this reason it is significant for its contribution to the study of vernacular architecture and is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreege of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/615100/3901230

Verbal Boundary Description:

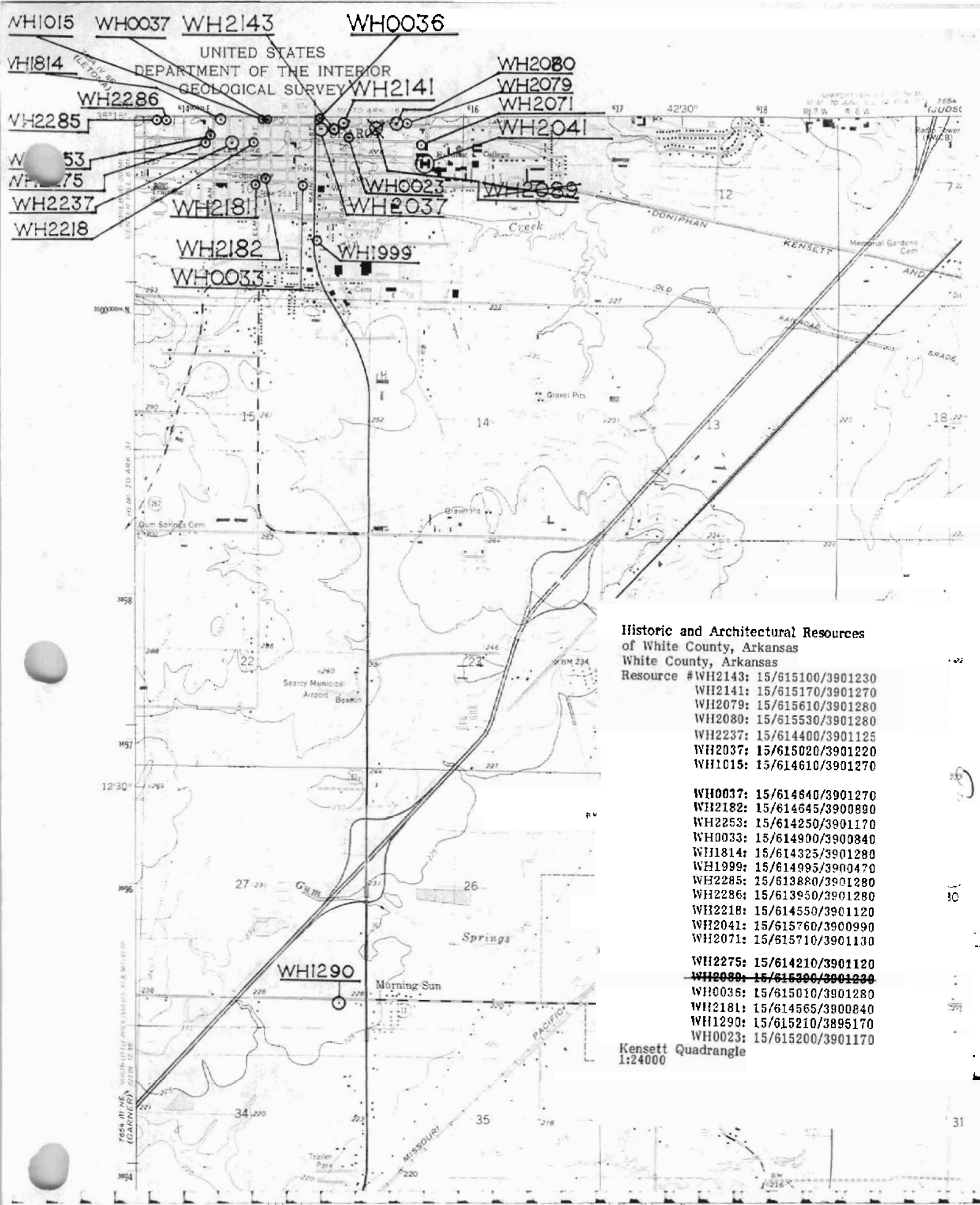
Lot 1 and the western 40 feet of Lot 2, Block 25, Original Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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







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 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

**Historic and Architectural Resources
 of White County, Arkansas**

- White County, Arkansas
 Resource #
- WH2143: 15/615100/3901230
 - WH2141: 15/615170/3901270
 - WH2079: 15/615610/3901280
 - WH2080: 15/615530/3901280
 - WH2237: 15/614400/3901125
 - WH2037: 15/615020/3901220
 - WH1015: 15/614610/3901270

 - WH0037: 15/614640/3901270
 - WH2182: 15/614645/3900890
 - WH2253: 15/614250/3901170
 - WH0033: 15/614900/3900840
 - WH1814: 15/614325/3901280
 - WH1999: 15/614995/3900470
 - WH2285: 15/613880/3901280
 - WH2286: 15/613950/3901280
 - WH2218: 15/614550/3901120
 - WH2041: 15/615760/3900990
 - WH2071: 15/615710/3901130

 - WH2275: 15/614210/3901120
 - ~~WH2080: 15/615300/3901230~~
 - WH0036: 15/615010/3901280
 - WH2181: 15/614565/3900840
 - WH1290: 15/615210/3895170
 - WH0023: 15/615200/3901170

Kensett Quadrangle
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