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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 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 Bell House
other names/site number Resource #WH2182

2. Location

street & number 302 West Woodruff Avenue not for publication N/A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	
private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
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>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 1986, 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 H. Buford 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)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century
American Movements/ Craftsman

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

1925

Significant Dates

1925

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

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

B Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

C Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

D Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Description

The Bell House is a single story, structural brick wall Craftsman residence. The various intersecting gable roof elements lend the plan an irregular form. A single interior brick chimney rises from inside the eastern carport at the southern end of the main house gable. The entire structure is roofed with composition shingles, the walls are sheathed with brick and stucco, and the continuous foundation is formed from cast concrete.

The southern or front elevation is composed of a side gable porch which adjoins a smaller gable end at the western end and the gable end of the main house which sits directly behind and rises above it. The western gable end is lighted with a central three-over-one wood sash window and also displays a stuccoed pediment with a louvered central vent. A central vent is also placed in the peak of the stuccoed pediment of the main house gable. The porch is supported on five squat, sloping wood columns which in turn rest upon brick pedestals. A solid brick balustrade connects the pedestals and terminates at the two entrance stairways. Beneath the porch an entrance punctuates the house wall just beyond the stairway and a four-over-one wood sash window lights the wall to the east. Another entrance provides access to the house at the back of the recessed porch to the east.

The eastern elevation features the gable pediment and columns of the porch to the south and the side wall of the house to the north. Two sash windows flank the chimney beneath the porch and two pairs of four-over-one wood sash windows light the side wall, which is finished with a single wood sash window. The western elevation is similar, with two pairs of wood sash windows symmetrically placed in the wall and flanking a central sash window.

The northern elevation is relieved only by a group of three sash windows centrally placed in the gable end of the projecting eastern wing.

The Bell House is intact and unaltered. It is in good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Bell House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is the best example in this neighborhood of Searcy of a single story, structural brick wall Craftsman style residence. Its squat wood columns, multi-media wall cladding and extremely irregular plan reveal the influence of high-style Craftsman designs. As such, the Bell House, in addition to its obvious merits as a Craftsman design, stands as a particularly good example of the first phase of the evolution of Craftsman house design in White County, when the aesthetic was still relatively new and the resulting designs drew more directly from the design ethos which stressed rambling, functional plans, picturesque elevations of various indigenous materials, and low, spreading eaves which emphasized the design's site and inevitable relationship with the earth.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614645/3900890

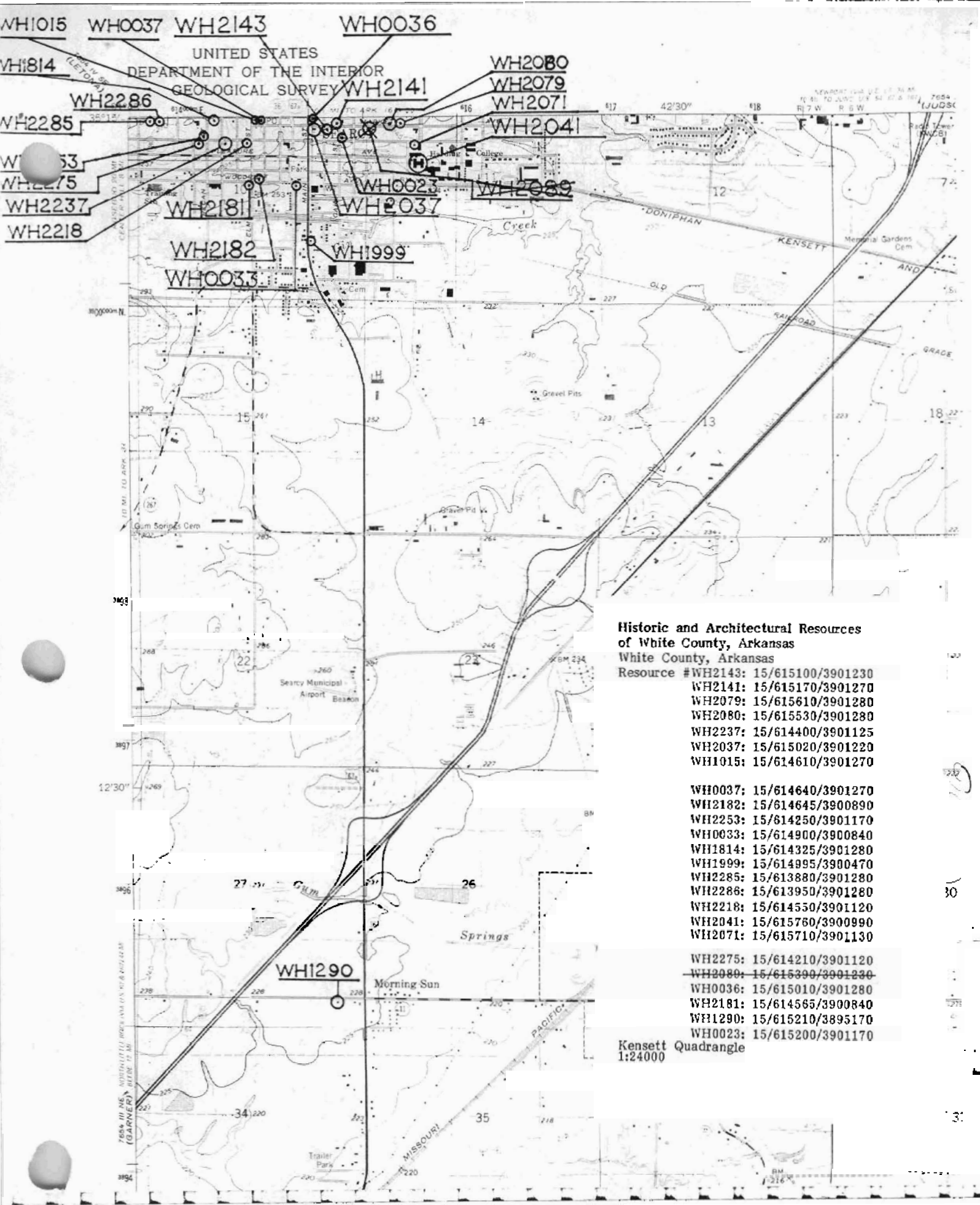
Verbal Boundary Description:

The western 61 feet of the eastern 122 feet of the southern 95 feet of Block 1, Original Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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





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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WH2080
WH2079
WH2071

WH1015
WH1814
WH2286
WH2285
WH2253
WH2275
WH2237
WH2218

WH2141
WH0023
WH2037
WH2181
WH2182
WH0033
WH1999

WH2041
WH2089

WH1290

**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: 15/615390/3901230~~
 - WH0036: 15/615010/3901280
 - WH2181: 15/614565/3900840
 - WH1290: 15/615210/3895170
 - WH0023: 15/615200/3901170
- Kensett Quadrangle
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