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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 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street & number 302 West Woodruff Avenue not for publication N/A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	
<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>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 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.
Carlynn H. Byrd 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. entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. 9/5/91
 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

for Signature of the Keeper

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.

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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.

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 N/A

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

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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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ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		9-12-91
91001350	Abington, William Thomas, House Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001322	Ackins House Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001186	American Legion Hall Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001253	Andrews, Col. Ralph, House	9-5-91
91001187	Arnold Farmstead Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001239	Baldock House	9-5-91
91001228	Bank of Searcy	9-5-91
91001251	Beebe Jail	9-13-91
91001265	Beebe Theater	9-5-91
91001201	Bell House	9-5-91
91001262	Berry House	9-5-91
91001192	Big Four School Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001176	Bloom House	9-5-91
91001363	Blunt House Livestock Barn Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001298	Boggs, James William, House	9-5-91
91001275	Bone, Luke, Grocery--Boarding House	9-13-91
91001202	Booth, Green, House	9-5-91
91001345	Booth--Weir House	9-5-91
91001217	Brooks House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001268	Brown House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001338	Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001337	Burnett House Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001347	Caldwell House	9-5-91
91001280	Campbell--Chrisp House	9-5-91
91001293	Cary House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001310	Chandler House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001349	Childers Farmstead Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001301	Churchill--Hilger House	9-5-91
91001209	Cobb, Pattie, Hall	9-5-91
91001282	Cooley, Sam, Barn Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001229	Coward House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001320	Cremane House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001333	Critz, Col. John, Farm, Springhouse Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001259	Cross House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001225	Cumberland Presbyterian Church Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001179	Cypert, Jesse N., Law Office Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001196	Doniphan Lumber Mill Historic District Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001264	Doss House Substantive Review	7-10-92
91001302	Doyle, David, House No. 2	9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bell House

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001201

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL:

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/5/91 DATE **Entered in the National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acres acreage
UTM boundary justification
verbal boundary description

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Bell House white

Searcy, AR

Photograph by Joe DeRose

Dec., 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033