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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).

1. Name of Property

historic name Brooks House
other names/site number Resource # WH2080

2. Location

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

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0, Total 1

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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Cathryn A. Byrnes
Date: 5-23-90
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

In my opinion, the property meets (checked) 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:
[X] 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: )
for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action: 7/10/92

**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.

Blank lined area for describing the present and historic physical appearance of the property.

*SPONSOR*  
*Wm. J. ...*

See continuation sheet

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1Description

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.

**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.

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** *map 10*

Acreeage of property \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References**

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B 

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 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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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 organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 2 April, 1990  
 street & number 225 E Markham, Suite 300 telephone 501-371-2763  
 city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Brooks 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: 91001217

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:  NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA Return  
REVIEWER Harper  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 9/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments  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  
\_\_\_UTMs \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps \_\_\_USGS maps \_\_\_photographs \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed Patricia Andrews Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/13/91

**Brooks House  
White County MPS  
White County, ARKANSAS**

Reviewer's Comments

The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms, states that "the boundaries of buildings should include the land surrounding the building, unless the lot occupied by the building contains no surrounding land as in the central business district of most cities."

Please revise the boundaries to include the property historically associated with the resource. If a portion of the original setting has lost its integrity, please explain.

Marilyn Harper  
Historian  
Sept. 16, 1991

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References

A 15/615530/3901280

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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ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		9-12-91
91001350	Abington, William Thomas, House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001322	Ackins House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001186	American Legion Hall <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001253	Andrews, Col. Ralph, House	9-5-91
91001187	Arnold Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	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 <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001176	Bloom House	9-5-91
91001363	Blunt House Livestock Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	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 <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001268	Brown House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001338	Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001337	Burnett House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001347	Caldwell House	9-5-91
91001280	Campbell--Chrisp House	9-5-91
91001293	Cary House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001310	Chandler House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001349	Childers Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001301	Churchill--Hilger House	9-5-91
91001209	Cobb, Pattie, Hall	9-5-91
91001282	Cooley, Sam, Barn <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/11/92
91001229	Coward House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001320	Cremane House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001333	Critz, Col. John, Farm, Springhouse <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001259	Cross House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001225	Cumberland Presbyterian Church <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001179	Cypert, Jesse N., Law Office <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/10/92
91001196	Doniphan Lumber Mill Historic District <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001264	Doss House <del>Substantive Review</del>	7-10-92
91001302	Doyle, David, House No. 2	9-5-91

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7/12/92

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NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT

RETURN

REJECT

7/10/92

DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Best high-style English Revival design in this part of the county & illustrative of influence of improved transportation & communication on popularity of residential styles.

Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C  
REVIEWER Harper  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 7/10/92

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

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Phone

Signed

Date



Brooks House  
Searcy, Arkansas  
Photograph by Jill Bayles  
November, 1988  
Negative on file at AHPP  
South elevation

White

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033