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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 Robertson House
other names/site number Resource # WH1929

2. Location

street & number 2nd & Dandridge Streets
city, town Kensett
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72082

3. Classification

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

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 H. Byrd
Date: 5-13-90
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
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
Entered in the National Register (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]
Date of Action: 9/5/91

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/ Double-Pile

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls novelty siding
weatherboard
roof asphalt shingle
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

During the Railroad Era (1870-1914) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Robertson House is a good example of a one and one-half-story building with a double-pile floorplan that is of frame construction and clad with both weatherboard and novelty siding. The hipped roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located on the west corner of 2nd and Dandridge Streets, this building was constructed less than three blocks west of Kensett's commercial district. The Robertson House was constructed c. 1910 and is in good condition. Its main, or south elevation is dominated by a one-story shed roof porch that originally wrapped around the east, west and northwest sides of the structure. The northwest portion of the porch has since been enclosed. The roof of the rest of the porch is supported by wooden turned posts that are decorated with ornamental wooden brackets. The enclosed porch is accessed by a single centrally placed door on the south elevation. Fenestration found on both the north and west elevations of the enclosed porch consists of four two-over-two double-hung sash ribbon windows.

The original building is accessed by two single symmetrically placed doors on both the south and east elevations of the house. Fenestration found on the ground floor of the original building consists primarily of symmetrically arranged one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash windows. The lone exception is a large single-pane fixed frame window located on the southeast corner of the house; this window is flanked by attached aluminum casement windows. A single gable roof dormer is found on each of the building's four elevations. Dormer fenestration consists of paired one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash windows. A single brick chimney rises from the northern gable slope of the eastern dormer. Other than the enclosed portion of the porch the only other alteration to the house is a one-story gable roof room that extends from the northeast corner of the house.

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. 1910

Significant Dates

c. 1910

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

When this house was constructed, c. 1910, it was one of numerous double-pile buildings built during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Though there are thirty-one of these buildings extant in the county, few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the Robertson House. It remains as a significant example of a vernacular house type. For these reasons it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/621000/3899380

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 1-3 less southwest 15 feet of Lot 3, Block 9, Original Town of Kensett.

Boundary Justification:

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

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91001276	Missouri--Pacific Depot	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001277	✓ Moody House		7/20/92
91001210	Moore House	Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001332	✓ Morris Institute Dairy Barn		7/20/92
91001178	National Guard Armory Building	Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001356	✓ Neaville, J.A., House		7/22/92
91001331	New Mt. Pisgah School	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001360	✓ Nimmo Clubhouse		7/22/92
91001286	O'Neal, Howard, Farm	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001290	Pangburn, Austin, House		9-5-91
91001203	Paschall House		9-5-91
91001292	Patman House		9-5-91
91001255	Pemberton House		9-5-91
91001305	Pence--Carmichael Farm, Barn and Root Cellar	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001247	✓ Plummer House		7/22/92
91001249	Powell Clothing Store		9-5-91
91001307	✓ Prince House		7/22/92
91001361	✓ Ransom, Edward, Farmstead, Livestock and Equipment Barn		7/22/92
91001213	✓ Rascoe House		9/23/92
91001296	✓ Ray, Sam, House		7/23/92
91001343	✓ Rhew, J. C., Co. Packing Shed		7/23/92
91001231	Rialto Theater	Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001245	Robertson Drugstore	Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001221	Robertson House		9-5-91
91001195	✓ Rock Building		7/23/92
91001230	Rodgers, Porter, Sr., House		9-5-91
91001219	Rogers, Bob, House	Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001346	Roper House		9-5-91
91001271	✓ Russell Jail		7/23/92
91001306	Scott--Davis House	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001227	Searcy City Hall		9-5-91
91001200	✓ Searcy Post Office		7/20/92
91001208	✓ Sears, Dean L. C., House		7/20/92
91001261	Sellers House		9-5-91
91001257	Shue House		9-5-91
91001299	Shutter, John, House	Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001367	✓ Siler, Luther, Gin	Substantive Review	7/20/92
91001342	Simpson, Stanley, Farmstead Picking Sled		9-13-91
91001218	Smith House		9-5-91
91001223	Smith, A. J., House		9-5-91

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Robertson 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: 91001221

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: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/5/91 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY 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 _____



Robertson House white #10

Kensett, Arkansas

Photograph by Joe DeRose

October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



Robertson House

white c)

Kensett, Arkansas

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October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

Southeast elevation



Robertson House

white

Kensett, Arkansas

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October, 1988

Negative on file at AHPP

North elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033