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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Goff & Gamble Merchandise Store

other name/site number: SV0035

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2. Location

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street & number: Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham
(one block to the north of the Kansas City-Southern
Railroad tracks)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Gillham

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Sevier code: AR 133 zip code: 71841

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Railroad Era Resources of
Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties),
1870-1945

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

4-15-96
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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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 Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Department Store

immediately to the north of the building; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed southerly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/26/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: Early 20th Century Traditional Commercial

Materials:	foundation	<u>BRICK/STONE/CONCRETE</u>	roof	<u>ASPHALT</u>
	walls	<u>BRICK/STONE/CONCRETE</u>	other	<u>W o o d e n</u> <u>storefront</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham (though immediately to the north of the Kansas City-Southern Railroad tracks), the single-story, brick and concrete masonry Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store (Wax General Store) was built in three distinct stages between 1900 and 1911. The western section was constructed in 1900, the central section in 1906, and the eastern section in 1911.

Elaboration

Located on an unnamed street in the center of Gillham (though immediately to the north of the Kansas City-Southern Railroad tracks), the single-story, brick and concrete masonry Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store (Wax General Store) was built in three distinct stages between 1900 and 1911. The western section was constructed in 1900, the central section in 1906, and the eastern section in 1911. The first section contained a wooden storefront that faced west and that was capped by an elaborate decorative metal cornice. The wooden storefront was unique in that it contains three pair of hinged wooden doors placed symmetrically across the rather narrow elevation, with a row of fixed transom windows above. The second section -- the formed concrete block storefront painted white -- faces north and is composed of a central double-leaf entrance flanked by stationary wood windows and surmounted by a transom. A raised parapet finishes its facade. The eastern and final section is also constructed of formed concrete block and is composed of a lower section that connects the 1906 section with the taller portion of the 1911 addition. The eastern portion of this addition is composed of a storefront -- also facing north -- set within two tall pilasters and surmounted by a raised block parapet that is unadorned with the sole exception of a central signage panel. The first-story storefront is composed of a central double-leaf entrance set between two large stationary display windows. The windows and doors are all surmounted by stationary transom windows.

The eastern side wall is blank with the exception of three small window and vent openings, and the southern or track elevation features several door and window openings, including a large cargo door in the wall of the eastern section.

The interiors of all three sections are largely intact and include such historic features as original shelving, floorboards and staircases.

The Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store is largely unaltered and continues to serve this small community as a general store. It is currently operated by Mr. Delbert Wax, its proprietor since World War II.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
TRANSPORTATION
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1900-1911

Significant Dates: 1900-1911

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: 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.

Summary

Built between 1900 and 1911, the Goff and Gamble Merchandise Store was constructed during the early growth of Gillham as a railroad community located along the Kansas City-Southern Railroad; as such it is associated with the dramatic growth of that community during that time, and so also with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its indirect associations with one of the larger railroads that played such a crucial role in the growth and development of this region of the state.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945*, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>378790</u>	<u>3781480</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the building's western elevation and located approximately 10 feet to the west thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located approximately 10 feet to the south thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation for a distance of approximately 100 feet, to its intersection with the southern edge of the unnamed road located











