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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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 Hassell House

other names/site number Resource # WH2181

2. Location

street & number South Elm & West Woodruff

☐ not for publication N/A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

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

0 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.

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/ Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Irregular Plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

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

c. 1910

Significant Dates

N/A

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.

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

Acres of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

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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 Hassell House is a good example of a one and one-half story irregularly-shaped building that is constructed of load-bearing brick, and has a hip roof that slopes downward to gable roof wings. The roof is clad with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on a brick foundation.

Located on the southwest corner of S. Elm Street and W. Woodruff Avenue, this building was constructed about six blocks southwest of the court square in Searcy. The Hassell House was constructed c. 1910, and is in fair condition. Its main, or north, elevation is dominated by a one-story porch that wraps around to the east elevation of the house. The porch roof is supported by Doric columns. Porch access from the house is provided by single asymmetrically placed doors on both the north and east elevations of the structure. The eastern entrance is skewed.

Ground floor fenestration on these elevations consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one single-hung sash windows. All upper portions of the gable ends, with one exception, are decorated with imbricated wooden shingles and fenestrated with one-over-one double-hung sash windows; louvered vents are found just above the upper sash of the windows. The lone exception is located on the south elevation of the structure. This gable end has imbricated shingles just like the others but its lone window is a single-pane fixed frame version. The western elevation of the structure is adorned with a chamfered bay that is relieved by a centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window and a single door on its northern edge.

A gable roof wing protrudes from the southwest corner of the house. Its western elevation is fenestrated with a centrally placed paired one-over-one double-hung sash window. The only addition to the building is attached to the east side of this wing and extends almost the full length of the south elevation. Fenestration consists of centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash ribbon windows found on the east side of the addition. A single centrally placed door enters the south elevation of this room. A porch once extended from the western side of the addition almost all of the way to the center of the rear gable wing; the eastern half of this porch has since been enclosed. The ground floor of the gable wing found on the east elevation of the structure is fenestrated with a single centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window.

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Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1910, brick houses were not very numerous in White County. Surviving examples are even rarer today. In fact, only six remain in the entire county that date to the Railroad Era (1870-1914). This house remains as a rare example of a large-scale brick house. Because of this the Hassell House is significant; it can provide insight into construction techniques and living arrangements of this era. Hence its eligibility under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614565/3900840

Verbal Boundary Description:

The southern 165 feet of the northern 195 feet of Lot 11, Woodruff Addition to the City of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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





