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 Builetin 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 10-900s). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property						
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other names/site number Resource # WH2237						
2. Location				Contraction of the second	and the second second second	
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olty, town Searcy				1785 M	vicinity	N/A
stale Arkansas	code AR	county	White	code		ode 72143
3. Classification						
Ownership of Property Category of Property				Number of Resources within Property		
X private	X bulk	ling(s)		Contributing Noncontributing		
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Name of related multiple property listing: <u>Historic and Architectural Resources</u> of White County, Arkansas				Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $\underline{N/A}$		
4. State/Federal Agency (2 2 20		
Signature of certifying official <u>Arkansas Histori</u> State or Federal agency and b				ister estruit	Date	90
In my opinion, the property			national Heg	lister chieria. 🛄 Se	e continuation sheet.	
Signature of commenting or other official					Date	
State or Federal agency and b	ureau					
5. National Park Service (Certification					
I, hereby, certify that this prop	erty is:					
entered in the National Reg	gister.					
See continuation sheet.						
Register. See continuatio						
determined not eligible for						
National Register.						
removed from the National	Register					

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)		
Domestic/ Single Dwelling	Domestic/ Single Dwelling		
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)		
	foundation	brick	
Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/ English Revival	walls	brick	
	roof	asphalt shingle	
	other		

Describe present and historic physical appearance.



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8. Statement of Significance Certifying official has considered the significance of this pro	perty in relation to other properties:
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE	D E F G Period of Significance Significant Dates c. 1928 c. 1928
	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.



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X 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	
Acreage of property	
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Verbal Boundary Description	æ <u>* </u>
Boundary Justification	X See continuation sheet
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11. Form Prepared By	

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Description

The Mark P. Jones House is a single story, wood frame, English Revival residence. Its asymmetrical elevations and T-shaped roofline belie a balanced, almost rectangular plan. A broad, exterior chimney rises through the gable peak on the western elevation and a square, interior chimney projects just to the east of the ridge in the rear gable. The roof material is composition shingle, the walls are clad in brick, and the continuous foundation is constructed of brick.

The northern or front elevation is composed of a central gable roof bay and its shorter, projecting gable roof entrance porch, a broad segmental wall dormer to the west, and an open brick arch to the east which provides access to a recessed porch behind. The elevation is fenestrated with a single arched vent opening in the peak of the central gable and the walls to either side of the arched entrance porch are each lighted with a group of three four-over-one wood sash windows. A small, blind decorative oculus is placed above the eastern windows and a decorative arched detail ornaments the wall in the gable roof porch directly above the arched entrance. All of the arches which open into both porches visible on this elevation feature a decorative concrete keystone and springers, and the brick piers supporting the front entrance porch are flanked by two decorative half-buttresses with concrete offsets. The door behind the front entrance porch is lighted with four vertical panes in the top half.

The eastern elevation consists of the two projecting gables flanking the wall section beneath the side gable roof. The northern gable is relieved only by the pair of arched entrances into the open, recessed porch, while the southern gable is fenestrated with a single four-over-one wood sash window near the southern wall and a smaller sash window near the center of the building. The wall space between the gables is lighted by a pair of four-over-one wood sash windows.

The western elevation is composed of the gable end to the north and the side of the intersecting gable to the south. The gable end is divided by the central exterior stepped chimney with its concrete offsets and lighted by two four-over-one wood sash windows flanking the chimney. The side of the gable wall to the south is fenestrated by a group of three four-over-one wood sash near the projecting gable end and a shorter pair of three-over-one wood sash toward the south.

The southern elevation is punctuated by an entrance and low stair to the west, a short pair of four-over-four wood sash windows near the center which is surmounted by another identical pair in the center of the gable peak above, and two larger pair of four-over-one wood sash windows toward the east.

The Mark P. Jones House is virtually intact and unaltered.

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Significance Criterion C, local significance

The Mark P. Jones House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is named for the long-serving mayor of Searcy (1924-36) who lived here in this house after it was built for the duration of his tenure. During his consecutive terms as mayor he oversaw much of the growth in the city and also its virtual stagnation after the Depression. The house is significant as the most intact 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 Mark P. Jones House is a remarkably intact and high-quality example of this trend.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 3, Block 14, Jones Addition to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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





