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United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

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 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 Fr	eeman, Wood, House #2				
other names/site number	Resource # WH2261				
2, Location					
street & number 703 West	Race		not for publication N/A		
cily, lown Searcy			Vicinity N/A		
state Arkansas co	ode AR county White	code 14	zip code 72143		
3. Classification					
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Reso	urces within Property		
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6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/ Single_Dwelling	Domestic/ Single Dwelling
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7. Description Architectural Classification	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
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Architectural Classification	foundationstone
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions) Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/	foundation <u>stone</u> walls <u>coral</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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8. Statement of Significance			
Certifying official has considered the significance		to other properties:	
Applicable National Register Criteria	}B⁺⊠C □D		ه ۵
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Areas of Significance (enter categories from instru- ARCHITECTURE		of Significance	Significant Dates
	Cultura	al Affiliation	
Significant Person N/A	Archite	e ct/Builder Freemar	a, Wood

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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See "Historic and Architectural Resources o	f White County, Arkansas," Section H.
Previous documentation on file (NPS):	See continuation sheet
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register	Primary location of additional data: State historic preservation office Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings	Local government
Survey #	
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	Specify repository:
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property	
UTM References A L L L L L L L L L	B Image: Second sec
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Verbal Boundary Description	
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	X See continuation sheet
Boundary Justification	
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11. Form Prepared By	
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organization <u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Pro</u>	
street & number <u>225 E Markham</u> , Suite 300 city of town <u>Little Rock</u>	telephone zip codez

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Description

The Second Wood Freeman House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame English Revival residence. Its picturesque front elevation conceals the essentially rectangular plan resulting from the simple side gable plan with the shed roof rear addition. The exterior, off-center front chimney is the only chimney in the design. The roof material is composition shingles, the walls are faced with stucco, brick and coral, and the continuous foundation is cast concrete faced with coral.

The northern or front elevation is composed of a projecting gable roof bay of varying roof pitch to the east, a central wood entrance porch and chimney, and the wall of the gable roof wing. The gable end is fenestrated with a single six-over-six wood sash window in the gable peak and a pair of identical windows below. The simple wood porch is supported on octagonal columns and shelters an arched entrance which rests upon concrete springers and is decorated with a keystone. The coral-faced chimney is stepped to the west and features an offset near the top below a brick top section. The wall to the west is lighted with a pair of narrow six-over-six wood sash windows which are placed in notch in the concrete water table. The water table runs the length of the elevation and divides the wall surface into brick above and coral below.

The western elevation consists of the gable roof wing to the north, the gable end of the house in the center and the wood, shed roof addition to the south. The wing is punctuated by an arched, louvered vent in the gable peak and three six-over-six wood sash windows below. The gable end of the house is fenestrated with a central six-over-six wood sash window in the peak and a pair of identical sash directly below. Another shorter six-over-six wood sash window is placed just to the south. The wall of the shed is blank except for the aluminum door next to the rear wall of the house. The eastern elevation is similar with the exception of the fact that the northern end of the gable end is lighted with a wood sash window which is smaller than the original and a single wood sash window in the center is flanked on the south by a pair of wood sash windows. The shed roof addition on the rear is lighted by a single wood sash window next to the rear wall of the house and a pair of wood sash windows at its southern end with a sliding door between them.

The Second Wood Freeman House is intact with the exception of the cut-down windows; it is in good condition.

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Significance Criterion C, local significance

The Second Wood Freeman House (Part E, Historic Context #4)--named after the builder who constructed it--is not only a particularly fine example of this particular architectural style, but is also unique by virtue of the selection of materials. Wood Freeman was the only builder in Searcy--and possibly the only builder in Arkansas--to use coral as a wall material. Though the reasons for his selection of coral is not known, it may well have been that the economic conditions during the Depression encouraged builders to employ inexpensive substitutes which duplicated the look of more traditional building materials.

The sophisticated use in the First Wood Freeman House of such characteristically English Revival elements as the fracturing of the wall plane, the assortment of different cornice lines and the overall picturesque composition elevate this building to the best example of its architectural style in its neighborhood; however, its unique craftsmanship and materials make it unique to the entire county. United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The northern 84 feet of Lot 1, Block 28, Jones Addition to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

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







