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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 Hunt House
other names/site number Resource # WH2275

2. Location

street & number 707 W. Center Street not for publication N/A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	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> 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.

Cathryn A. Boyd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Date 5-7-90
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/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/
English Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

stucco

roof shingle

other fieldstone

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. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1935

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

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 _____

UTM References

A Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
C _____

B Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Description

The Hunt House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame English Revival residence. The picturesque front elevation disguises the fundamentally rectangular plan formed by the T-shaped roofline resulting from the two principal, intersecting gable roof components. The sole chimney is an exterior brick chimney attached to the northern or front elevation. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are faced with brick, stucco, fieldstone, and artificial siding, and the house is supported upon brick piers.

The northern or front elevation is composed of a variable-pitch gable to the west, a projecting, gable roof entrance porch in the center, and a recessed porch to the east. The western gable is lighted with a single, rectangular, ten-pane fixed wood window in the peak, a fixed twelve-pane wood window to the west of the asymmetrical, stepped chimney and a pair of twelve-pane casement windows to the east of the chimney. The chimney is stepped toward the west and randomly decorated with fieldstones and stucco. The projecting, arched entrance porch is similarly decorated, though the fieldstones are isolated to facing the arch. The recessed porch to the east is entered through a square-headed entrance and extends for two bays down the eastern elevation. The inside of the entrance porch is faced with brick.

The eastern elevation consists of the gable end of the front side gable to the north and the side of the rear gable to the south with the rear gable roof wing terminating the elevation. The gable end is punctuated with the two bays of the open recessed porch at the northern end and lighted with a pair of nine-over-nine wood sash windows in the peak and another identical pair of windows toward the southern wall. The side gable wall is fenestrated with a single nine-over-nine wood sash window to the north and a pair of identical windows to the south. Another pair of sash windows lights the side of the rear wing.

The southern elevation features an entry in the western shed and two pair of sash windows in the rear wing with a louvered vent in the peak above. The entry is sheltered by a new, simple metal shed roof.

The western elevation consists of the northern gable end and another to the south which projects out and then maintains a continuous wall plane to the end of the elevation. The northern gable end is fenestrated with a pair of nine-over-nine wood sash windows in the artificially-sided pediment and two single identical sash windows placed symmetrically in the wall below. The projecting pediment is also artificially sided and three nine-over-nine wood sash windows light the wall below. In the side wall and rear shed wall, two pairs of nine-over-nine wood sash windows flank an entrance covered with a metal awning.

The Hunt House is virtually unaltered and in fair condition.

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Significance Criterion C, local significance

The Hunt House (Part E, Historic Context #4) is significant as the best high-style English Revival design in this neighborhood of Searcy and is especially noteworthy by virtue of its quirky application of various materials to enliven and ornament the flat, brick surface. 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 Hunt House is a remarkably intact and high-quality example of this trend.

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UTM References:

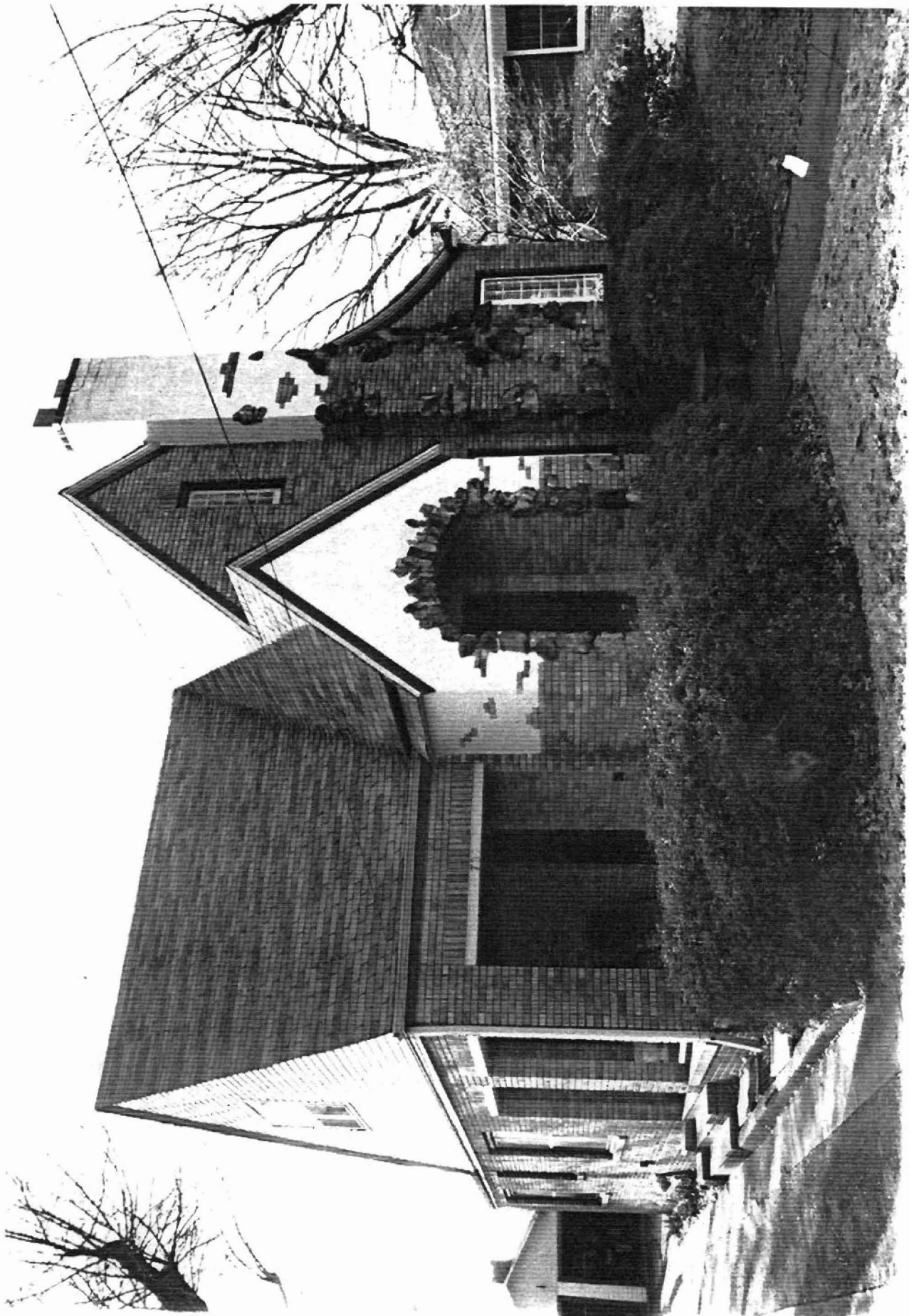
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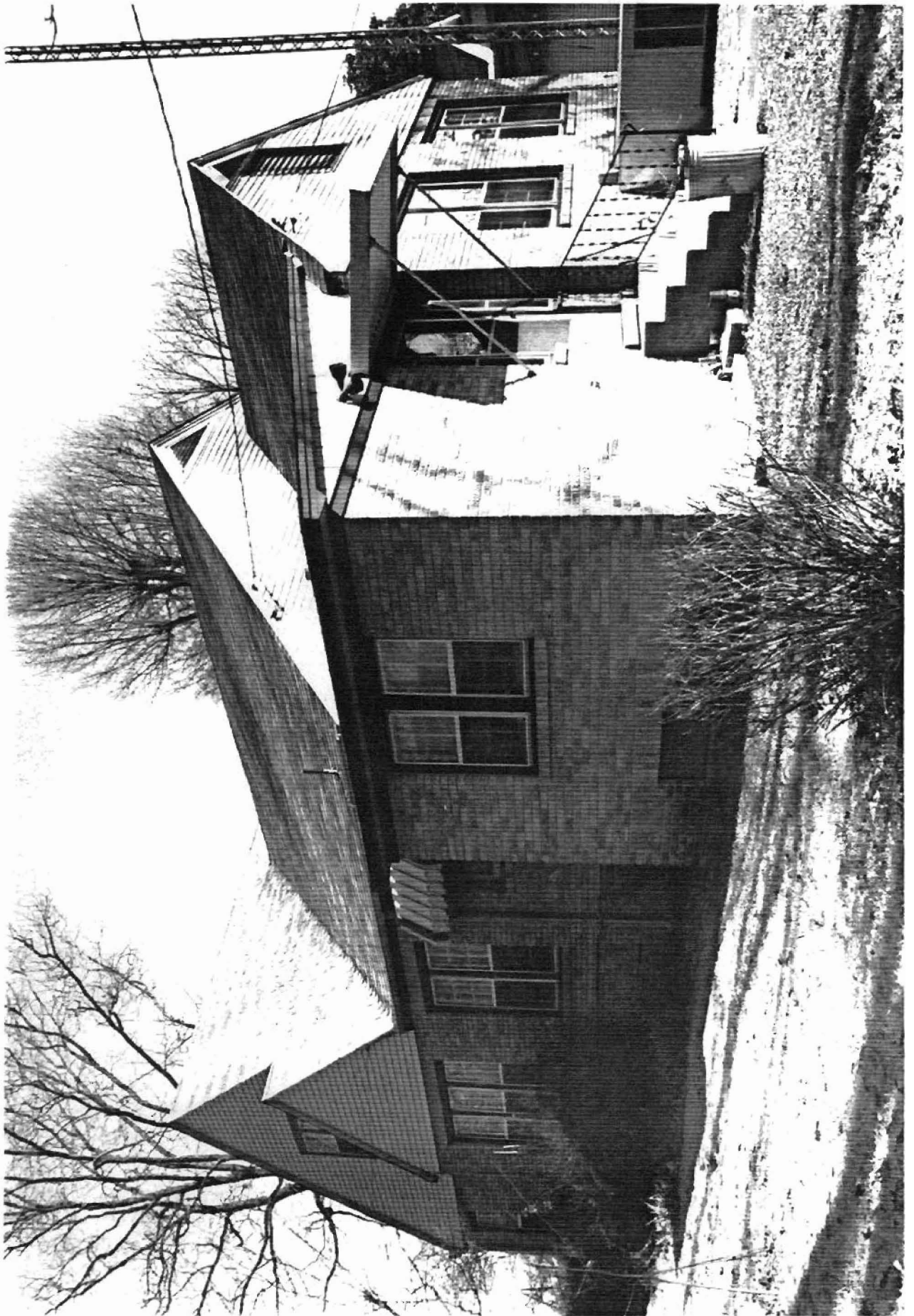
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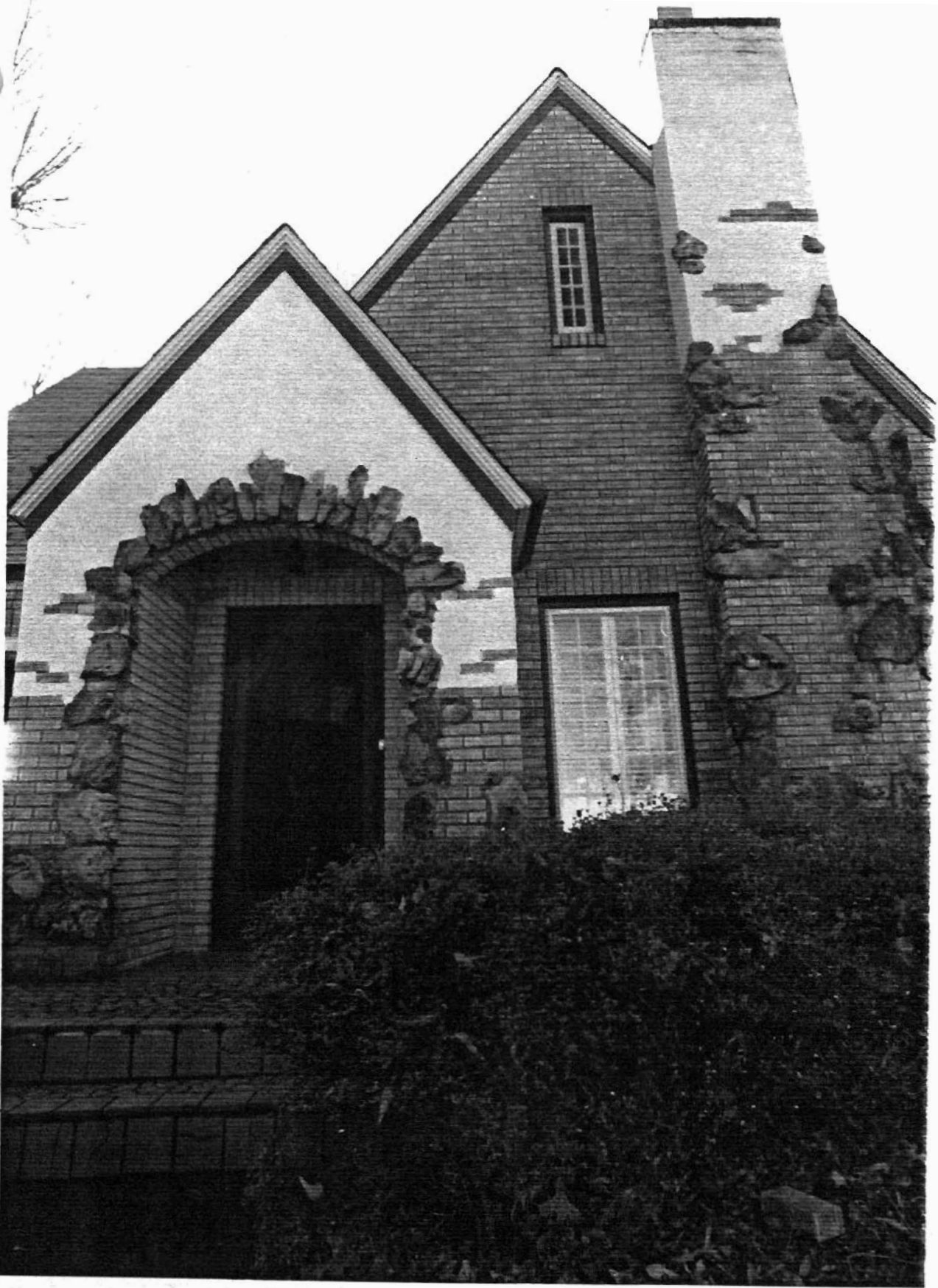
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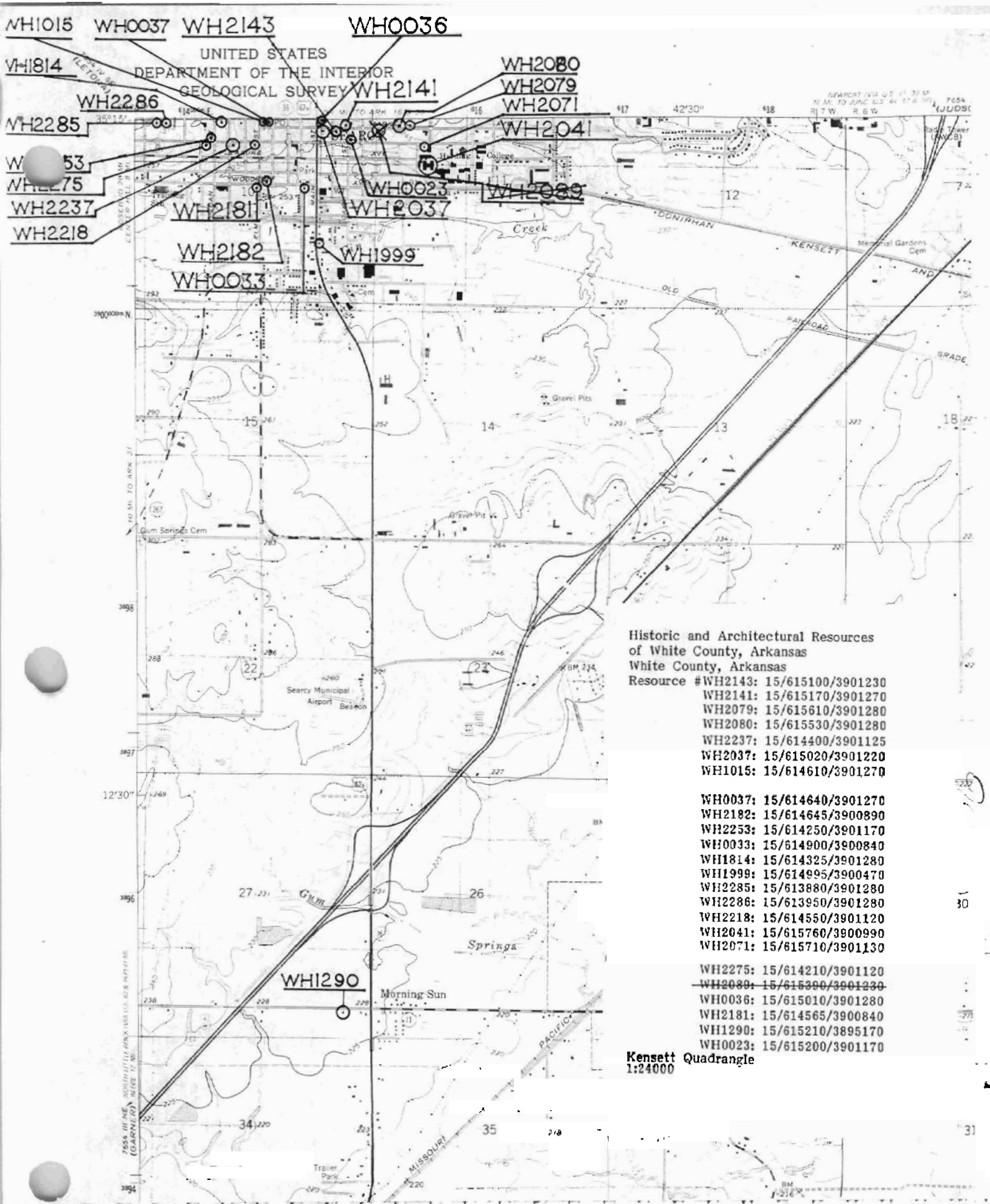
Boundary Justification:

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









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 WH1814 WH2080
 WH2286 WH2079
 WH2285 WH2071
 WH2285 WH2041
 WH2275 WH2037
 WH2237 WH2037
 WH2218 WH2181
 WH2182 WH2037
 WH0033 WH1999

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 White County, Arkansas

- Resource #
- WH2143: 15/615100/3901230
 - WH2141: 15/615170/3901270
 - WH2079: 15/615610/3901280
 - WH2080: 15/615530/3901280
 - WH2237: 15/614400/3901125
 - WH2037: 15/615020/3901220
 - WH1015: 15/614610/3901270

 - WH0037: 15/614640/3901270
 - WH2182: 15/614645/3900890
 - WH2253: 15/614250/3901170
 - WH0033: 15/614900/3900840
 - WH1814: 15/614325/3901280
 - WH1999: 15/614995/3900470
 - WH2285: 15/613880/3901280
 - WH2286: 15/613950/3901280
 - WH2218: 15/614550/3901120
 - WH2041: 15/615760/3900990
 - WH2071: 15/615710/3901130

 - WH2275: 15/614210/3901120
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 - WH0036: 15/615010/3901280
 - WH2181: 15/614565/3900840
 - WH1290: 15/615210/3895170
 - WH0023: 15/615200/3901170

**Kensett Quadrangle
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