

## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

*Wash Co,  
Canehill*HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-11Owner Luke B. and Alma G. Hurley✓ Property Name Zeb, Edmiston, House (C. M. R. A.)Address P. O. Box 47✓ Location Main Street (Highway 45)Canehill, AR 72717Construction Date 1872

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Comfortably set back from the road on its highly visible Main Street site, the Zeb Edmiston House is a one-story gable-roofed single pile woodframe weatherboard-faced structure with one-story ell projecting from the rear (east). The building is raised above grade on a low stone foundation wall and terminates with brick chimneys in the gable ends. Fenestration is simple and symmetrical; the existing windows are not original to the building. Most significant is the one-story gable-roofed portico that frames the building's entrance. The portico features two pairs of slender box columns, with simple indications of capitals and bases, carried on paneled wood pedestals. The columns carry a wide, unembellished frieze with shallow cornice; the weatherboard faced portico pediment is enriched by a wide raking cornice board.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zeb Edmiston House is of architectural significance in Canehill's nineteenth-century townscape. Although constructed during the town's post Civil War resurgence, the building exhibits the strong impact Greek Revival-derived forms had on Arkansas' vernacular architecture and the tenacity with which that design idiom continued to be influential even as the Victorian era began. In this connection, the Zeb Edmiston House is among the Canehill architecture that indicates that the first structures built after the Civil War referred to and recalled the earlier antebellum period. The building's portico, distinguished by its paired columns on paneled pedestals, is a finely crafted vernacular interpretation of this Classical form. Zeb Edmiston, a member of one of Canehill's prominent late-nineteenth-century families, was involved in the mercantile business.

Verbal Boundary Description Block 2, Original Plat, Lots 6, 7 and part of Lot 8Acreage less than one acreQuadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark.Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 374 035 Northing 3974 490

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area  
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 13 1. Moore House              | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Van Duzee</u>   |
|                                |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <u>Patrick Andrews</u> |
| 2. Methodist Manse             | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
|                                |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 3. Edmiston, D. N., House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
|                                |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 4 4. Canehill Cemetery         | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Van Duzee</u>   |
|                                |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <u>Patrick Andrews</u> |
| 5 5. Canehill College Building | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
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| 6 6. Edmiston, John, House     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
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| 7 7. Welch, William, House     | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Van Duzee</u>   |
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| 8 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
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| 9 9. Blackburn House           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u>   |
|                                |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 10 10. McClellan, E. W., House | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Van Duzee</u>   |
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Washington County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.8.83

Date Due: 11/4/82-11/19/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/17/82

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Recom. / Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

### 1. Name

### 2. Location

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

### 4. Owner of Property

### 5. Location of Legal Description

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

### 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





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Zeb Edmiston House  
Historic Resources of Canehill  
Canehill, AR  
Bob Dunn, photographer  
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation  
Program  
View from the West  
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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