

✓ ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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CanehillHISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-7Owner Araminta RichardsonProperty Name Blackburn House (C.M.R.A.)Address Canehill, AR 72717Location at College Street
~~Main Street (Highway 45)~~Construction Date 1898

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Set back on a generous lot overlooking Main Street, the Blackburn House is a two-and-one-half-story, asymmetrically massed, woodframe house, presently faced with aluminum siding that covers its original weatherboard walls. The building is raised above grade on a stone foundation wall and is capped with a steeply pitched hip roof with cross gables. A one-story, shed-roofed porch supported by box columns carrying a plain frieze with shallow overhanging cornice spans the facade and a triangular pediment with dentiled fascia surmounting a segmental arch articulates the porch access, framing the house's double leaf with single transom entrance. Directly above the principal entrance, a single-bay, second-story balcony projects from the facade under a gable roof with raking cornice and imbricated shingles and cornice board embellishing its gable end; the balcony is supported on turned columns terminating in square piers and plain sawn balusters comprise the balcony rail. Also noteworthy is the treatment of the front cross gable end. Emphasized by its raking cornice and cornice board, the peak of the shingle-faced gable end undulates and two narrow attic windows are set back under this projection. The north elevation of the house features a gable-roofed chamfered bay.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1898, the Blackburn House is a significant feature in the progression of architectural styles and forms displayed in the Canehill townscape. The home of Dr. Thomas Welch Blackburn, a charter member of the Washington County Medical Association, the house represents an important transitional phase of late-nineteenth-century architecture incorporating elements of the Queen Anne style with references to the burgeoning Colonial Revival, unique in the immediate area. The building's rambling asymmetrical proportions and plan, its second-floor balcony, and imbricated-shingled gable ends recall the Queen Anne style while its distinctive hip roof and nearly symmetrical front porch refer to the growing turn-of-the-century interest in the Colonial Revival. Local tradition indicates that this house is the work of the same contractor that was responsible for the articulate Queen Anne esthetic of the John Edmiston House (1896, CH-2).

Verbal Boundary Description Block 1, Kirby Addition, Lots 2, 3 and 4Acreage less than one acreQuadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 374 020 Northing 3974 710

United States Department of the Interior
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 Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | Attest | 11/16/82 <u>Patrick Anders</u> |
| 2. Methodist Manse | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 3. Edmiston, D. N., House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 14 4. Canehill Cemetery | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
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| 6. Edmiston, John, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 15 7. Welch, William, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
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| 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 9. Blackburn House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 16 10. McClellan, E. W., House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
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Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

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

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/7/82

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 _____ Area 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

Average 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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Blackburn House
Historic Resources of Canehill
Canehill, AR
Bob Dunn, photographer
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation
Program
View from the East
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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