

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Wash Co.
CanehillHISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-12Owner Conrow Miller✓ Property Name William Welch House (C. M. A.),Address Reedholme✓ Location Main Street (Highway 45)Canehill, AR 72717Construction Date c. 1850s

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Set back on a lot facing Main Street, the William Welch House is a one-story gable-roofed woodframe weatherboard-faced structure built on a "T"-plan with two irregularly planned one-story additions to the rear (east). Two original gable-end chimneys survive. A one-story cross-gable-roofed central portico projects from the symmetrical facade (west elevation). Paneled box columns, with bases and capitals articulated in a triglyph-like design, carrying an unembellished frieze and cornice support the portico. The gable end of the portico, the overhanging edge of the roofline, and the gable ends of the house are embellished with a decorative band of scalloping, apparently a circa 1870's alteration. The building also has a distinctive cornice moulding. Although the existing windows are not original to the structure, the integrity of the symmetrical fenestration is retained. Similarly, the principal entrance exhibits the original delineation of its multi-light transom and sidelights.

STATEMENT OF SIGNICANCE

As one of Canehill's few surviving pre-Civil War structures, the William Welch House is of great architectural, historical and potential historical archeological importance. A simple vernacular structure built on a traditional "T"-plan, the building typifies the character of building that comprised the Canehill townscape in the 1840's and 1850's and influenced the design of the first structures erected after the Civil War. Its projecting gable-roofed portico, although now enriched with a touch of Victorian "gingerbread", offers a vernacular interpretation of this typical Greek Revival form.

Verbal Boundary Description Block 2, Original Plat, Lot 11, Part of Lot 12Acreage less than one acreQuadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark.Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 374 035 Northing 3974 440

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

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Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Moore House

Substantive Review

Keeper

11/17/82 Anna Lee Boyd

Attest

11/16/82 Patrick Andrews

2. Methodist Manse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

11/17/82 Delores Byers

Attest

3. Edmiston, D. N., House

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National Register

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11/17/82 Delores Byers

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4. Canehill Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper

11/17/82 Anna Lee Boyd

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11/16/82 Patrick Andrews

5. Canehill College Building

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National Register

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6. Edmiston, John, House

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National Register

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7. Welch, William, House

Substantive Review

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8. Edmiston, Zeb, House

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9. Blackburn House

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National Register

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10. McClellan, E. W., House

Substantive Review

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Welch, William, House (Canehill MRA)
Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 105/82-2939

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/4/82-11/9/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/7/82

☐ RETURN

☐ 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 accept AEC

Reviewer Patrick Andrus

Discipline Historian

Date 11/16/82

☐ 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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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

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

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