

## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-14Owner Nellie Jones Cooper✓ Property Name E.W. McClellan House (C. MRA)Address 1703 S. Houston Street✓ Location West of Highway 45 SW of Canehill off AR 45Kaufman, Texas 75142Construction Date c. 1866

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located on a picturesque hilltop to the southwest of the town center, the McClellan House exerts a monumental presence on its secluded farmstead site. It is a finely proportioned two-story single-pile "I" house of woodframe construction on a stone foundation wall with a two-story ell addition to the rear. The weatherboard-faced structure is capped with a gable roof with overhanging box cornice with raking cornices in the gable ends. A two-story gable-roofed portico articulates the entrance to the house. Simple box columns carry the portico which forms a front porch and second floor balcony and the portico's raking cornice creates the impression of a triangular pediment. The double-leaf principal entrance features sidelights and a multi-light transom. Six-over-six-light double-hung windows with shutters comprise the fenestration of the symmetrical facade. An enclosed two-story porch, contemporary with the circa 1900 construction of the ell obscures the original fabric of the rear elevation. The house was designed on the traditional central hall plan. Several woodframe outbuildings, most of twentieth-century construction, are located on the site, but a stone springhouse located behind the house is of particular interest.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McClellan House presents a finely crafted example of the Greek Revival-influenced vernacular architecture that contributes to the diversity of Canehill's built environment. The house is of particular significance because, in spite of its late date of construction, it affords an accurate representation of the design sensibilities prevalent in the community before the Civil War. It was actually planned before the war, but its construction was postponed as the confrontation reached Canehill. Enhanced by its commanding site, the McClellan House presents quite a sophisticated interpretation of the antebellum Greek Revival style. Particularly impressive in this connection are its finely crafted box columns, striking proportions, and pedimented gable ends. With later alterations confined unobtrusively to the rear of the structure, the original single pile retains a high degree of its late 1860's integrity.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"Acreage more or less 2.5 acresQuadrangle Name Lincoln, ArkQuadrangle Scale 1:24000

## UTM Reference

Zone 15 (A) Easting 373865  
(C) Easting 373930Northing 3974820  
Northing 3974675(B) Easting 373960 Northing 3974790  
(D) Easting 373840 Northing 3974730

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM  
Attachment A

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-14

Property Name E.W. McClellan House

Verbal Boundary Description NW1/4, SE1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4 of Section 8, T14N, R32W.

Justification of the accompanying 2.5 acres is based on what is considered the  
highest concentration of outbuildings and human activity surrounding the  
house during its period of significance; therefore protecting the land most  
valuable for future historic archeological study.



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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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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 <i>Anna Lee Boyd</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Andrews</i> |
| 2. Methodist Manse           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 3. Edmiston, D. N., House    | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 4. Canehill Cemetery         | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <i>Anna Lee Boyd</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Andrews</i> |
| 5. Canehill College Building | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 6. Edmiston, John, House     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 7. Welch, William, House     | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <i>Anna Lee Boyd</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Andrews</i> |
| 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 9. Blackburn House           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     |                                 |
| 10. McClellan, E. W., House  | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 11/17/82 <i>Anna Lee Boyd</i>   |
|                              |                                     | Attest     | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Andrews</i> |

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

McClellan, E.W., House (Canehill MRA)  
Washington County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2239

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/1/82 - 11/19/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/17/82

☐ 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 c

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

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"/> 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

*Please describe boundaries as approved by J. J. J. J. J.*

## 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



CH-14  
E. W. McClellan House  
Historic Resources of Canehill  
Canehill, AR  
Bob Dunn, photographer  
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation  
Program  
View from the Southeast  
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CH-14  
E. W. McClellan "Springhouse"  
Historic Resources of Canehill  
Canehill, AR  
Bob Dunn, photographer  
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation  
Program  
View from the East  
No. 18 of 20

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000023