

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-3

Owner Miss Glenn Mallett

Property Name George W. Mallett House
OFF AR8

Address Route 2, Box P52

Location Princeton

Carthage, AR 71725

Significant Date/s c. 1853

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The George W. Mallett House is located on an original street of the town of Princeton, Dallas County's first seat of government. As originally built in about 1853, the house was a dog-trot. Alterations to the structure over the years typify the changes often made to dwellings in the area. In the late 19th century, the passageway was enclosed creating a central hall house. Also at this time, the separate kitchen, located east of the house, was torn down and the present two-room rear ell containing dining room and kitchen was constructed. A well located to the south of the house has been in use since the house was built. Today, the Mallett House is a one-story central hall structure with a rear ell, resting on brick piers. It is clad in novelty siding, covered by a hip roof running east-west over the main block and by a gable roof over the ell. The fenestration on the front facade is traditional. A central entry of double doors flanked by sidelights sits between two symmetrically placed two-over-two double-hung windows on each side. All window and door openings on both the main block and the ell are capped with finely crafted mouldings. A full-length shed roofed porch with chamfered posts extends across the front elevation. Because of Princeton's failure to grow beyond or fill the town's original lots, the orientation of the Mallett House, located at the edge of the town, has changed. The east end of the main block now contains the main entry. A small porch similar to that on the front facade covers this end. Except for the addition of electricity, the interior of the house retains all of its historic fabric and much of the feeling and association of a rural Arkansas 19th century house. The noteworthy interior woodwork includes wide hand-planed flush boards lining the central hall and ceilings, large hand-planed two-panelled doors, and wainscoting.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George W. Mallett House is significant both historically and architecturally to Princeton and Dallas County. Built circa 1853, the house is the only pre-Civil War structure remaining in Princeton, the 1845 Dallas County seat. It is one of three pre-Civil War dwellings existing in the county. Originally constructed as a dog-trot, the structure is representative of a common early form. Now a central hall house it also represents the common evolution of the dog-trot to the more acceptable traditional house type for the town. The house is notable in its retention of interior historic fabric. The structure's original owner, George W. Mallett, was important to the early settlement and development of the Princeton area. George W. Mallett came to the area from Mecklenburg County, Virginia in 1847. He was a tailor and owner of the local flour mill. From 1852-1856, he served as County Treasurer, from 1866-1868, as County Sheriff, and from 1868-1872 as County Clerk.

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Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Princeton West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 534540/3759600

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34, T8S R15W, is bounded on the north, south, east, and west by lines running parallel to and 100' from the four major facades of the house.

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

Name Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Garrison Place

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

12. Goodgame, Capt., House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

13. Hampton Springs Cemetery
(Black Section)

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

14. Knight, Ed, House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

15. Koonce Building

Exemptive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

16. Mallett, George W., House

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National Register

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Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

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17. Mt. Carmel Methodist Church

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National Register

for
Keeper

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18. Mt. Zion Methodist Church

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National Register

for
Keeper

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19. Old Fordyce Post Office

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National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

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20. Princeton Cemetery

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/27/84

Attest

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Mallett, George W., House (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/28/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____



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George W. Mallett House

Sarah Brown, photographer

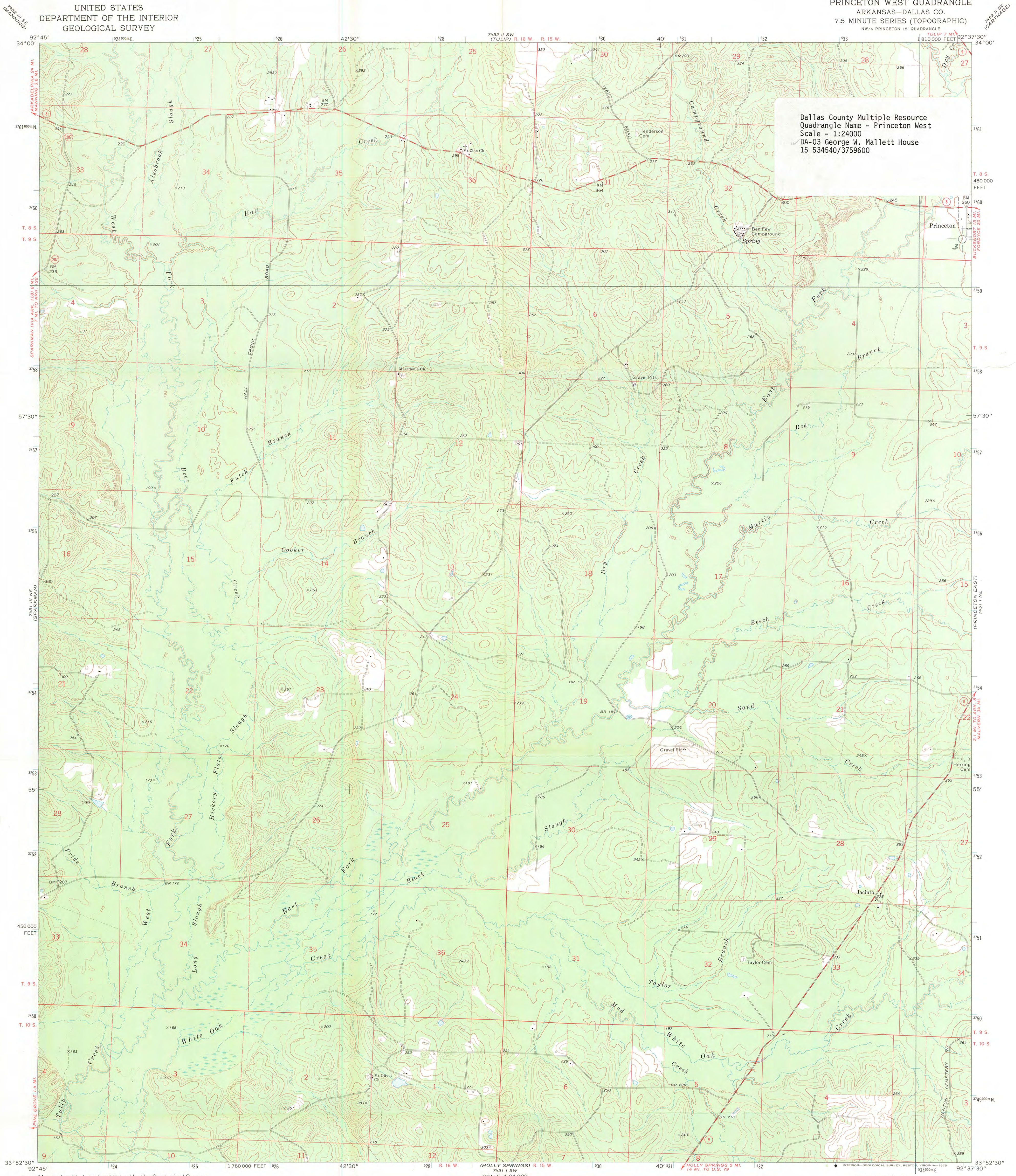
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PRINCETON WEST QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—DALLAS CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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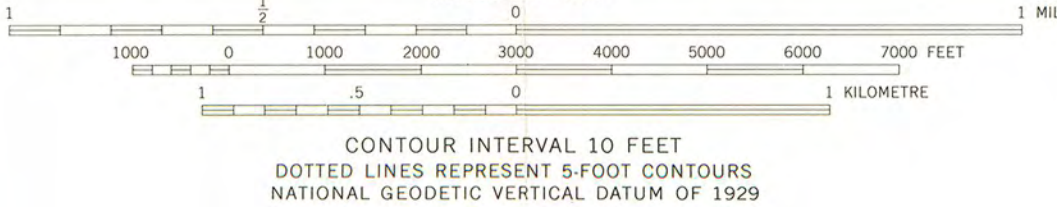
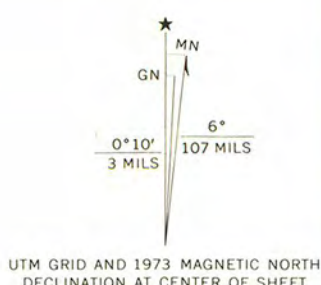
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1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

PRINCETON WEST, ARK.
NW 1/4 PRINCETON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3352.5—W9237.5/7.5

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