

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-45

Owner Earge Cole

Property Name Ewan Building

Address 312 South Tenth

Address 124-128 Second St.

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s c. 1903

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Ewan Building is a one-story brick structure with a pressed metal facade. It has a slightly raised cornice over decorative pressed metal detailing above three separate recessed storefronts. Large metal pilasters separate the storefronts and sit on the corners of the building. Two smaller pilasters flank the recessed single door entrance into the smaller, northern storefront. The two larger storefronts are the same size and have recessed double-door entrances. The transoms on the two larger storefronts have been altered, covered, and painted white. The smaller storefront remains original. All the stores are now vacant.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ewan Building at 124-128 Second Street is one of the fine pressed metal commercial buildings that were constructed in the early 1900's across from the Courthouse. Parker C. Ewan, a local lawyer and one of the largest landowners in the county, built this one-story building and the two-story New South Inn (CL-45) around 1903. In 1905, Ewan sold the one-story building to T. T. Bateman, owner and President of the Clarendon Lumber Company and also a large local landowner in Monroe County. Bateman leased several small shops in the store including: a barber shop, a drug store, a doctor's office, a bowling alley and a small restaurant. Now vacant, both the Ewan Building and the New South Inn are owned by Earge Cole. Both buildings have retained their pressed metal fronts and contribute to the historic early 1900's appearance of the area around the Courthouse. Both buildings have recently gained recognition as the set for A Soldier's Story movie shot in 1983 which increased interest in the town for preserving and restoring the buildings on Second Street.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
South 1/2 Lot 2 Block 12

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

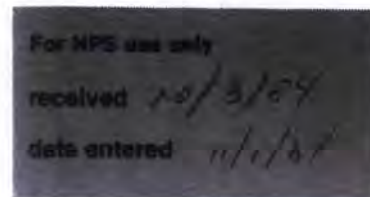
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Conn 11/1/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Anderson Boarding House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 10/1/84

Attest

2. Bank of Clarendon

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

3. Bateman-Griffith House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

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4. Bondi Brothers Store

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

5. Bounds Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

6. Clarendon Methodist-
Episcopal Church South

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

7. Ewan Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

8. Goldman and Son Store

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

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9. Highway 79 Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

10. Jefferies Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ewan Building (Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/1/84
☐ 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 _____
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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ 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

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: _____



CL-45 Ewan Building 124-128 Second
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024