

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-15

Owner Canehill Restoration Association

Property Name Pyeatte Mill Site (C. M. R. A.),

Address c/o Conrad Russell

Location Highway 45 S of Canehill on AR 45

Box 32, Canehill, AR 72717

Construction Date 1902

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Prominently sited along Highway 45 on the banks of the Jordan Creek, the old mill wheel and remnants of a stone foundation wall are all that remain visible of the Pyeatte Mill. Originally the wheel served a fairly extensive milling operation and the site was occupied by a bulky four-story woodframe building and a number of supporting outbuildings. The area around the thirty-six-foot-diameter steel wheel has been developed as a small roadside park. Unfortunately, the site has been the object of vandalism and both the well and foundations are marred with graffiti.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With its large wheel standing as the only physical reminder of the milling industry that was long prominent in the town's commercial history, the Pyeatte Mill Site contributes substantially to the depiction of Canehill's nineteenth-century heyday. A pioneer of the Canehill community, John Rankin Pyeatte established his first mill in the 1830's on a site north of town on Bush Creek. After the Civil War, Pyeatte, in partnership with his son-in-law William S. Moore, expanded the mill operation by introducing steam machinery into the system. With this expansion, the mill became capable of producing sawn logs and carded wool in addition to the flour and cornmeal that had always been processed and it was soon recognized as the most important milling operation in the area. In 1902, the mill was relocated to its present site on the Jordan Creek where it continued to operate into the 1920's.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"

Acreage more or less 7 acres

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, AR.

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone <u>15</u>	(A) Easting <u>373535</u>	Northing <u>3973600</u>	(B) Easting <u>373540</u>	Northing <u>3973500</u>
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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
Attachment A

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
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Verbal Boundary Description NW1/4, NE1/4 of Section 17, T14N, R32W.

Beginning at a point 6 chains 38 links west of Northeast corner of said 40
acre tract and running thence S 3 1/4 degrees West 20 chains, thence West
3 chains 90 links, thence North 15 chains, thence East 4 chains 9 links,
thence North 5 chains, thence East to place of beginning.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Earle House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper 11/17/82 Silvan Byers

Attest

12. Carroll, A. R., Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper 11/17/82 Silvan Byers

Attest

13. Pyeatte Mill Site

Substantive Review

Keeper 11/17/82 Bruce Harpuzel

Attest

11/16/82 Patrick Andrews

14. Pyeatte, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper 11/17/82 Silvan Byers

Attest

15. United Presbyterian Church
of Canehill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper 11/17/82 Silvan Byers

Attest

16.

Keeper

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18.

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19.

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20.

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National Park Service

Substantive Review

Pyeatte Mill Site (Canehill MRA)
Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 106/822739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/18/82 - 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:

*while they have not specifically addressed issue of
more, the mill remains are obviously the most
important survivors of an significant historic industry*

Recom./Criteria accept A

Reviewer Patrick Anders

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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<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—*see comment on front*
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address 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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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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000023