

### **United States Department of the Interior**

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The attached property, Plummer's Station, in Conway County, Arkansas, reference number 75000378, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 08/11/1975, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 10, 1976, Vol. 41, No. 28, page 5919. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

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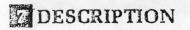
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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plummer's Station at Plumerville, Arkansas, originally consisted of a one room log cabin measuring approximately 14 feet by 14 feet with a chimney on the west elevation. In the 1830's Samuel Plummer bought this small cabin and the land surrounding it from George Harris, the man who probably built the cabin. During the next decade Plummer enlarged the cabin by adding on open breezeway and second log room to the east elevation. This first addition, believed to have housed Plummer's leather workshop, gave the structure a rectinlinear floor plan measuring approximately 34 feet by 14 feet.

A series of wood frame rooms were added along the rear (south) elevation of the cabin. Though there is no documentary evidence available on the date of these rear additions, circumstantial evidence indicates that the rooms were probably added circa 1860. The building's use as a private residence for Plummer's large family, as a saddlery, and as a stagecoach stop made the enlargement of the structure a necessity.

About 1900 the house was covered with siding and reroofed. The interior of the log portions of the house was covered with plank boards and the open breezeway was enclosed to form a central hallway. The original logs were left in place within the frame walls of the house. These changes marked the last major alteration to Plummer's Station.

The present house is a one storey white frame structure with an ell-shape floor plan. The main body of the house has a high gable roof which extends into a shed roof at the rear (south) elevation. The long leg of the ell is recessed from the facade and extends westward from the main structure. This west wing is covered with a medium low gable roof. An open shed roof porch extends across the east end of the rear elevation.

A brick chimney at the west elevation of the main structure extends about two feet above the ridge line of the roof. Door and window trim is plain around the house with two exceptions. Narrow shutters trim the doors and windows on the north and west elevations, and a simple architrave surrounds the main entry on the north elevation. Most of the windows are four light double-hung sash and, like the doorways, are spaced irregularly about the structure.

Plummer's Station rests on its original site, a gentle slope south of Gap Creek and the railroad tracks at Plumerville. Though much altered and added to since its 1830's origin, Plummer's Station remains occupied and in fairly good condition.

## SIGNIFICANCE

#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREDISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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#### TATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Plummer's Station is one of the most significant historic structures in Conway County, Arkansas. Originally constructed in the 1830's, the building has been used as a private residence, leather goods workshop, and traverler's inn for stage coach passengers. Plummer's Station, and the nearby town of Plumerville, were both named for Samuel Plummer, an early settler in Conway County.

Samuel Plummer was born in Washington, D. C. in 1801. When he was about seven years old his parents died and he was taken in and raised by Patrick Rogers, a saddler. Plummer was an apprentice saddler under his foster father and learned the leather-working trade. About 1824 Plummer moved to Boston where he worked for Foster and Barton, a leather goods company. After only a year in Boston, Plummer left New England and moved west to settle in Arkansas. According to one source (Goodspeed: History of Conway County), Plummer accompanied Major Edward W. Duval to Arkansas where Duval served as Indian agent to the Cherokees.

In 1826 Plummer married Henrietta Ellis in Pope County, Arkansas. The couple first settled near Lewisburg at the mouth of Point Remove Creek in Conway County, and later moved further east in the county to a site on Gap Creek. A deed filed in 1837 shows that Plummer paid \$100.00 to George Harris for the land and improvements on Gap Creek, including a cabin, fruit. trees and cleared land. This early cabin, probably built by Harris about 1830, was later enlarged and known as Plummer's Station.

In Arkansas, Plummer continued to make his living as a saddler. Some of his early customers were Cherokees who camped just south of his cabin on their journey up the Arkansas River to new lands in western Arkansas and Oklahoma. During the Civil War Plummer helped supply the Confederate army with leather goods. Two leather articles made by Plummer are now in the possession of his decendants. A money belt and wallet, each bearing the initials "S.P.", are still in good condition and testify to the skilled craftsmanship of Samuel Plummer.

The first addition to Plummer's cabin was probably made to house his leather workshop. Circa 1840 an open breezeway and a second large room were added to the east elevation of the cabin. Later additions were made after 1855 when the cabin on Cap Creek became a regular stop on the Little Rock to

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Fort Smith stage route. The road passed across Plummer's land and ran directly in front of his house, where traces of the old road are still visible (1975). It was during this service as a stage coach stop that the old cabin became known as Plummer's Station.

In 1873 the Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad was constructed along much the same route as the earlier stage road. Plummer gave the railroad permission to lay track across his land, and the nearby railroad station was named in his honor. Three years later Samuel Plummer died at his home. A brief obituary in the <a href="Arkansas Gazette">Arkansas Gazette</a> stated that he had been known to hundreds of Arkansans as the proprietor of a stage coach stop on the old Little Rock to Fort Smith stage road.

Plummer's Station has played an important role in three specific areas of Conway County history. The structure is important as the home of one of the county's earliest settlers. Samuel Plummer's use of his house as a leather goods workshop makes the building a significant commercial site used in the mid-nineteenth century. The structure is likewise a tangible reminder of Arkansas' transportation history, having served as a stage stop on the Little Rock to Fort Smith stage line. Though enlarged and altered, this early structure, still resting on its original site, is one of the oldest and most significant historic structures in Conway County.

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Facade, viewed from the northwest.

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SOURCE

United States Geological Survey, Morrilton East Quadrangle

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Plumerville

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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
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