

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-5

Owner Mr. John S. Marlar

Property Name Thomas Homestead

Address 2800 Mimosa

OFF AVE

Location Fairview

Camden, AR 71701

Significant Date/s c. 1910

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Thomas Homestead is located on an unpaved county road off Highway 7 between Dalark and Sparkman. The Homestead contains eight historic outbuildings sited around a dwelling. The dwelling (#1 on the attached map), built about 1910, is a wood frame dog-trot with an original rear ell attached to the north pen. Both the main block and the ell are covered with board and batten siding. The structure's gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles simulating historic wood shingles. The house and its two exterior end chimneys of brick rest on stone piers. The fenestration of this house is simple; each pen has a central entry onto the passageway and a pair of one-over-one double-hung windows on the front (east) facade. Shading the front facade is the half-hip roof supported by six square posts of the full length porch.

Among the outstructures is a small rectangular wood frame garage (2), built about 1930. It is sheathed in vertical boards and is capped by a gable roof of wood shingles. A double door entry with clipped corners faces east. This garage is the eastern most structure. These other structures, shed (4), potato house (5) smokehouse (6), sit behind it in a line running parallel and north of the dwelling. Immediately behind the garage is an open shed (4) on a square concrete pad. The shed is covered by a gable roof sheathed in wooden shingles supported by a round post at each corner. The gable ends are filled with vertical boards. Next is a square potato house (5) of round logs. Built at the same time as the dwelling this structure is covered by a wood shingle gable roof, the ends of which are filled with vertical boards. A door of vertical planks exists in the south facade. To the west of the potato house is a rectangular smoke house (6) of wood frame construction. It's gable roof of wood shingles extends three feet over the front facade which contains a vertical plank door and is covered with horizontal boards. The remaining facades are sheathed in board and batten siding. Farthest north from the dwelling is a wood-frame gable-roofed structure (3) used as a tool and blacksmith shop. Covered with vertical boards, this structure has a single door in the south gable end. Immediately behind (west) the dwelling is a well (7) which is covered by a wood shingle gable roof supported by four round posts. Farther to the west and beyond the fenced house yard is a large transverse crib barn (8) constructed of round logs. This 1½ story barn is covered by a gable roof with vertical boards filling the ends. A full-length shed addition supported by round posts has been added to each side. To the rear of this barn is a small two crib barn (9). Sheathed with vertical boards it is covered by a wood-shingle gable roof. A shed addition has been attached to the west side.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1910 Thomas Homestead is significant in its undisturbed representation of the early 20th century farm in Arkansas. Unlike the other documented farms, which were settled in the mid 19th century, its structures reflect one construction period, 1910-1920. Another noticeable difference with the Thomas Farm is the absence of laborers dwellings, present on other farms. This reflects, not only a one family farm operation but also the emerging impact of mechanized farming in Arkansas. The Thomas Homestead is an unusually fine collection of 20th century farm structures that represent a one family farm operation in Arkansas.

Acreage: $2\frac{1}{2}$

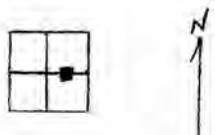
Quadrangle Name: Sparkman

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: A 15 513490/3760300
B 15 513480/3760290
C 15 513370/3760200
D 15 513380/3760310

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property, located within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, T8S R17W, is a square, containing $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, the east boundary of which is the county road; the main house is centered in the east half.



**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Princeton Methodist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Groves 10/28/83

Attest

Delores Byers 10/28/83

22. Rock Island Railway Depot

*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper

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23. Russell, John, House

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24. Sardis Methodist Church

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25. Smith, Jessie B., House

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26. Thomas Homestead

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27. Tulip Cemetery

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28. Wynne House

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29. Charlotte Street Historic
District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Thomas Homestead (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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

- excellent
- deteriorated
- good
- ruins
- fair
- 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

Working No. 9/14/83
Fed. Reg. Date:
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ACCEPT RETURN 10/28/83
REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

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- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide at least one boundary reference point.

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

Alvin B. Byers

Date

10/28/83

Phone:

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Date Due: 4/8/84

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May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the northeast



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #2
Sarah Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #3
Sarah Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
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View from the Northeast



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #4

Sarah Brown, photographer

May 27, 1982

Negative on file at the AHPP

View from the Southeast



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #5

Sarah Brown, photographer

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View from the Southeast



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #6
Sarah Brown, photographer
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View from the Northeast



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Thomas Homestead,
structure #7

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Negative on file at the AHPP

View from the West



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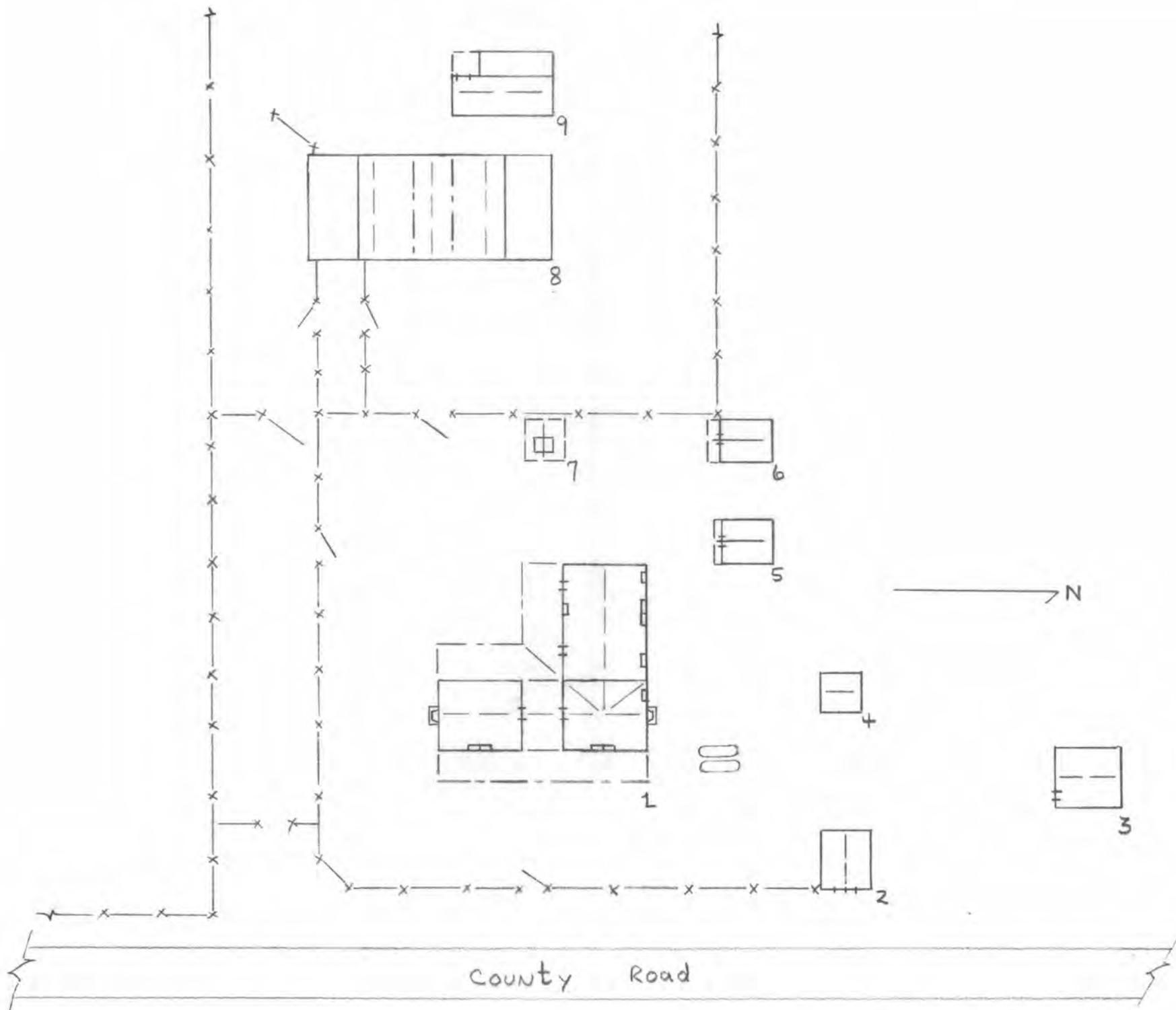
Thomas Homestead,
structure #8

Sarah Brown, photographer
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Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



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Thomas Homestead,
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View from the Southeast



Thomas Homestead
Fairview, Dallas County, Ark.
Not to Scale