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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-41

Owner Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Ford

Property Name Zachariah Ford House

Address Pleasant Grove, AR 72567

Location vic. of Pleasant Grove

Significant Date/s c.1856/1885

*Near White River*

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located approximately three miles east of St. James in the southeast section of Stone County, the Zachariah Ford House stands within a mile of a bluff that rises from the White River in the east and adjacent to the area's original road to the west. The log house is oriented on a north-south axis. The present-day dogtrot reflects two major construction stages. Zachariah Ford constructed the first pen with a loft around 1856. About thirty years later, c. 1885, his son George built the second pen and open hall to the east of the earlier pen. George Ford covered the pens with a gable roof. The roof was extended on the north side to create the porch roof and the principal facade. The porch roof is supported by chamfered posts. The house rests on a stone pier foundation.

A centered batten door distinguishes the principal facade of the c. 1856 pen from the later pen which features an off-centered, two-over-two double-hung window. The pens are further distinguished by the notching of the logs; the earlier pen displays square notching, while the later exhibits a half-dovetail technique. The open hall provides shelter for the c. 1885 pen's only entrance and an additional entry into the earlier pen. This entry was cut out at the time of the second pen's construction. Both doors display a four-paneled wood design.

Stone chimneys are attached to the west and east gable ends of the house. The older chimney, on the west gable, is made of rough hewn stone and is wider at its firebox and shaft sections than the later chimney. The c. 1885 chimney displays a finer craftsmanship in stone cutting and design. Each gables has a single window openings set next to each chimney.

The rear elevation (south) features shed room additions on each pen. The shed attached to the c. 1856 pen has a batten door flanked by two small window openings. Although its construction date is unknown, the shed's batten door, similar to the front door, and some of the older weatherboards seem to indicate an earlier construction than the c. 1885 pen. The second shed room was probably part of the c. 1885 construction stage of the house. The room is faced with a more recent board and batten material. A pair of four-pane windows set high on the south wall.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zachariah Ford House typifies the evolution of an original single pen log house into an expanded dogtrot plan. It is also an excellent resource to observe the log and stone craftsmanship of two successive generations. The ori-

ginal western pen was constructed by Zachariah Ford in 1856 after he received the land from his service in the Mexican War. The single pen cabin used rough hewn logs joined with square notching and a hewn stacked stone chimney on the gable end. The cabin contains a loft and was accessible by a ladder attached to the west wall. The second pen was added circa 1885 by Zachariah's son, George Ford, who joined the two pens with a breezeway, forming the present dogtrot plan. The hewn logs are joined by half dovetail notching. The pen also has a hewn stone chimney on its gable end.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of S8, R8W, T14N, is bounded on the north, south, east and west by lines running parallel to and 100 ft. from the four major facades of the house.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Bethesda

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 602240

Northing: 3967910

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

dnr-11

Name Stone County MRA  
State ARKANSAS

COVER

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Martin, Owen, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/25/85

Attest

2. Turkey Creek School

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/25/85

Attest

3. Brown, Samuel, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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4. West Richwoods Church & School

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National Register

for Keeper

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5. Ford, Zachariah, House

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6. Taylor-Stokes House

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7. Copeland, Wesley, House

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8. Morris, Jim, Barn

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9. Bluff Springs Church and School

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10. Guffey, Joe, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ref # 85002206

Ford, Zachariah, House (Stone County MRA)  
Stone County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86

Date Due: 9/12/85 9/28/85

Action: ACCEPT 9-17-85

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

- ☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ 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

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

ARKANSAS  
HISTORIC  
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Zachariah Ford House, ST-41  
Pleasant Grove vicinity  
Don Brown, photographer  
1983  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
Viewed from the north



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031