

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Koon House #4

other name/site number: GR0092

2. Location

street & number: 3004 State Hwy. 167

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sheridan

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Grant

code: AR 053

zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945

Koon House #4
Name of Property

Grant County, AR
County and State

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

8-31-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, Edson H. Baill hereby certify that this property is 10.14.99

✓ entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Vertical Log

Materials:	foundation	Brick _____	roof	Asphalt _____
	walls	Wood/log _____	other	N/A _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Koon House #4 is a single-story, intersecting gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with a recessed porch being placed at both the northwest and southeast corners. A single small brick chimney rises through the ridgeline toward the eastern or rear elevation. The building is supported on brick piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

Elaboration

Koon House #4 is a single-story, gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with a recessed porch being placed at both the northwest and southeast corners. A single small brick chimney rises through the ridgeline toward the eastern or rear elevation. The building is supported on brick piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

The western or front elevation features a recessed porch set beneath the pediment of the main gable section of the house. Two square wood posts support the center and northwest corner of the porch roof. Two single-leaf entrances provide access into the western and northern walls beneath the porch roof, and a single three-over-one wood window lights the western wall to the north. The side gable wall to the south is lit by three large three-over-one wood windows.

The southern elevation is composed of the end gable of the original intersecting log section to the west and the wall of the later addition to the east. The log section is lit with a single, centrally placed three-over-one wood window while the newer wall to the east is fenestrated with two smaller one-over-one wood windows. The recessed porch set into the southeastern corner finishes the elevation, and reveals a single-leaf entrance set into the southern wall thereof.

The eastern elevation is composed of the recessed porch to the south and a gable end to the north. The porch is lit with a single window to the south and accessed via a single-leaf entrance placed toward the north. The gable end appears to have been an open porch originally, with the window openings since filled-in. The northern elevation is composed of a single window placed toward the east and two pair of larger wood windows placed evenly in the wall to the west.

The alterations to this building are largely limited to the later addition that wraps around the southern and eastern elevations. However, it should be noted that these additions are toward the rear and are not visible from the principal elevation.

A non-historic shed roof storage building is included in the nomination; it is non-contributing. The Koon House #4 is in good condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1940 _____

Significant Dates: c. 1940 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Koon, Hillary Henry "Pappy"

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
___ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Criterion C, local significance

Koon House #4 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance by virtue of both its distinctive vertical, split log construction and its direct association with Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon, the local farmer and carpenter who built these unique structures. As such, it is associated with the historic context *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945* and the historic significance of these properties noted therein.

Elaboration

Built c. 1940, the building known as Koon House #4 was constructed by local farmer and carpenter Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon as one of several vertical split log buildings he constructed for residents of the relatively new community that sprang up along State Highway 167 south of Sheridan after it was paved by the state.

It was this building and the others built like it that gave the community the name of "Slabtown," as it was mistakenly believed that these buildings were of slab construction, which in fact they were not. Rather, the split vertical logs are notched into a sill below and plate above which supports the roof, and the logs serve as the load-bearing structure of the building. It is this unique construction method that distinguishes these buildings architecturally and thus the reason for their nomination.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945, Section H.*

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>555320</u>	<u>3791780</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of State Hwy. 167 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the southern elevation of the house and located 25 feet to the south thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along the eastern edge of State Hwy. 167 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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County and State

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11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Koon House #4
NAME:

MULTIPLE Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown", Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Grant

DATE RECEIVED: 9/15/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001246

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10.14.99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Koon House #4 (GROD92)

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VIEW FROM NW



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VIEW FROM SW



KOON HOUSE #4 (GRO092)

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VIEW FROM SE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500031