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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY MRA  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-11

Owner Mr. James B. Scroggins

Property Name Taylor-Stokes House

Address Marcella, AR 72555

Location vic. of Marcella <sup>OFF</sup> AR 14

Significant Date/s c. 1876

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Taylor-Stokes House is located off a dirt road about a half mile west of Highway 14 in southeast Stone County near the Independence County line. Taylor and Stokes, c. 1876, built a log saddle bag house with front and rear open porches. The structure, facing east, rests on stone piers and is covered by a gable roof which overhangs on either side to create the porch roofs.

The weatherboard log pens flank a large central interior stone chimney, which provides fireboxes for each pen. The front facade (east) displays a window and door opening in each pen. The rear (west) elevation features three door openings, one centered in each pen with the middle door providing access to the loft area.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1876, the Stokes-Taylor House is the earliest post-Civil War log house documented in the county. Constructed of logs and covered with weatherboards, the house is the only saddlebag structure in the county. The lack of evidence of chinking or clapboard covering of the gaps between the logs indicates that the weatherboard could be part of the original construction which is unique in the county. The original stairway, doors, and one fire mantel are intact despite its present use as a hay barn.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , is bounded on the north, south, east and west by lines running parallel to and 50 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: 602530

Northing: 3957710

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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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

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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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National Register

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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 #  
85002207

Taylor-Stokes House (Stone County MRA)  
Stone County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-86  
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  
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Historic Resources of Stone County  
Taylor-Stokes House, ST-11  
Marcella  
Don Brown, photographer  
1983  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
Viewed from the northeast





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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