

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-2

Owner Connie and Adelle Nix

Property Name Brazeale Homestead
SE OF AR 128

Address Route 1

Location Pine Grove

Sparkman, AR

Significant Date/s See below

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Brazeale Homestead is located in the community of Pine Grove in southwest Dallas County. The homestead is a complex of structures built from the 1850's through the turn of the century. The main structure in this ensemble is a dwelling, (#1 on the attached map) originally built as a single pen log structure, circa 1853, by Benjamin F. Brazeale. After the Civil War, a frame pen was added, creating a dog-trot. Near the turn of the century further additions were made, creating the house seen today. The structure is a one and one-half story central hall house with rear ell. Resting on a stone foundation the house is clad in weatherboard and is covered by two gable roofs, one running north-south over the main block, the other east-west over the ell. A brick exterior chimney stands on the north gable end of the main block. Fenestration throughout the structure is single. Of note is the lack of fenestration in the original log pen.

Located around the main dwelling to the north and east are several ancillary structures.

- #2 Used as a tenet/sharecropper dwelling, this wood frame structure was originally a dog-trot. Covered with board and batten siding, the house rests on a stone foundation. The passageway was enclosed and covered with weatherboards. A gable roof sheathed in wood shingles covers the structure. A brick exterior chimney stands on the south gable end. A second chimney, now fallen, stood on the opposite gable end.
- #3 This small wood frame structure is believed to be a detached kitchen. Clad with board and batten siding, the structure is covered by a gable roof. The west gable end has a brick chimney. A door, centered in the south facade is flanked by a window on each side. The east facade has one window.
- #4 The original part of this structure is a log double crib with driveway barn. Attached to the east side is a one room wood frame addition. One gable roof sheathed in wood shingles covers this entire log and roof structure. A wood frame shed addition exists on the north facade.

The remaining five structures of varying construction dates on the homestead were all originally the same in plan. Like structure #9, all began as one and one-half story one-room buildings covered by a gable roof. Although all are of wood frame construction buildings #5 and #9 are clad in board and batten

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siding while buildings #6, #7, and #8 are clad with horizontal board siding. Each structure illustrates a different evolutionary form of what was originally a one-room outbuilding. Structure #7 has an open shed addition on the south side while #5 has a similar addition on the north side. A large shed roof addition to structure #8 contains a driveway and an enclosed section. Structure #6 has an enclosed shed addition on both sides.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brazeale Homestead, an eleven structure complex, is a valuable resource to the settlement and architectural and agricultural history of Dallas County. Benjamin F. Brazeale came to the rich agricultural area of Pine Grove in the mid-1840's. In the early 1850's he built a log hall and parlor house. This house constitutes the oldest section of the current main dwelling on the homestead and is one of three remaining pre-Civil War houses in Dallas County. After the Civil War a second pen was added to the south of the log house creating a dog-trot. Later the dog-trot was enclosed and near the turn-of-the-century a rear ell was added to the structure. The structure is an excellent example of how a dwelling evolves to fit changing and growing needs a family and farm during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This homestead also represents the evolution of agricultural/economic systems. The tenant/sharecropper house, an enclosed dog-trot, represents the typical housing provided for the farm labor system that replaced the plantation/slave system. Also reflecting this evolution of systems is the later use of the detached kitchen as a dwelling for farm laborers. The remaining ancillary structures reflect a large farm's organizational plan for servicing human needs, livestock, feed and agricultural equipment. Included are a well, a cistern, several wood frame storage buildings, two wood frame barns and one log barn. The later structure is the only surviving example of a double crib with driveway barn, a common early form, in Dallas County.

Acreage: 40

Quadrangle Name: Ouachita

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: A 15 521880/3746130
B 15 521870/3745740
C 15 521480/3745750
D 15 521490/3746160

Verbal Boundary Description:

To include the main house and all ancillary structures and to protect the rural setting of this homestead:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17, T10S R16W.

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 Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Amis House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

2. Atchley, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

3. Brazeale Homestead

Substantive Review

Keeper

Both Grosvenor 10/28/83

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4. Brewster House

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National Register

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5. Butler-Matthews Homestead

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National Register

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6. Dallas County Courthouse

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/27/84

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7. Elliott House

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National Register

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8. Fielder House

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9. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

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10. First United Methodist Church

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Brazeale Homestead (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/28/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The Brazeale Homestead is locally significant for what it illustrates about the agricultural history of Dallas County and for its architectural importance as an intact vernacular farm complex that contains evidence of nineteenth century social organization in the construction and arrangement.

Recom./Criteria Accept A + C
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline Historic
Date 10/26/83
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 ☐ 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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Brazeale Homestead
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northeast



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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #2
Don Brown, photographer
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Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northeast



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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #5
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



DA-2
Brazeale Homestead
structure #3
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Southeast



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Brazeale Homestead
structure #4
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the South



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Brazeale Homestead
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #5
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Southwest



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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #6
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Southwest



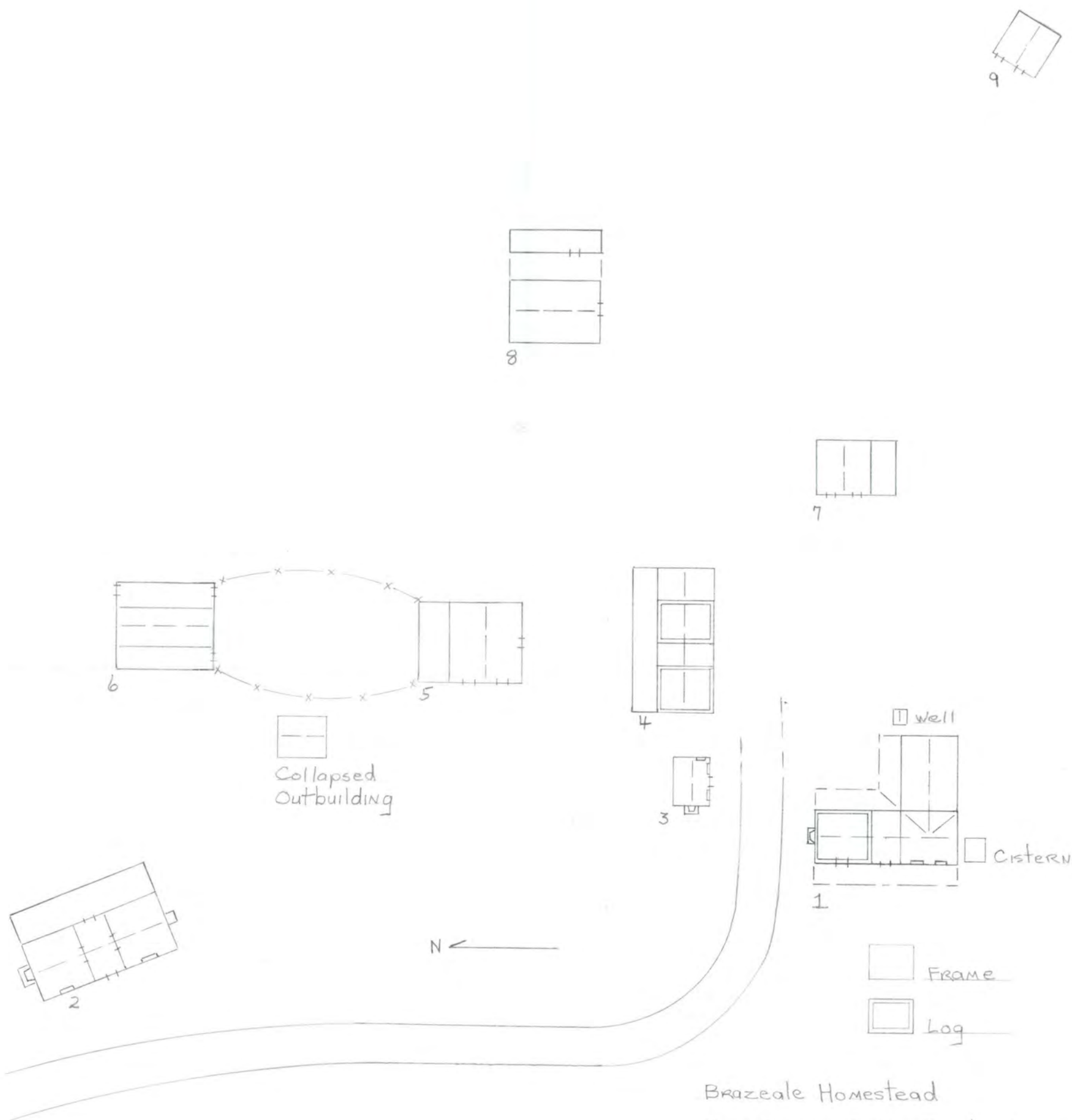
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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #7
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the West



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Brazeale Homestead,
structure #8
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Southwest



DA-2
Brazeale Homestead,
structure #9
Don Brown, photographer
May 27, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



Brazeale Homestead
 Pine Grove, Dallas County, Arkansas
 Not to Scale

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025