

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Wasson House Property Owner Irma Wasson
Location Main St., Springtown Address Box 145
Construction Date c. 1890 Survey No. 2322 Springtown, AR 72767

DESCRIPTION

The Wasson House, facing south on Springtown's main street, is an I-house with a flawless list of qualifying features. Only its two-story three-bay front porch possesses stylistic details, its simple Tuscan columns suggesting a neo-colonial influence at the time it was built. An outside end brick chimney rises on the east facade. A two-story rear wing is flanked by one-story porches. The westerly one has been enclosed and enlarged by a lean-to addition at the rear of the main block.

The central hall accommodates a simple balustraded stairway to the second floor. The wood mantle of the east parlor fireplace is original and intact. Wall surfaces throughout the ground floor have been covered with various twentieth century materials, i.e., wall-board and plywood paneling. A brick rectangular combination well-house and smoke house stands to the west of the enclosed rear porch. The hand-pump well rises from a concrete slab and is covered by a gabled extension of the smoke house roof. The brick structure is a two-level volume, the upper level being the smoke house, the lower level, partially below ground, served as a root cellar and food storage. Each level has its separate door and stairway.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Wasson I-House, built c. 1890, is significant as a little-altered example of middle-class residential architecture which was common in rural and small town Arkansas at the turn-of-the twentieth century. The exterior of the Wasson House and its brick ancillary (smoke house and well house) show surprisingly little modification as well as high standards of maintenance. The house is a well-preserved example of the residential pattern of the Wasson family, noted in Siloam Springs and this part of the county as successful bankers, educators and merchants.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lots 1-8, Block 4, Wasson Addition

Quadrangle Name Gentry, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 371985 Northing 4013570

12/14/87

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Stack Barn

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

92. Stockton Building

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National RegisterKeeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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93. Stroud House

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National RegisterKeeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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94. Sutherlin Cabin

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95. Thurmond House

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National RegisterKeeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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96. Vinson House

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National RegisterKeeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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97. Walnut Street Historic District

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98. Wasson House

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99. Wonderland Cave

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100. Young, Col., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wasson House (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89

Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88

Action: ACCEPT 1-28-88

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

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: _____



No. 56

WILLIAM DAVID WASSON HOUSE - 2322

SPRINGTOWN

BENTON CO. MRA

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NEGATIVES on FILE AT AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022