

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF EVENING SHADE
SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ES-6

Owner Dewey N. Sims

Property Name John W. Shaver House

Address Main Street

Location Main Street, Evening Shade

Evening Shade, AR 72532

Significant Date/s 1854

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The John W. Shaver House sits on a large tree filled corner lot next to the commercial block. Built in 1854, the house is a one-and-one-half-story gable roofed structure with load bearing brick walls. The south (front) elevation of the gable roof contains three late-nineteenth-century cross gable dormers decorated with wooden shingles. A one-story wood frame addition is covered with a shed roof.

The front (south) facade features two windows flanking a central entry. This entry consists of a single door flanked by windows with diamond shaped panes. Above the door is a gable roof supported by brackets. Each of the two gable ends has returns and contains an exterior brick chimney.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John W. Shaver House, built in 1854, is significant to the early settlement, commercial history, and architectural character of Evening Shade. Shaver came to the area in 1844 and established a fur trading business. In 1851 he took over the Cammack enterprise located on Plum Spring. Shaver was the first permanent settler and proprietor of the first enterprise in Evening Shade. Therefore, the John W. Shaver House, although altered, is the oldest and most historic structure in Evening Shade.

Verbal Boundary Description 3-16-6, Town Lot: east part of 2

Acreage less than one acre

Quadrangle Name Evening Shade Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 624320 Northing 3992600

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

Name Evening Shade Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. **Shaver, John W., House**

Substantive Review

Keeper accept - Beth Grosvenor 6/2/82

Attest _____

12. Edwards, W. A., House

**Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper Delores Byers 6/2/82

Attest _____

13.

Keeper _____

Attest _____

14.

Keeper _____

Attest _____

* 15. Wilkerson House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

determined eligible
Keeper Beth Grosvenor 8/17/82

Attest Patrick Andrews 8/17/82

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Keeper _____

Attest _____

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Keeper _____

Attest _____

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Keeper _____

Attest _____

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Keeper _____

Attest _____

Substantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

82002140

Property: John W. Shaver House
State, County: AK, SHARP
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/22/82-1167
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 5/28/82 - 6/6/82
Action: ACCEPT 6/2/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

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

photos
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria accept - A, B, C
Reviewer Groves
Discipline Historian
Date 6/1/82
 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 _____ Check one _____ Check one _____
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

Should have been clearer about the extent of the alterations; apparently, the addition of the gables is the only major exterior change.

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✓ **8. Significance**

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific Dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in two paragraphs)

- _____ 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**

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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 _____

Site _____ date _____

✓ **13. Other**

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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John W. Shaver House
Bob Dunn, Photographer May, 1981
Negative at the Ark. Hist. Pres. Program
View from the southeast
No. 7 of 16

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

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