

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF EVENING SHADE
SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ES-8

Owner Mrs. Caruth S. Moore

Property Name Charles W. Shaver House

Address Court Street -

Location Court Street, Evening Shade

Evening Shade, AR 72352

Significant Date/s 1874

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Charles W. Shaver House is located on a large corner lot facing south on Court Street. The house, constructed in 1874, is a one-story central hall structure with an original ell on the west side of the rear (north) elevation. Its load bearing brick walls are of common bond. The house is covered with two gable roofs, one running east-west over the main structure and one running north-south over the rear ell. A plain entablature and box cornice with returns in the gable ends cap the structure.

On the front (south) facade two windows flank a central rectangular porch on a natural sandstone foundation. The flat-roofed porch is supported by four box columns and two pilasters. Cut panels form the balustrade. This porch marks the main entry which contains a single door (originally a double-door) flanked by sidelights of two panes over wood panels and a two light transom.

The east and west gable ends contain exterior brick chimneys. Each chimney is flanked by two windows.

Typical of the central hall house, the Charles W. Shaver House contains a hall, running north-south, flanked by two larger rooms. The hall contains horizontal boards above a chair rail and square wood panels. The flanking rooms are distinguished by plastered walls, chair railings, and original mantels. The ell contains a room similar in design to the front rooms and a modern kitchen. An enclosed porch is located behind the central hall.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles W. Shaver House is significant to the early settlement and architectural character of Evening Shade. The house was constructed in 1874 by Charles Shaver, son of John Shaver, the first permanent settler.

Charles Shaver's house closely reflects the design of his father's residence. Both houses are central hall structures with load bearing brick walls. The construction of the Charles W. Shaver House, following the design and technology of an earlier era, is unique for 1874 Evening Shade. Although Charles Shaver was confined to a wheel chair at the age of 14, he led a successful life. His son, Owen C. Shaver, who also lived in the house, was long-time owner and editor of the Sharp County Record.

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Verbal Boundary Description 3-16-6, Town Lot: southwest quarter of 6

Acreage less than one

Quadrangle Name Evening Shade Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 6244220 Northing 3992690

Substantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

82002140

Property: Shaver, Charles W. House
 State, County: AR, Sharp
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 422/82-1167
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 5/20/82 - 6/6/82
 Action: ACCEPT
RETURN 6/2/82
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 Return
 Reviewer Goodman
 Discipline Historian
 Date 6/2/82
 ____ see continuation sheet

X Nomination returned for: ____ technical corrections cited below
X substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. 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

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

The cover nomination implies that the initial settlement dates from the establishment of the mill and was prospering by the 1840's. In this light, this house does not seem to relate to the "early settlement." Having precisely what is the architect been built by the town founder's son is not sufficient to link the house to the earliest days of the town. Precisely what is the architectural significance of the house? Why is it significant that it resembles the John Sheen House? What qualities make it unique—in what way were the "earlier" house forms different from those in 1874? Are there others left from an earlier period? The cover form specifies several types of construction materials as characterizing Evening Shade, but brick is not one of them. Are there many or few houses of brick? Is this significant?

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address 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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Beth Grovena

Signed Beth Grovena

Date 6/2/82

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Charles W. Shaver House
Bob Dunn, Photographer May, 1981
Negative at the Ark. Hist. Pres. Program
View from the southwest
No. 9 of 16

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000026

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles W. Shaver House is significant to the architectural history and character of Evening Shade. The house was built by Charles W. Shaver, son of the first permanent settler, John W. Shaver. Although confined to a wheelchair at age fourteen, Charles W. Shaver became a local hero during the Civil War by making daring trips through Federal lines into Missouri. These trips were made in order to acquire contraband items (salt, medicine, and gunpowder) to supply Evening Shade residents. His success as a merchant carried through the Civil War into the Reconstruction era, allowing him to construct his brick home in 1874. The construction of substantial (brick) houses, such as the Charles W. Shaver House, during Reconstruction was rare in Arkansas and unique in Evening Shade.

Charles W. Shaver built his house following the design and technology of his father's 1854 house. This created a dwelling which is an outstanding example of post-Civil War architecture using the Greek Revival esthetic. The use of Greek Revival design and particularly load-bearing brick construction in domestic structures in Arkansas was rare by 1874. Although unusual throughout the state after the Civil War, Greek Revival is a dominate character in Evening Shade's architecture. The Charles W. Shaver House set the tone for the majority of the post-bellum structures. Using the house as an example, the

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architecture of Evening Shade through the turn of the 20th century contains Greek Revival elements.

The Charles W. Shaver House is the second oldest and one of two historic brick structures in Evening Shade. Outstanding in its retention of original fabric, the house survives today as a rare rural example of Reconstruction architecture in Evening Shade and in Arkansas.

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Zone 15 Easting 6244220 Northing 3992690
208 BW 9-27-83

OMB NO. 1010-0046
EXP. 10/31/84United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Evening Shade Multiple Resource AreaState Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Cochran Store

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

2. Shaver, Charles W., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce A. Byers 9/20/82

Attest

accept - Patrick Andrews 9/22/82

3. Plum Spring Springhouse and Site

Substantive Review

Keeper

Rept 6/2

Attest

* 4. Wilkerson House

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

5. Sharp Mill and Thompson
Mill Site

Substantive Review

Keeper

Rept 6/2

Attest

6. McCaleb, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

7. Stokes House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

8. Cogger House

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept - Beth Grosvenor 6/8/82

Attest

9. Metcalfe House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

10. Davidson, Sam, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 6/2/82

Attest

* Removed from National Register 3/82
Resubmitted as NE/owner objection

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

(Evening Shade MRA)

82002139

Property: Shaver, Charles W., House
State, County: AR, Sharp
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4.22.82-167
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 9/30/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9/30/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

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

photos ☒
maps ☐

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

Reviewer's comments:

returned nomination addresses all points raised by original reviewer

Recom./Criteria accept - c
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 9/22/82
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

☒ 1. Name

☒ 2. Location

☒ 3. Classification

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☒ 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unrepaired		<input type="checkbox"/> date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity - *they do not discuss any alterations, so I assume that it is unaltered*
☒ dates
☒ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____

Builder Architect _____

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- ☐ other

on return they no longer suggest that the bld. is significant for association with early settlement.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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Title _____

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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August 6, 1982

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
United State Department of the Interior
National Park Service
440 "G" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Charles W. Shaver House, Historic
Resources of Evening Shade, Sharp County

Dear Carol:

We are resubmitting for your review the Charles W. Shaver House which is included in Historic Resources of Evening Shade, a multiple resource nomination originally submitted to you on April 2, 1982. The other residential structures in the nomination have been listed. We feel the Charles W. Shaver House is an excellent example of Reconstruction architecture in the rural community of Evening Shade and therefore warrants listing as well.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/AJ/ss

Enclosures

