

Survey Number CL-51 Owner Dottie Ann Bateman  
✓ Property Name Jefferies-Craptree House Address 208 Main  
✓ Address 300 Jefferson St Clarendon, AR 72029  
City Clarendon, AR  
Significant Date/s 1923

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Jefferies-Craptree House was built and designed by Memphis architect, Estes Mann who called it "simplified Colonial in design." The two-story red brick house contains a hip roof with a large dormer window flanked by elliptical attic vents on the front, southern face. The front of the house faces Jefferson Street with a symmetrical facade, containing a central accentuated single door entrance with sidelights and transom. The decorative trellised front entry is supported by two slender columns. The entry is flanked by tripled arranged double-hung, nine-over-one windows on first floor. The west side of the house has an exterior brick chimney and a side porch supported by wide brick columns and covered by a trellised cover similar to the front entry. The east side has the original sleeping porch on a smaller wing with a flat roof; a brick first floor and a frame second floor. The second story front facade has a center double-hung, nine-over-one window with a large window-box underneath flanked by two double-hung windows on either side. The simplified Colonial Revival house with Craftsman elements remains one of the oldest brick residences left in Clarendon, though it is vacant at present.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jefferies-Craptree House is significant both for its association to a successful Clarendon family and the introduction of an influential architect in the town. The house was built for Alfred J. Jefferies in 1923 on land given to him by his father, William Ladson Jefferies. The architectural firm of Estes Mann and Gatling out of Memphis designed the \$12,000 dollar house. Estes Mann married one of William Jefferies' daughters, and the Jefferies house was the first of many projects Mann would design in the town of Clarendon, including the Bateman-Griffith house (CL-54) on the same block as the Jefferies-Craptree house. Mann also designed primarily private residences throughout Eastern Arkansas and Memphis. Alfred J. Jefferies was active in the Jefferies and Sons mercantile business as well as the Jefferies Lumber Company. Alfred Jefferies also served as postmaster in Clarendon from 1932 to 1947. The family of J. W. Craptree, who among other things owned and managed the Metro Theater in Clarendon, lived in the house for many years. It is now vacant, and is owned by Dottie Ann Bateman.

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Verbal Boundary Description: Ewans Addition  
Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654200

Northing: 3840710

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered 11/1/84

Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area  
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Jefferies-Craptree House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Bryan 11/1/84

Attest

12. Manning, Lee and Moore  
Law Office

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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13. Marston House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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14. Midland Depot

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National Register

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15. New South Inn

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Jefferies-Craptree House (Clarendon MRA)  
Monroe County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 11-1-84  
 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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



CL-51 Jefferies-Craptree House 300 Jefferson  
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the Southwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024