

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name James House Property Owner Ross Mendenhall
Location Route 2, Rogers (South of Hwy. 71,
midway between Rogers & Bentonville) Address Route 2
Construction Date c 1903 Survey No. 2119 Rogers, AR 72756

DESCRIPTION

The James House is an unusually large two-story brick elaboration of the common vernacular form known as the prow house, normally a T-shape with the stem projecting forward. The cross bar in this case is a two-story cube with a truncated pyramidal roof. The projecting stem (prow) is a two-story brick wing with a double-pitch roof with a wood front gable. Porches which once sheltered entry doors flanking the inner end of the prow have been removed. One-story projecting bays are located on the north and south facades of the main mass and on the front face of the prow. All windows of the first and second floor are one-over-one double-hung sash, spanned by segmental brick arches. A one-story narrow frame porch stretches across the rear elevation. Also located on the property is a combination root cellar and smokehouse, constructed of brick and probably contemporary to the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: CArea of significance: Architecture

The James House, built in 1903, confirms with its size and its building material, the above average prosperity of the owner-builder. It is a unique specimen in Benton County of an expansive variation of the four-square residential form just being introduced at the turn of the twentieth century. Its two-story square plan with pyramid roof is expanded by a two-story front wing attached to the east facade of the main cube. There is no confirmation the bricks were manufactured on the site, but such practice was common during the late nineteenth century in rural areas such as this. However, there were, by 1903, commercial brick yards in Bentonville and Rogers, the nearest trade centers to this farm. The house is surprisingly austere in its lack of ornamentation in brick, wood or metal. The smokehouse-root cellar is the only brick structure of this type documented by the survey, and its presence enhances the property's significance.

Acreage less than one acreVerbal Boundary Description From the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 to Spring (cont)Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391550 Northing 4018540

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Property Owner _____

Location _____

Address _____

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DESCRIPTION

VERBAL BOUNDARY CONTINUED

Road, proceed south on Spring Road 3.4 miles to the northwest corner of the property and the point of beginning. Proceed 135 feet east, then proceed 100 feet south, then proceed 135 feet west, then proceed 100 feet north to the point of beginning.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: _____

Area of significance: _____

Acreage _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

UTM Reference: Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Hagler--Cole Cabin

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/28/88

Attest

42. Henry--Thompson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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43. Hiwassee Bank Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/28/88

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44. House at 305 E. Ashley

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/28/88

Attest

45. Illinois River Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/28/88

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46. Jackson House

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National Register

for Keeper

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47. James House

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48. Jones House

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49. Kefauver House

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50. Kindley House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

James 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 ☐ 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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JAMES HOMESTEAD - 2119

VIC. BENTONVILLE

BENTON CO. MRA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022