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The Pioneer Farm House is located on the main street of Alleene, Arkansas. It is made of hand hewn logs, and covered with hand riven cypress shingles which replaced the original ones.

The house is thirty-three feet wide, and fifty-three feet long. It has a hallway or "dog trot" down the center of it. On one side is the living room, and kitchen, while on the other side is the bed room, and "shed" room which was made by enclosing one end of the porch in 1973.

The eight foot wide front porch extends across the entire building.

The lot on which the house stands was donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Thelma Sikes. Vacant lots flank each side of the building. The fireplace in the living room though not original is constructed of hand made brick, some of which had dog tracks in them. There are other minor changes but they do not alter the basic construction or appearance of the building.

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BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. D. Abney

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Pioneer Farm House" was built about 1895 by Mr. J.D. Abney. It is made of hand hewn logs and is typical of farm houses of that era. The fact that it is of log construction with appropriate furnshings make it a valuable means of preserving early Arkansas history.

Mr. Will Reed bought the house in 1902 and lived there nearly fifty years. Later Dr. Dan Smith purchased it, and donated it to the Little River County Historical Society. For safety reasons it was moved about one mile from its original location to the present site.

Most of the furniture and artifacts were used in this vicinity and were given to the Historical Society for display in the pioneer house. Some things in the living room are a one hundred year old Seth Thomas Clock, an Organ which still plays, and antique Dulcimer, a Kerosene Lamp, an Unabridged Dictionary published in 1875, and an original "Blue Back" Speller. Also, the desk which in 1867 housed all the records of the county in the first court house of the area. Also, the key to the first jail is here. Both desk and key were owned by William Madison Freeman who served as Sheriff in 1867 - 68. There are other interesting things, but these are the most outstanding.

Across the hallway in the bedroom is a "feather bed" made of goose feathers, a woolen bed spread made by Mrs. George Wright who sheared the sheep, dyed the wool, spun the thread and wove it into a beautiful design. Also, a real treasure is a hand made loom, spinning wheel and reel all made before the Civil War. Of course, there is the bowl and pitcher, home made chairs, tables, etc., etc.

In the kitchen is a four "eye" iron cook stove, with iron cook vessels, a wooden churn, large wooden meal and flour bin made before the Civil War, hand made mixing bowl, home made dining table and puncheon bench (not original), "scouring" block made of corn shucks, a broom made of home grown broom corn, and original "Pye" safe, and so on and on.

In the "shed" room are such interesting things as a "turtle tooth" cross cut saw over one hundred years old, an ox bow, grist mill, a cotton sack, cotton basket woven of oak splints, a steel yard (scales) for weighing cotton, and the original post office window or cage first used here in 1893.

There is now being constructed a shop building on the grounds, about thirty feet North of the house. It will house many antique farm implements on hand, including horse drawn hay equipment, a scythe, farm wagon, black smith equipment, etc.

This project has been of much interest in this area and many visitors come to see it including History Classes.

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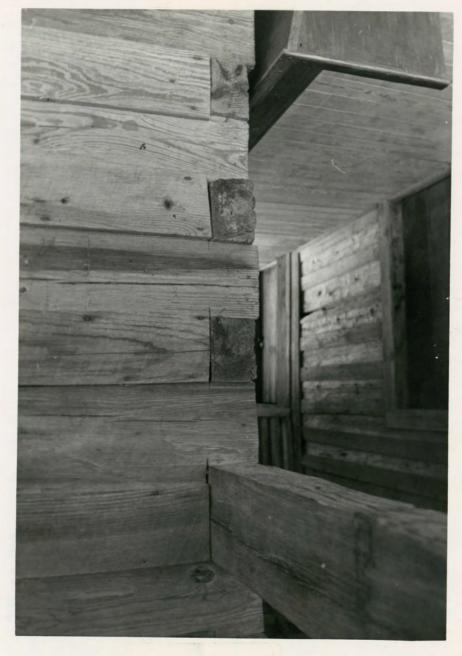
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Will Reed House

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2 LOCATION

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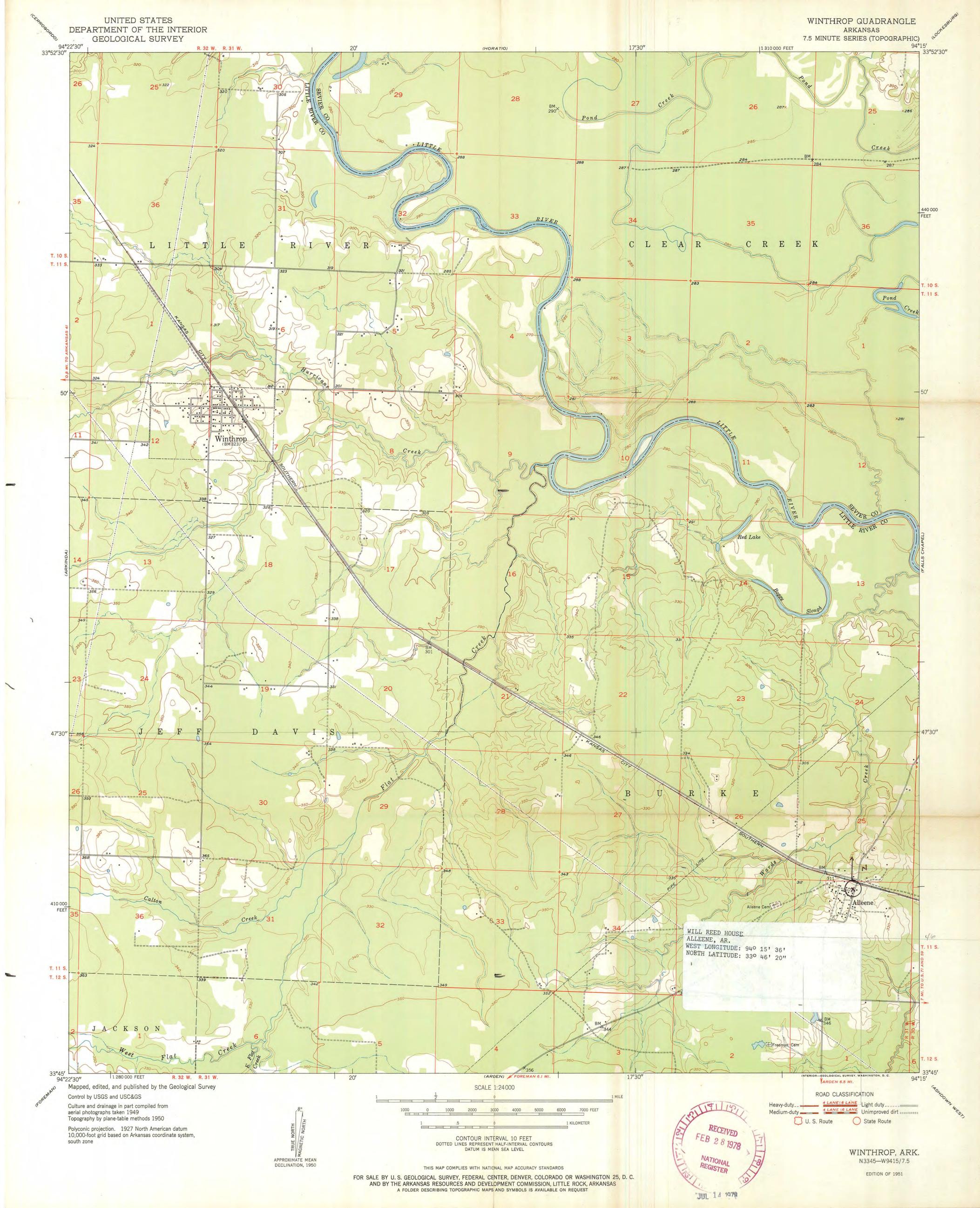
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- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES





ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

Mrs. Odessa Smith Box 6 Alleene, Arkansas 71820

Re:

Pioneer Farm House

Alleene, Little River County

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Dear Mrs. Smith:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Pioneer Farm House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally funded, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Mike Shinn of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes No

Comments:

aug 20,1977 Mrs. Odessa Smith

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

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Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
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Honorable James G. Tucker, Jr.
Honorable Ray Thornton

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
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