

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-61

Owner Robert Deeton

✓ Property Name Midland Depot

Address 429 Main

✓ Address 205 Midland St.

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s c. 1912

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Midland Depot is a simple, one-story structure, typical of the depots of the early 1900's used by the small, short-line railroads such as the Arkansas Midland. The rectangular building runs east and west along Midland Street where the original railroad tracks were laid. The building has an asphalt shingle gable roof with the west gable end containing the passenger loading exit and large ticket window. The north side contained the protruding ticket booth and the main entrances into the depot. The east gable end was used for loading freight. It was covered when the aluminum and metal warehouse additions were added in the 1950's. The depot was abandoned in 1917 when the Midland tracks were taken up. It served as a warehouse for a tire store in the 1940's and 1950's, and is now a fishing and tackle wholesale business. All the windows have been boarded over with wood. The windows and doors have stone lintels and the windows have stone sills underneath.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the last of the two railroad depots built in Clarendon shortly after 1910. The depot at 205 Midland was constructed circa 1912 for the Arkansas Midland Railroad. The Midland was originally incorporated as the Arkansas Central Railroad on January 20, 1871 to link Helena with Little Rock. The tracks from Helena to Clarendon were completed in 1872. Because of the panic in 1873, construction stopped. In 1874, the company defaulted. It was sold in 1877, and reorganized as the Arkansas Midland. In 1901, the Midland was purchased by Jay Gould and operated as a subsidiary of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railroad. During this period, the depot was constructed around 1912. It was in a convenient location to the river and the small factories lining the river bank and also to the businesses surrounding the Courthouse on Madison, Main and Second. The Midland Railroad was consolidated in 1917, and the depot was abandoned. The tracks were taken up and moved south to Holly Grove. The space left by the tracks was covered over and called Midland Street. The depot remained abandoned for many years until it was converted into the Fakes Goodyear Tires business and later into a warehouse for the White River Tackle Company.

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Property Name Midland Depot

Verbal Boundary Description: Private Survey #2309  
1 Lot (63x240) Depot Site

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654800

Northing: 3839520

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 10/3/84  
date entered 11/1/84

Continuation sheet

Item number

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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 Byers 11/1/84

Attest

12. Manning, Lee and Moore  
Law Office

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 11/1/84

Attest

13. Marston House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 11/1/84

Attest

14. Midland Depot

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 11/1/84

Attest

15. New South Inn

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 11/1/84

Attest

16.

Keeper

Attest

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Keeper

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Keeper

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Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Midland Depot (Clarendon MRA)  
Monroe County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11/1/85 - 11/17/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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-61 Midland Depot                      205 Midland  
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024