

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1249

1. Name of Property

historic name: Koon House #1

other name/site number: GR0088

2. Location

street & number: Northwest corner of State Hwy. 167 and Grant Co. Rd. 523

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sheridan

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Grant code: AR 053 zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> buildings |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> sites |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> structures |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> objects |
| <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

8-31-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain):

Edson A. Beall 10/14/99

[Signature]
Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|------|------------------------|
| Historic: | <u>DOMESTIC</u> | Sub: | <u>Single dwelling</u> |
| | _____ | | _____ |
| | _____ | | _____ |
| Current: | <u>DOMESTIC</u> | Sub: | <u>Single dwelling</u> |
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Vertical Log

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|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| Materials: | foundation | <u>Concrete</u> | roof | <u>Asphalt</u> |
| | walls | <u>Wood/log</u> | other | <u>N/A</u> |

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Koon House #1 is a single-story, gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, and a non-historic carport and storage shed have been added to the southern elevation toward the southwest corner. There are no extant chimneys. The building is supported on cast concrete piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

Elaboration

Koon House #1 is a single-story, gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with a small gabled porch projecting from the building's eastern or front elevation, and a non-historic carport and storage shed have been added to the southern elevation toward the southwest corner. There are no extant chimneys. The building is supported on cast concrete piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

The eastern or front elevation is dominated by the gable roof porch that is now supported upon wrought iron posts. A pair of large, one-over-one windows is set into the middle of the back wall of the recessed porch and another pair is placed in the center of the wall to the north. A single-leaf door set into the north wall of the recessed porch provides access to the interior. The southern elevation is also lit with two pair of one-over-one windows, and another single-leaf door is placed into the eastern-facing wall where the larger rear gabled section of the house projects out from the wall of the smaller, front gable. The later carport and storage shed extend from this elevation. The western or rear elevation is relatively simple, as it is punctuated only with a single window and adjacent door placed into the end of the small, projecting gable at the rear of the house, and another single window that lights the side wall of the gable projecting toward the carport. The northern elevation features two pair of the large one-over-one windows and another pair of smaller windows toward the rear.

The alterations to Koon House #1 are restricted to the addition of the carport and storage shed on the southern elevation, and the replacement of the original porch supports with wrought iron. It is in good condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1940

Significant Dates: c. 1940

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Koon, Hillary Henry "Pappy"

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
____ See continuation sheet.

Summary Criterion C, local significance

Koon House #1 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance by virtue of both its distinctive vertical, split log construction and its direct association with Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon, the local farmer and carpenter who built these unique structures. As such, it is associated with the historic context *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945* and the historic significance of these properties noted therein.

Elaboration

Built c. 1940, the building known as Koon House #1 was constructed by local farmer and carpenter Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon as one of several vertical split log buildings he constructed for residents of the relatively new community that sprang up along State Highway 167 south of Sheridan after it was paved by the state. It was this building and the others built like it that gave the community the name of "Slabtown," as it was mistakenly believed that these buildings were of slab construction, which in fact they were not. Rather, the split vertical logs are notched into a sill below and plate above which supports the roof, and the logs serve as the load-bearing structure of the building. It is this unique construction method that distinguishes these buildings architecturally and thus the reason for their nomination.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945*, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

| UTM References: | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|------|-----------|----------|
| A | <u>15</u> | <u>555300</u> | <u>3792570</u> | B | <u>15</u> | _____ |
| C | <u>15</u> | _____ | _____ | D | <u>15</u> | _____ |

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the northwest corner of the intersection of State Hwy. 167 with Grant Co. Road 523, proceed westerly along the northern edge of the latter road for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along the western edge of State Hwy. 167 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Koon House #1
NAME:

MULTIPLE Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown", Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Grant

DATE RECEIVED: 9/15/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001249

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10.14.99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Koon House #1 (GR0088)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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JUNE, 1998

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VIEW FROM SE



Koon House #1 (GROO88)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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VIEW FROM EAST



Koon House #1 (GROO88)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500031