

Property Name Blackburn House Property Owner Howard Records
 Location 220 N. 4th Street, Rogers Address 220 N. 4th Street
 Construction Date 1907 Survey No. 1473 Rogers, AR 72756

DESCRIPTION

The Blackburn House is a one-and-one-half story frame structure on a rusticated limestone foundation built in a transitional style which is dominated largely by Neoclassical features but possesses modest echoes of late Victorianism. A pyramidal roof over a basic rectangle is expanded by a gabled front facade and a short gabled wing on the south. Large gabled dormers providing light to the generous attic floor project from the front, side, and rear faces of the pyramidal roof. Gables are surfaced with imbricated shingle work. A deep wrap-around porch is supported by composite columns made of tapering round classical shafts on piers of rusticated limestone. Windows of the attic dormers have six panes above and fixed shingle panes below. Most other windows are one-over-one double-hung. Novelty siding sheaths the exterior with a wide two-part entablature under a projecting roof cornice. High-grade pine is used throughout the interior and has been finished with clear varnish to exhibit exquisite patterns of southern yellow curly pine.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: B, CArea of significance: Architecture, Commerce

The Blackburn House was built in 1907 by J.A.C. Blackburn, prominent lumberman, philanthropist, and U.S. Senator from Arkansas. Blackburn's family were early settlers of War Eagle (15 miles east of Rogers) and with the Van Winkle family were principals in establishing the productive lumber industry at War Eagle, which for two generations supplied north Arkansas with structural and finished wood products. Seventeen thousand acres of timberland were under management and three million board feet were produced in prime years. Blackburn chose Rogers as his prime residence and built this house as a show-piece for beautiful pine woodwork and as a model of contemporary residential technology. His modern plumbing, designed with a septic tank, was a model for much subsequent Rogers building. Blackburn was influential in the development of the first municipal sewage system in the city. He was noted for his charitable service to the community; he regularly provided food and clothing to the needy, made building materials available to churches at generous discounts, and was a driving force for the

Acreage less than 1 acreVerbal Boundary Description Lots 1 and 4, Block 37, B.F. Sikes AdditionQuadrangle Name Rogers, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 399505 Northing 4021500

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

MRA No. 78

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Criterion: _____ Area of significance: _____

establishment of public schools throughout Northwest Arkansas. The Blackburn House has had excellent continuous care with a minimum of modification inside and out, and survives as the only intact structure representative of Blackburn's contribution to Benton County's lumber industry.

Acreage _____
 Verbal Boundary Description _____
 Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____
 UTM Reference: Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. Benton County Jail | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 12. Bentonville High School | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 13. Bertschy House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 14. Blackburn House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 15. Blackwell--Paisley Cabin | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 16. Blake House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 17. Bogan Cabin | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 18. Bogart Hardware Building | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 19. Bolin Barn and Smokehouse | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/28/88 | Attest _____ |
| 20. Braithwaite House | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Blackburn House (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 1/28/88 - 1/28/88
Action: ACCEPT 1-28-88
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

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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Rogers, Benton County

Benton County MRA

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1984

Negatives on file at AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022