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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-43

Owner Mr. Mark Davis

Property Name John Bettis House

Address Box 14

Location Pleasant Grove AR14

Pleasant Grove, AR 72567

Significant Date/s c.1929

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The John Bettis House is located at Pleasant Grove in southeast Stone County. The c. 1929 Bettis House is built on an irregular plan and reflects a Craftsman influence. The one and one-half story frame house is covered with weatherboard and constructed on a continuous stone foundation. Its roof is comprised of four intersecting clip gable end configurations. The clip gable ends are trimmed with boxed eaves and slopes of the roof feature exposed rafter ends. The most dominate clip gable faces southeast, with its exaggerated slopes covering almost half of the house. Placed on its exaggerated southwest slope is clip gable roofed dormer. Like its larger counterparts, the clipped portion is trim while the slope displays exposed rafter ends. Two four-vertical light windows are placed in the dormer face. A brick chimney protrudes from the back (northeast) slope of the dominant gable. A brick flue is placed in the rear clip gable section of the house. A distinguishable cornice board is applied on all four sides of the house above the first floor fenestrations. The first story fenestration on all elevations consists of variously-sized window openings, but have the same four-over-one double-hung windows with each of the upper sashes displaying four-vertical lights. The windows have modest classical surrounds.

The principle elevation (southwest) consists of a clip gable room projection and a recessed porch area. The clip gable end room is identified by the asymmetrical placement of the first floor windows. The fenestration consists of a single window opening and a series of three small window openings. A pair of four-vertical light windows are positioned under the boxed eaves of the gable end. The recessed porch roof is part of the exaggerated slope of the southeast gable. The porch's roof and cornice are supported by battered columns on brick pedestals. The roof is distinguished by exposed rafter ends. Under the porch, two single leaf entries allow access to the front rooms of the main block of the house. The southeast front room entrance is flanked by large window openings.

The southeast elevation is dominated by a clip gable end with exaggerated slopes to the northeast and southwest of the elevation. The roof is trimmed with boxed eaves. A pair of window openings of the same configuration and surrounds as on the first floor are placed in the gable. About a third of the first floor is occupied by the porch area. Its fenestration consists of different-size window openings.

The northeast (rear) elevation contains the back slope of the southeast gable and a projecting clipgable end room. Its fenestration consists of fairly uniformly sized window openings. The back slope of the house covers a recessed screened-in porch area. A rectangular gable-roofed room is attached to the rear of the gable end room. Its fenestration is concentrated on the southeast side.

The northwest elevation of the house is distinguished by a large clip gable end roof. The gable end is trimmed with box eaves. The window placement and design of the southeast gable end is reiterated on this elevation. Under the gable is a window opening encased by a single bay projection covered by a shed roof with exposed rafter ends. The remaining first floor elevation, to either side of the bay, consists of single window openings of varied sizes.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Bettis House is the earliest documented farmhouse that broke from the traditional stereotype farmhouse found in Stone County. Built c. 1929, the Bettis House displays strong Craftsman elements in its design. The incorporation of the craftsman/bungalow house into Stone County's homesteads represents a popular alternative to the traditional style farmhouses, particularly after World War II.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S25, R9W, T14N, is bounded on the southwest by Highway 14 and on the northeast, southeast and northwest by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the three elevations of the house.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Marcella

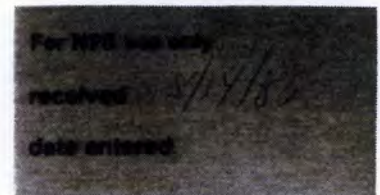
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 598930

Northing: 3963750

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Stone County MRA
State ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Gray, Walter, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelene Byers 9/17/85

Attest

12. Lancaster, Fred, Barn

Entered in the
National Register

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13. Dillard, William, Homestead

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14. Jeffery, Miles, Barn

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15. Abernathy, Jessie, House

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16. Anderson, Clarence, Barn

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17. Anderson, George, House

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18. Avey, John, Barn

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19. Brewer, A. B., Building

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20. Bettis, John, House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

ok
Ref #
85002220

Bettis, John, House (Stone County MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86

Date Due: 9/12/85 9/28/85

Entered in the National Register Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-12-85
☐ 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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ 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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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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