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MRA No. 79

## INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Raney House Property Owner W. B. Kennan, Jr.  
 Location 1331 Monte Ne, Rogers, AR Address 1331 Monte Ne Road  
 Construction Date 1912 Survey No. 0945 Rogers, AR 72756

## DESCRIPTION

The Raney House is a two-story four-square concrete block house with two small side wings, a larger wing at the rear, and a one-story wrap-around porch. The house and several outbuildings were all constructed at the same time, of the same rusticated concrete blocks. The corners of the residential cube are emphasized by concrete block quoins. Four block columns support the one-story wrap-around porch, forming two wide bays on the south (front) facade and two bays on the west. Architraves curve down gracefully at the columns. The house and its cluster of farm buildings are all painted gray with white trim and are sited some distance from the road, surrounded by mature trees and landscaping.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: CArea of significance: architecture

The Raney House and outbuildings, built 1912, constitute Benton County's most elaborate example of concrete block architecture, which was very popular in this part of Arkansas between 1910 and 1925. In fact, Mr. Raney, who constructed the house, was the leading manufacturer of the concrete-block building materials, and the house served to show his product to its best advantage. The four-square form of the Raney House was an equally innovative feature of early twentieth century residential design in this region. The combination of the form and the material renders this a rare, perhaps unique, example in Arkansas, and that the residence should be accompanied by a variety of ancillary buildings built at the same time in the same material adds to its remarkable status. All elements of the complex seem to have been maintained with much care.

Acreage less than 1 acreVerbal Boundary Description Lot 355, Beaver Shores Unit No. 1Quadrangle Name Rogers, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 400730 Northing 4019745

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

71. Parks--Reagan House **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

72. Pharr Cabin **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

73. Piercy Farmstead **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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74. Pinkston--Mays Store Building **Entered in the  
National Register**

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75. Princedom Cabin **Entered in the  
National Register**

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76. Quell House **Entered in the  
National Register**

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77. Raney House **Entered in the  
National Register**

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78. Rice House **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

79. Rife Farmstead **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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80. Rife House **Entered in the  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Raney House (Benton County MRA)  
Benton County  
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89

Date Due: 1/14/88 - 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

- 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**

Acreeage 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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Benton County MRA

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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