

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Rice House Property Owner Leonard & Judith Miner
Location 501 N.W. A Street, Bentonville Address 501 N.W. A Street
Construction Date c 1890 Survey No. 0169 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Rice House, facing east on N.W. A Street, was originally a magnificent 2-story frame residence with a variety of Victorian influences. Dominant ornamental elements are in the Eastlake manner--i.e. much spindle work, jig-saw bracketing and paling balustrades. Two two-story projecting bays, one on the east facade and one on the south, add variety to the exterior, as does the imbricated shingle work and molded panels under each window. A mansard roof has suffered with time, losing most of its metal cresting and some of its shape. An addition at the northwest rear corner and major neglect on all facades have seriously impaired the original architectural integrity. Careless modern painting has deprived the house of a coordinated color scheme.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

When the Rice House was built c. 1890, it was one of Bentonville's grandest examples of Eastlake architecture. It is particularly significant as the best remaining example of this style in the county. Especially notable were its ornamental tri-columns, balustrades, and jigsaw details of the two-story porch, hoodmolds of rich detail and well-coordinated palate of Victorian colors (some original colors are still visible). Builder Rice was a successful businessman in Bentonville. This house was a symbol of his optimistic prosperity. A brother of equal economic stature built a similar house (in brick) across town, already listed on the National Register (No. 7).

Acreage less than 1 acre
Verbal Boundary Description Lots 10, 11, & 12, Block 15, Original Town
Quadrangle Name Bentonville North, Ark. - Mo. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000
UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391450 Northing 4026325

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Parks--Reagan House **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

72. Pharr Cabin **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

73. Piercy Farmstead **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

74. Pinkston--Mays Store Building
**Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

75. Princedom Cabin **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

76. Quell House **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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77. Raney House **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

78. Rice House **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

79. Rife Farmstead **Entered in the
National Register**for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

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

Rice House (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 4/4/88 - 1/28/88
Action: ACCEPT 1-28-88
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the

National Register

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 ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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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RICE HOUSE - 0169

BENTONVILLE

BENTON Co. 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