

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-29

Owner Johnny Moore, Jr.

Property Name Marston House

Address 501 Main

Address 429 Main St.

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1870

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Marston House at 501 Main is one of the oldest structures remaining in Clarendon. Built in 1870 by Charles N. Roberts, the one-story frame Greek Revival House has a central hall plan, one room deep, with a rear ell on the north side of the house added before 1897. The rear porch was enclosed after 1900, however the central hall remains intact. The symmetrical front of the house features a pedimented central bay porch supported by four columns. On either side are two double-hung, six over six windows. The front entrance features double wooden doors with multipaned side lights and transom. Both gable ends have prominent returns and a brick chimney.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Marston House is one of the oldest structures remaining in Clarendon. The central-hall, Greek Revival frame house was built by Charles N. Roberts in March of 1870. Roberts sold the completed house to Sarah Marston in September of 1870. Sarah Marston was married to Jeremiah Marston, a local lawyer in Clarendon, and her brother was Benjamin F. Kerr, one of the largest landowners in Monroe County. Their son, Frank Marston, later lived in the house and ran a successful mortuary business in Clarendon. All of the Marstons are buried in the Macedonia Cemetery near the Kerr-Mull House outside of Holly Grove. The Marston House then belonged in the Earl Palmer family for many years, until Johnny Moore, Jr. recently purchased it to be used as a rental home. Its original Greek Revival appearance gives a quiet, noble appeal to the original residential area of Clarendon along Main Street.

Verbal Boundary Description: New Addition Northwest Lot 4

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

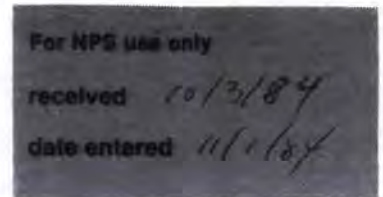
Zone: 15

Easting: 654590

Northing: 3840380

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Jefferies-Craptree House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Helene Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

12. Manning, Lee and Moore
Law Office Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Helene Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

13. Marston House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Helene Byers* 11/1/84

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14. Midland Depot Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Helene Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

15. New South Inn Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Helene Byers* 11/1/84

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16. Keeper

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17. Keeper

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18. Keeper

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19. Keeper

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20. Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Marston House (Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

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

Entered in the
National Register

Working No. OCT 3 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84
Action: ACCEPT 11-1-84
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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 | Check one | Check one |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

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: _____



Cl-29 Marston House 429 Main
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the East

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024