

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY  
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-13

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray McMann

Property Name Jessie B. Smith House  
OFF US 79

Address Route 1, Box 189A

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 72742

Significant Date/s c. 1890

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located at 200 Charlotte Street, this simple detailed residence serves as a good example of the persistent use of the traditional central hall house form throughout the last quarter of the nineteenth century. This weatherboard-sided gable-roofed structure is three bays wide and one bay deep with an exterior brick chimney located on the north end elevation. Side-by-side double sash windows with two-over-two lights flank the front entrance and are simply framed. The focal point of the house is the attached front porch with jigsaw-cut brackets and trim and six chamfered and attenuated posts with square pedestal bases. Alterations to the house include ell and shed additions to the rear and two screened porches.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jesse B. Smith House is an excellent example of the local interpretation of the early urban house type in Dallas County. The central hall house became the popular plan for the urban areas that developed as a result of the railroad and lumber industry. Located in Fordyce, the railroad center of the area, the circa 1890 Smith House illustrates the impact of the outside popular culture on the local architecture brought about by the railroad. Prosperity for the emerging middle class in Dallas County demanded the more stately central hall plan where as the decorative porch of the Smith dwelling reflect the growing awareness and use of the popular style elements heretofore identified with the affluent sector of the county.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Fordyce

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 554840/3741550

Verbal Boundary Description:

Block 1 Lot 3, Holderness Reservation, City of Fordyce.

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

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Dallas County Multiple Resource Area  
State Arkansas

## Nomination/Type of Review

## Date/Signature

21. Princeton Methodist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

22. Rock Island Railway Depot

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

23. Russell, John, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

24. Sardis Methodist Church

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

25. Smith, Jessie B., House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

26. Thomas Homestead

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/27/84

Attest

27. Tulip Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

28. Wynne House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/28/83

Attest

29. Charlotte Street Historic  
DistrictEntered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 9/14/87

Attest

30.

Keeper

Attest

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith, Jessie B., House (Dallas County MRA)  
Dallas County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83  
Action: ~LACCEPT 10/28/83  
Entered in the RETURN  
National Register 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Jesse B. Smith House  
Don Brown, photographer  
June 17, 1982  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
View from the West





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View from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025