

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lasater, Freeborn T., House

other names/site number New Blaine-2

2. Location

street & number 494 Arkansas Highway 197

☐ not for publication

city or town New Blaine

☐ vicinity

state Arkansas Code AR county Logan code 083 zip code 72851

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathi Matthews  
Signature of certifying official/Title

5/13/02  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

☐ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

☐ removed from the National  
Register.

☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lasater, Freeborn T., House  
Name of Property

Logan County, Arkansas  
County and State

## 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of New Blaine,  
Arkansas

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

N/A

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

HEALTH CARE: clinic

GOVERNMENT: post office

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: museum

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation STONE

walls Sandstone

Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other N/A

## Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### SUMMARY

Located at along Highway 197 in New Blaine, Arkansas, the Freeborn Lasater House is the best example of Craftsman style home in the small community. Freeborn Lasater built the house with help from his wife and children. Construction began on the home in 1928, but took over six years to complete. The house is a one story Craftsman Bungalow constructed primarily of field stone. To give the house a more unique appearance, petrified wood and Native American stone tools that were found by the family at the building site were incorporated into the building's masonry. The home sits on a continuous stone foundation and is sheltered under a gable roof. A small weatherboard addition is located at the back of the house. The date of the addition was not documented, but we know the addition was completed shortly after the house was originally constructed.

### ELABORATION

Located along Highway 197 in New Blaine, Arkansas, the Freeborn Lasater House is the best example of Craftsman style home in the small community. Freeborn Lasater built the house with help from his wife and children. Construction began on the home in 1928, but took over six years to complete. The house is a one story Craftsman Bungalow constructed primarily of field stone. To give the house a more unique appearance, petrified wood and stone Native American tools that were found by the family at the building site were incorporated into the building's masonry. The home sits on a continuous stone foundation and is sheltered under a gable roof. The house features a full front porch with the letters F T L, the builder's initials, written in rock in the gable end of the porch roof. The house is in excellent condition and has been changed very little since its construction was completed.

### Front

The house faces west toward Arkansas Highway 197. A full front porch dominates the elevation. The porch is covered by a gable roof that is supported by a pair of small wood columns atop large rock piers. The house is fenestrated by two four-over-one double-hung windows. The two front windows are separated by a centrally located front entryway. The letters F T L are spelled out in the stonework in the gable end of the front porch. The initials are that of the house's builder and original owner, Freeborn T. Lasater.

### South Elevation

The south side of the house is fenestrated by two three-over-one double-hung windows. This is followed by a small side projection containing three more three-over-one windows. The last fenestration on the original stone portion of the building is a three-over-one window. The rear portion of the elevation is made up of the weatherboard-sheathed addition. There are no windows located on the south side of the addition.

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### East Elevation (Back)

The rear portion of the building is composed entirely of the weatherboard addition. The exact date of the addition is not known, however through conversations with long time residents of the town, it has been established that the addition was made shortly after the house's original construction. A single doorway sheltered by an awning provides rear access to the house. The elevation is also fenestrated by five two-over-two double-hung windows.

### North Elevation

The back portion of the north elevation is part of the addition and is fenestrated by a pair of two-over-two double-hung windows. Moving west along the elevation, the house is fenestrated by two small three-over-one windows. Continuing west, a projection fenestrated by three three-over-one windows is located near the center of the elevation. Two more three-over-one windows are separated by the building's native stone exterior chimney on the easternmost part of the elevation.

### Site Features

One site feature is still located on the property, a native stone open well. The well is topped with a large slab stone with a hole in the center. The well is still usable today, unlike many that have been capped for safety reasons.

### Integrity

The Freeborn T. Lasater House posses a high degree of integrity as its workmanship and elements are still evidenced on each elevation of the building. The workmanship and materials are true to the style and craftsmanship of the small town's gifted stonemasons. The location and of the building remains unchanged giving the building a strong sense of place.

**8. Statement of Significance****Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

☐ **B** removed from its original location.

☐ **C** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.

☐ **D** a cemetery.

☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

☐ **F** a commemorative property

☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

Local

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1928-1933

**Significant Dates**

1928, 1933

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Lasater, Freeborn T.- Builder

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ Previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
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☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

**Primary location of additional data:**

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State Agency

☐ Federal Agency

☐ Local Government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository:



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### SUMMARY

Located along Arkansas Highway 197 in Logan County, Arkansas, the Freeborn T. Lasater House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best example of a Craftsman style house in New Blaine, Arkansas. The house has been altered very little and uses native stone mixed with artifacts found at the house site to give it a very unique appearance among other stone buildings in the town. The house is also being nominated as part of the multiple property listing: **Historic and Architectural Resources of New Blaine, Arkansas: 1920-1940.**

### ELABORATION

Freeborn Lasater was a merchant and stone mason in the town of Blaine. The town of Blaine began shifting from the north side of Shoal Creek to the south side of the creek when the railroad made plans to come through the area on the south side of the creek. Eventually the location of the rail line lead to the demise of Blaine and the growth of New Blaine. Lasater, like the rest of the town moved closer to the railroad. When it came time to build a new home for his family, it would be in New Blaine.

Construction began on the Freeborn T. Lasater House in 1928. The family worked on the home as money and time would allow. It would be six years before they finally completed their home. The construction was a family affair. Freeborn, his wife Hattie, and their six children all worked on the family's home. When the exterior was complete to the point where it provided adequate shelter, the family moved into the unfinished house. The family lived in the home with nothing but dirt floors until they could afford to finish out the interior.

The home was finally completed in 1933. The Lasaters's then built a small gas station that was operated by their son Troy. With the strained economy of the Great Depression, the service station failed. By the late 1930s the family had left Arkansas for a fresh start in California.

After the Lasater's left for California, Steve Robinson occupied the house. Mr. Robinson lived there until the late 1940s. The next resident of the house, Gene Parker, lived there for only a short time. Sometime shortly before 1950 the Fisk family bought the house. Rena Fisk lived there until poor health forced her to sell the property to Mary Gehring in 1978. Ms. Gehring still owns the home today and uses the house as a rental property.

### Statement of Significance

The Freeborn T. Lasater House in Logan County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as the best example of a Craftsman style house in the town of New Blaine. It is also being nominated as part of the multiple property listing: **History and Architectural Resources of New Blaine, Arkansas: 1920-1940.**

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Lasater, Freeborn T., House  
Name of Property

Logan County, Arkansas  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property One acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 461954 3905021  
Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point approximately 100 feet southwest of the front, or western elevation on the eastern curblineline of Arkansas Highway 197, proceed north (approximately 25 feet north of the front elevation) 100 feet. Then proceed east 100 feet. Then proceed south approximately 100 feet. Then proceed west 100 feet to the point of beginning.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all resources historically associated with the building that retain integrity.

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Zac Cothren  
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 05/07/2002  
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center St. telephone (501) 324-9880  
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Lasater, Freeborn T., House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE New Blaine, Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Logan

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/24/02  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/10/02 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/15/02  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02000756

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7.11.02 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



1. Freeborn Lasater House
2. Logan Co., Arkansas
3. Zoe Cothren
4. Aug. 2001
5. AHP
6. west elevation
7. #1





1. Freeborn T. Lasater House
2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zac Coturen
4. Aug. 2001
5. AHPP
6. Detail (gable end)
7. #2





1. Freeborn T. Lasater House
2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zee Cothren
4. Aug. 2001
5. AHPP
6. East elevation (rear)
7. #3





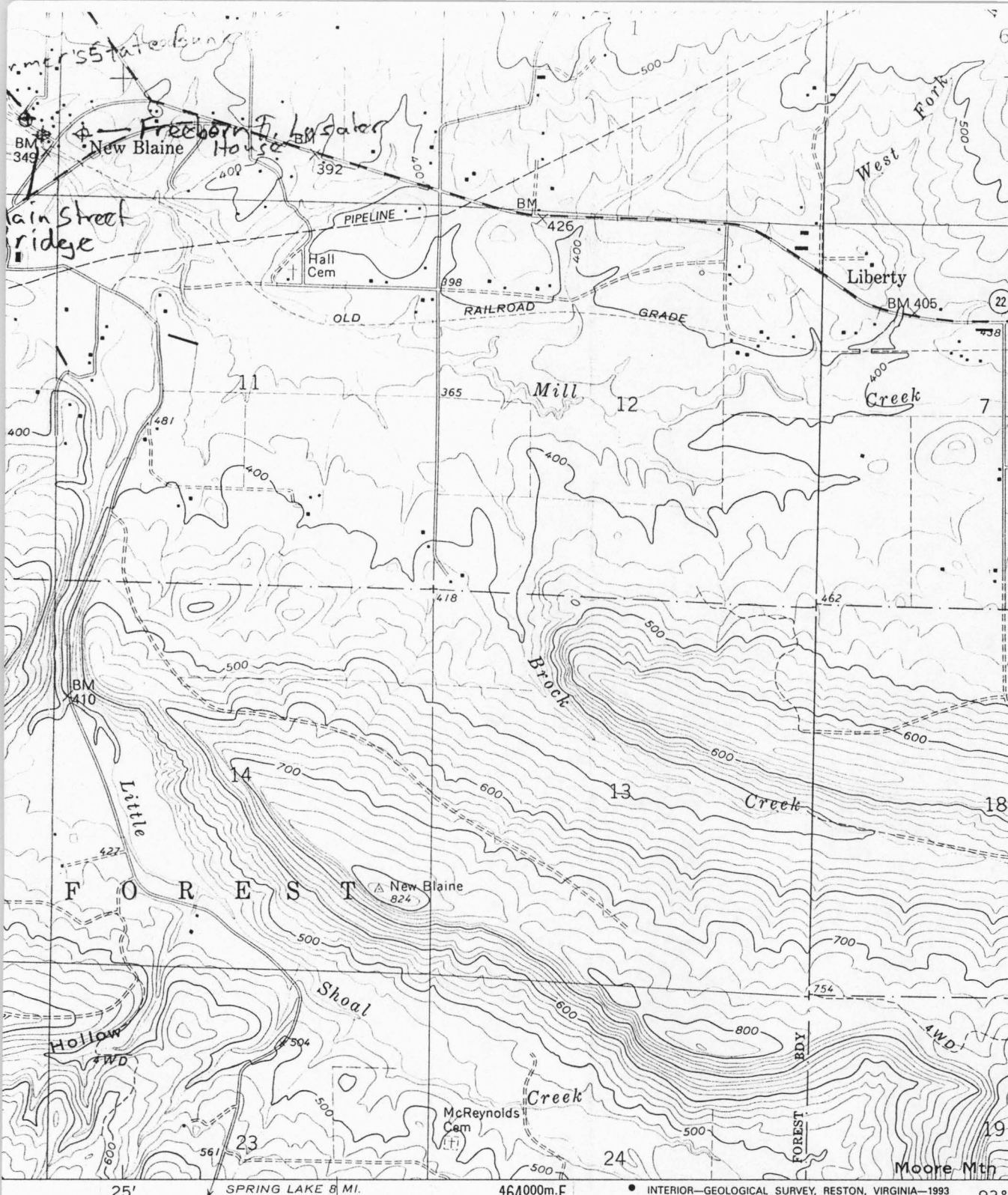
1. Freeborn T. Lasater House
2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zac Coffren
4. August 2001
5. AHPP
6. North elevation (side)
7. #4







1. Freeborn T. Lescher House
2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zee Cethron
4. August 2001
5. AHPP
6. Well (contributing)
7. #5

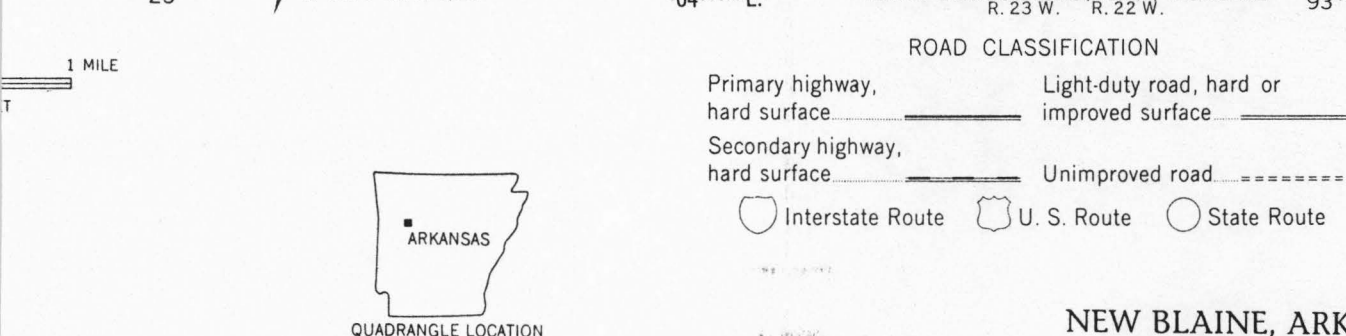


New Blaine  
Logan Cap...

Farmer's State  
Bank  
UTM: 15/461714  
3905093

Main Street  
Bridge  
UTM: 15/461786  
3904940

Freeborn T. Lasater  
House:  
UTM: 15/461955  
3905021



# ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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