

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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JUN 6 1978

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

JOEL SMITH HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Junction City Highway at Sp. Jackson Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

El Dorado

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Union

CODE

139

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Louis C. Kayser, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Box 11 Rt. 1, Box 410

CITY, TOWN

El Dorado,

VICINITY OF

Arkansas, 71730

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Union County

STREET & NUMBER

Union Square

CITY, TOWN

El Dorado,

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey for Louis Kayser

DATE

March 12, 1975

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Union County Court House, Circuit Clerk's Office

CITY, TOWN

El Dorado

STATE

Arkansas

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

The present appearance is exactly as it was original with the possible exception of the yellow paint on the outside. The alterations consisted of the addition of two bathrooms, closets and the kitchen that was not a part of the original house.

The interior is papered downstairs as it was originally. New floors have been placed downstairs, but not upstairs where the original floors are still in fact. The entrance hall with the enclosed doors is exactly the same. The walls upstairs were originally painted, they have been papered in keeping with the period.

The highway has changed and the back of the house is presently facing U. S. Highway # 167 and the front—facing East—looks out over the acres of land that still are with the house.

In 1975 when the Louis Kayser's bought the house it was in ruins and not fit for human habitation. At the time that they restored the house, one addition that was probably added in the 1920's and was eaten up by termites was torn away and the house was completely renovated with the chimneys torn away and new ones built in the same place. Braces for strength was added as needed; all of the original house was of cypress but this was treated for termites; central heating and airconditioning were installed; the kitchen was completely torn out and reworked to keep the old, but to make it functional for a growing family. Today the house is a show place and a silent reminder that those who lived in Arkansas 140 years ago were persons of taste and refinement who wanted the good life and worked to attain it.

The house consists of entrance hall, living room with fireplace, one bedroom with bath, and kitchen with front and back porch downstairs; on the second floor are two bedrooms and one bath. The house is a two-story rectangle with a rear shed addition and a front porch with box columns and railing. For this reason the house is very interesting. Joel Smith, Lawson Smith and the other brothers who came to Union County, Arkansas in the 1830's all built houses identical, but Joel Smith's house is the only one left today. All of the others have been torn away.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1837-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joel Smith, builder/owner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With today's movement that the Americans were a crude and uneducated folk from early times to the turn of the Twentieth Century, it is necessary to preserve those landmarks that do much to prove that the Southern Pioneer moved to new lands and brought with him his education that he had received on the Eastern homeland. The first thing was to get shelter and then the home was started. Joel Smith came in 1837 and camped across the road on a knoll for a time, but immediately started to obtain the material for his home. The cypress trees were cut, hand planned by workmen on the place, and the bricks were made there on the place or by some local person. Since the original house was built of cypress, the house can endure for hundreds of years to come. It should be preserved to teach the coming generations that our ancestors were persons of refinement and had the better things available to the times.

This house is restored to its original beauty and is in a good state of repair that promises many years of continued use. The design is unusual and not typical of this area—it has the New England influence. From a standpoint of history, this house will teach much about the people who moved into Arkansas in the 1830's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records in the Union County Courthouse, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730
Family records that are in the hands of Mrs. Randolph Smith, 5123 Edgewood Road,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45/6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 133060 3615240
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the SEC of NW/4 of SE/4 of Section 27,
Twp. 18 S., R. 15 W., & run N88°21' W 215.5ft; thence N 34°45' E 103 ft; thence N.55°15'
W. 489 ft; thence N. 34°45' E 400 ft; thence N 55°15' W 817 ft. to the South rightofway
line of U.S.Hwy.#167; thence N 34°45' E along said Hwy. line 760.9 feet; thence S55°15'
E 817 feet; thence N34°45' E 900 ft; thence S 00°33' E 736.3 ft; to the NEC of the W/2
of NE/4 of SW/4 of said section 27; thence S 00°33' E 1345 ft; to the SEC of the same W1/2;
thence N.88°21' W 637ft to the point of beginning containing 45.6 acres more or less, Union
County, Arkansas.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

NONE: ALL IN UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Annie Laurie Spencer
ORGANIZATION

2/22/1976

DATE

South Arkansas Historical Foundation
STREET & NUMBER

862-4905 863-4023

TELEPHONE

212 Masonic Temple Building

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

El Dorado

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I
hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the
criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Annie Laurie Spencer

12-29-76

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NAME OF PROPERTY Joel Smith House STATE Ark ~~11/16/67~~ 11/16/78

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: Please expand upon the present description, ~~the~~ summarizing the
extent to which the house retains original fabric and can be said to
possess integrity.

8 Statement of Significance: We do not find that the present discussion constitutes
a statement of architectural or historical significance or justifies the
property for listing in the National Register. Please evaluate the property
specifically in the context of Register criteria and summarize ^{the property's} ~~the~~ qualities
that merit its listing in the Register, supplying enough historical or architectural
background to support the ~~initial findings~~ initial findings of significance.

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: Are 45 acres being nominated? That is not indicated
on the map and not now justified.

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: We do not find the property marked on the USGS map.

Other: See Comment sheet

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Marcella Shaffer
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Lebowich for Date: Nov 20, 1978
Chief, Branch of Registration

Property

Smith, Joel, House

State

Ark

Working Number

6.6.78.3320

TECHNICAL

Photos

Maps

CONTROL

pl

6.7.78

No real statement of significance - little description

HISTORIAN

Return
W.R. Luce

11/10/78

One of the lesser efforts of
Arkansas - an eligible resource

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

but no significance + little description

Call Graham
8-21-78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return
Lebovich

11/20/78

see above

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back 11.28.78

Entered

Federal Register Entry

Re-submit

INT:2106-74

STATE:

ARK.

NAME:

NAME:

Smith, Joel, House

STATE:

Ark

COUNTY:

Union

LOCATION:

Junction City Hwy. at So. Jackson Rd.

STREET &
NUMBER:

El Dorado

CITY, TOWN:

DATE LISTED IN N.R.:

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

☒ SN☐ FN☐ NHL☐ NPS☐ HABS☐ HAER

REMARKS:

FED. REG. PENDING:

EXTENDED TO:

DATE RECEIVED:

6.6.78.3320

DATE RETURNED TO SHPO OR FED. REG.:

DATE RETURNED TO N.R.:

DATE SENT TO CONGRESS:

TAX REFORM ACT



JUN 13 1978

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS CONTROL

WASO-167
REV. (8/76)

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Smith, Joel, House			2 OTHER NAMES:			3 date of entry:		4 county code: 139	
5 LOCATION street & number S of El Dorado on U.S. 167		city / town El Dorado		vicinity of El Dorado		state AR		county Union	
								6 NPS REGION: SW	
7 OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)								8 ADMINISTRATOR:	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL			10 FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 4th		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL		
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO			14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO			15 ACREAGE		if state who prepared form? <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair			<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated			<input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> excavated			
			17 features:			<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-4 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-7			
						<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-5 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-8			
						<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-6 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-9			
18 ACCESS <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No Access <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			19 ADAPTIVE USE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		20 SAVED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES		21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:			<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING-11 <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS / GOVT.-21 <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION-28 <input type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT-29 <input type="checkbox"/> URBAN PLANNING-31 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)			23 CLAIMS: explain 'first' <input type="checkbox"/> 'oldest' <input type="checkbox"/> 'only' <input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE-3 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE-4 <input type="checkbox"/> ART-5			<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE-6 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS-7 <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION-8 <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS-9 <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION-10			<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT-26 <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION-12 <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH-27 <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY-13 <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION-14			
			<input type="checkbox"/> LAW-16 <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE-17 <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY-18 <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC-19 <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY-20						
24 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:			25 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:			26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
27 architectural style(s):			28 architect:			29 master builder:			
						30 engineer:			
31 landscape architect / garden designer:			32 interior decorator:			33 artist:			
						34 artisan:			
						35 builder/contractor:			
36 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:									
37 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP									

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form1220
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REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Smith, Joel, House
other names/site number UNO111

2. Location

street & number U.S. Route 167 ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town El Dorado ☒ vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county Union code AR 139 zip code 71730

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u>1</u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/ANumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

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.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: I-House

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Summary

The Joel Smith House is a two-story, wood frame residence of braced frame construction and designed in a late Colonial vernacular style which adorned an I-house and its two single story, shed roof porches with rudimentary Classical details. The single pile, central hall floor plan characteristic of the I-house type is augmented with an original enclosed room at the eastern end of the northern porch and a larger room on the southern porch which was a later though historic enclosure of the original open porch. The gable and shed roofs are covered with asphalt shingles, the walls are sheathed with weatherboard, and the foundation is composed of brick piers.

Elaboration

The Joel Smith House is a two story, wood frame residence designed in a late Colonial vernacular style. Its gable roof shelters a typical rectangular, single pile/central hall I-house plan, though the inclusion of full-length, single story shed roof porches on both side gable elevations is a form typical of these late Colonial designs. The enclosed rooms on the porches (an original two-bay room on the northern elevation and a later three-bay room on the southern elevation) are also characteristic of other such late Colonial vernacular residences in Arkansas. An originally detached, single story, gable roof kitchen was later moved and attached to the eastern elevation of the house, adjoining the northern porch. Two large, exterior end brick chimneys are augmented by a smaller brick chimney (now covered with a thin coat of stucco) the firebox of which opens into the later enclosed room on the southern or back porch. The gable and shed roofs are covered with asphalt shingles and the walls are sheathed in weatherboard. It is without a basement, as it is supported on brick piers.

The northern or front elevation and the southern elevation opposite are similar, as they are both five bays in length and both feature the full length, single story shed roof porch supported on box columns with portions enclosed. The northern elevation is fenestrated with five nine-over-six double-hung wood sash windows spaced symmetrically across the second story and four identical windows in the first story which flank a central, double-leaf entry with five-pane half-sidelights. The entry doors are extraordinarily tall and narrow. The two eastern windows light the original enclosed room on the porch while the two western windows light the main body of the house. The elevation is completed by the gable roof kitchen (originally detached) which has been adjoined to the eastern elevation of the house and flush with the northern wall of the enclosed porch room. The kitchen is lighted with a single central, nine-over-six double-hung wood sash window on both its northern and southern elevations, and is accessed from the exterior by a single door and steps placed toward the southern wall of the eastern elevation.

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The southern elevation is also lighted by five nine-over-six double-hung wood sash windows in the second story and four identical windows on the first floor, which flank a rear entry of identical form to that on the front. The enclosed room on this elevation has recently been extended by one bay to cover the originally exposed entrance, though the entrance itself survives within.

The eastern and western elevations are similar, featuring two nine-over-six double-hung wood sash windows flanking the central chimney on each story, with the exception of the attached kitchen adjoining the northern wall and the single-leaf entry to the south on the eastern elevation, and the exterior chimney which heats the enclosed room on the southern porch on the western elevation.

The interior is largely intact and features horizontal planks on the walls, many original panes in the windows, most of the original moldings, mantels and doors, and hewn beams with mortise-and-tenon joints set in braced frame construction throughout.

The alterations to the house are relatively minor. They include the extending of the enclosed room on the southern or rear porch by a single bay and the replacement of the original interior stair with a wider, more serviceable stairwell. The chimneys were largely rebuilt in the relatively recent past, though they retain their original profile and general color. In addition, the shortening of the porch floor on the northern porch which was executed by the previous owners has been reversed, and the original deck of the porch floor restored.

The nomination includes an associated single story, gable roof outbuilding, which is sited just across the driveway (formerly the main road through this area) from the main house; oral tradition maintains that this was the commissary building for the plantation. Also included are such early landscape features as an assortment of paved walks extending from the west of the outbuilding (some just visible above the surface and others just below the most recent layer of sheet midden), the historic road running east-west to the north of the house (paralleling the current driveway into the property), a patch of early brick rubble and a row of berry vines located approximately 100 feet to the northeast of the house and two early wells (one to the north and one to the south of the house) that have since been filled for safety reasons. The only non-contributing structure on the site is a recent metal carport building (scheduled to be removed).

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☒ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

ARCHEOLOGY/HISTORIC NON-ABORIGINAL

Period of Significance

c. 1840

1840-1940

Significant Dates

N/A

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

European

Afro-American

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Smith, Joel

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☒ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Approximately four (4)

UTM References

A

1	5
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5	3	3	7	2	0
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3	6	6	5	2	5	0
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Zone Easting Northing

C

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B

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Zone Easting Northing

D

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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street & number 225 E. Markham Street, Suite 200

city or town Little Rock

date June 30, 1990

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state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Summary

The Joel Smith House, constructed in c. 1840 by one of Union County's earliest settlers, Joel N. Smith, survives in its original location (the now virtually abandoned historic community of Smith) as the finest extant example in the area of this vernacular late Colonial style, which though common in the southern seacoast states is rare in Arkansas. This property is also being nominated for its potential to reveal further information about the known use of this site as both an antebellum and post-Civil War cotton plantation. As such it is being nominated under Criteria C and D with local significance.

Elaboration

The Joel Smith House was constructed c. 1840 by Joel N. Smith, a farmer who immigrated to this area from Wilcox County, Alabama in 1829 with his brother Lawson Smith (one legend maintains that Joel came with several other brothers as well; though this cannot be substantiated, the fact that Joel Smith was born on April 3, 1818, and therefore would have been but eleven years old in 1929 supports the claim that other family members would have been involved in the relocation from Alabama). Joel Smith later became the founder of the small community known as Smith (of which this house was the center) and his brother founded the community of Lawson just a few miles to the northeast, which was later also named in his honor.

Though little is known of his activities before the Civil War, Joel Smith was an active merchant immediately after the conclusion of the war, a vocation which he continued until his death on September 22, 1883. Joel Smith & Co. opened as a mercantile business in 1867 in the community of Caledonia, located just to the south of Smith. However, he sold the business three months after its formation to two other local Caledonia businessmen, Messrs. Woolley & Morgan. By the mid-1870's he had formed a general mercantile business in partnership with Horatio Gates Perry Williams, a renown confederate Civil War veteran and native of nearby Hillsboro (located approximately eight miles to the east of Smith). The business was also located in Hillsboro and advertisements indicate operation as early as 1877. Listed among the items available were harnesses and collars, bleached and unbleached cloth, shoes and boots, clocks, single and double barrel shotguns, oil and paints, and such kitchen staples as flour, meat, sugar, coffee and molasses.

The extent of Joel Smith's prosperity is indicated by the account of the marriage of one of his sons, Dr. W.W. Smith, to one Lucy Gresham. Joel Smith and his wife gave the entire dinner for the bride and groom. The dinner was prepared on the cook stove which W.W. Smith had bought for his mother earlier in New Orleans, the first such stove in Union County, and was served on the 320-piece set of china which he had also given his mother.

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The cooks spent weeks preparing the repast, which included "ten turkeys, chickens, goats, hogs, cakes and all else that was needed to entertain the people of the whole county that were invited." Another son, C.W. Smith, became first a county judge and then a circuit judge after receiving both his Bachelors and Law degrees from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, completing his education in 1879. Judge C.W. Smith served as Union County judge from 1882-86 and as circuit judge from 1886-1906, when he retired from the bench.

Local legend maintains that both Smith brothers who emigrated to what is now Union County built houses of exactly this type, though no others have survived to substantiate this. The oral tradition also maintains that Joel Smith camped across the old highway on a knoll (now the woods to the north) while he was cutting and hewing the cypress lumber for the construction of this house. Union County marriage records indicate that Joel married Mary McClellan in 1840 and hence the attributed date for the construction of this house. It certainly must have been built not long after this date, as it is also recorded in the county records that he and his wife had twelve children.

The recent appreciation for vernacular design and its meaning within American culture has resulted in the recognition of the need for serious scholarship and research in the field. Such research has resulted in attempts to identify and categorize such vernacular designs by plan and elevation; this particular type has been generally identified as the extended I-house, a sub-type of the Tidewater South Folk houses constructed in the region before the mid-nineteenth century. This design, the tall, gable roof I-house with continuous shed roof porches on each side gable elevation, was common within the southern Atlantic seacoast states, and it is virtually certain that more of them were originally built in Arkansas than those which survive. However, there are now only two of this type extant in Arkansas: the Block-Catts House in Old Washington (Hempstead County; listed on 6/20/72 as a contributing resource to the Old Washington Historic District) and the Joel Smith House.

It is important to note that not only is the Joel Smith House one of our last examples of this vernacular type, but it is also a particularly fine example relative to other such designs throughout the south. The shallow depth of the rooms relative to the tall, soaring chimneys and the unornamented, two-dimensional character of the exterior surface of the house proper -- resulting in the treatment of the wall and roof as a skin stretched around the frame -- is typical of early Colonial design in the northeast, while the addition of the two side gable porches for ventilation and family gathering space is a particularly southern solution to regional differences in climate and recreational needs. The combination here, however, has resulted in a particularly elegant composition which is aesthetically successful and which, as such, bespeaks the craftsmanship of the builders and the Southern vernacular traditions which guided them. The Joel Smith House would thus be significant among any company; its survival as one of only two such designs only makes it more so within both

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Union County and the state of Arkansas.

The Joel Smith House and its surrounding property also retains the potential to reveal further information about its historic occupation as both an antebellum and post-Civil War cotton plantation. Though any remains of the original slave quarters have long since disappeared (according to the oral tradition, they were located to the west of the house, on the other side of modern U.S. Highway 167; however, since that part of the site has been subdivided recently, there is nothing visible on the surface to indicate their exact location, and hence the exclusion of that part of the site from the nomination), the 1860 county records indicate a minimum of twenty-two slaves belonging to Joel Smith. The 1870 county records continue to list Joel Smith as a farmer, and mention his wife and six of his children as still living at home. Though only a small portion of the original acreage associated with the farm survives intact, it retains a number of such original features as the early road, brick walks, two wells, a standing associated outbuilding that was almost certainly constructed at the same time as the house itself, and other unidentified foundations and plantings around the house. As such, the archeological record surviving at the site could reveal valuable information about the operation of a known slave-holding plantation and the trade patterns that surrounded it and its daily functions; about the treatment of slaves and their employment both inside and outside the household; about the extent (or absence of) subsistence farming to supply the household; about non-extant structures that sheltered various functions of the farm; and about the continuing operation of the farm after the end of slave-holding and the ways in which the Smith family adapted their lifestyle to this significant change in their family economic situation.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of the driveway into the Joel Smith House property with the line formed by the eastern edge of US Route 167, proceed southerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with the line formed by the extension of the southern edge of Union County Road #5 (extending to the west); thence proceed easterly for a distance of 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the main house; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 300 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the main house; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with the eastern edge of US Route 167; thence proceed southerly to the point of beginning, comprising in all approximately four acres.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001220 Date Listed: 08/24/90

Smith, Joel House Union AK
Property Name County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

01/04/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The count for this property should read three contributing buildings since one portion of the property was originally an independent property.

The cultural affiliation should read "Rural American," rather than "European" since the builder and owner was not European.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smith, Joel, House

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Union

DATE RECEIVED: 7/10/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/25/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/10/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/24/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001220

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: ☒ NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/24/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Important vernacular building
located in historic setting.
Changes over time as property
used throughout 19th C -
addition of kitchen, etc. to building

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C, D
REVIEWER A. Federman
DISCIPLINE Arch Hist
DATE 8/2/90

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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VIEW FROM EAST



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VIEW FROM EAST; ORIG. WINDOW DETAIL



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FRONT (NORTHERN) DOOR DETAIL



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INTERIOR WINDOW DETAIL



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INTERIOR MORTISE-AND-TENON DETAIL



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OUTBUILDING; VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST



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OUTBUILDING; VIEW FROM NORTHWEST

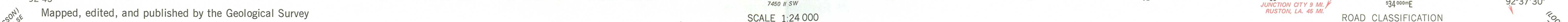
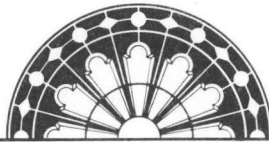


Figure 1 is a line graph illustrating the projected increase in the population aged 65 and over in the EU-27 from 1995 to 2050. The x-axis represents the year, starting from 1995 and ending in 2050, with major ticks every 5 years. The y-axis represents the number of people in millions, ranging from 0 to 100, with major ticks every 10 units. Three data series are shown: the total population (solid line), the population aged 65 and over (dashed line), and the population aged 75 and over (dotted line). All three series show a consistent upward trend. The total population grows from approximately 115 million in 1995 to about 135 million in 2050. The population aged 65 and over grows from about 25 million in 1995 to approximately 45 million in 2050. The population aged 75 and over shows the most rapid growth, starting at around 10 million in 1995 and reaching nearly 50 million by 2050.

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RE: Joel Smith House - El Dorado Vicinity, Union Co. Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

