

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Koon House #3

other name/site number: GR0091

2. Location

street & number: 2988 State Hwy. 167

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sheridan

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Grant

code: AR 053

zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National  
Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown,"  
Arkansas, 1935-1945

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria.        See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

8-31-99  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X 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):

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of Keeper

10-14-99  
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub:

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Vertical Log

Materials:	foundation	<u>Concrete</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>Wood/log</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

## Summary

Koon House #3 is a single-story, gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is basically rectangular, the only exception being a small, projecting bay located at the building's southeast corner. A single small brick chimney rises through the ridgeline toward the eastern or rear elevation. The building is supported on concrete block piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

## Elaboration

Koon House #3 is a single-story, gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is basically rectangular, the only exception being a small, projecting bay located at the building's southeast corner. A single small brick chimney rises through the ridgeline toward the eastern or rear elevation. The building is supported on concrete block piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof. It is surprisingly unaltered.

The western or front elevation is dominated by a gable roof porch supported upon four log posts. A central concrete stair accesses the wood plank porch floor and the single-leaf entrance beyond. A single three-over-one wood window is placed to the north of the door, and a pair of identical windows lights the wall to the south. Horizontal novelty siding fills the pediments of the gable ends. The eastern elevation opposite is lit by a large three-over-one wood window to the north, a smaller pair of identical windows placed just to the south of center, and another single-leaf entrance near the southern wall.

The northern elevation is lit by two evenly spaced pairs of large, three-over-one wood windows. The southern elevation is lit by an identical pair of windows in the wall section to the west of the projecting bay. The bay itself appears to have had windows placed on all three of its sides originally; however, it now has only a single three-over-one wood window placed near the center of its southern face.

A well and concrete storm cellar -- both of which are placed to the south of the house -- are included in the nomination and appear to be historic; they are thus considered to be contributing. Koon House #3 is in good condition.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: c. 1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Koon, Hillary Henry "Pappy"  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

#### Summary

Criterion C, local significance

Koon House #3 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance by virtue of both its distinctive vertical, split log construction and its direct association with Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon, the local farmer and carpenter who built these unique structures. As such, it is associated with the historic context *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945* and the historic significance of these properties noted therein.

#### Elaboration

Built c. 1940, the building known as Koon House #3 was constructed by local farmer and carpenter Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon as one of several vertical split log buildings he constructed for residents of the relatively new community that sprang up along State Highway 167 south of Sheridan after it was paved by the state.

It was this building and the others built like it that gave the community the name of "Slabtown," as it was mistakenly believed that these buildings were of slab construction, which in fact they were not. Rather, the split vertical logs are notched into a sill below and plate above which supports the roof, and the logs serve as the load-bearing structure of the building. It is this unique construction method that distinguishes these buildings architecturally and thus the reason for their nomination.

#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

See *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945*, Section H.

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>555320</u>	<u>3791800</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of State Hwy. 167 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the southern elevation of the house and located 25 feet to the south thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along the eastern edge of State Hwy. 167 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

#### 11. Form Prepared By

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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 Koon House #3  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown", Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Grant

DATE RECEIVED: 9/15/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/99  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001247

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 10-14-99 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





KODON HOUSE #3 (GROO91)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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JUNE, 1998

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VIEW FROM NW





Koon House #3 (GROO91)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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VIEW FROM WEST





Koon House #3 (GRO091)

Jheridan, Grant Co., AR

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June, 1998

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View from SW







KOON HOUSE #3 (GROO91)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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VIEW FROM EAST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500031