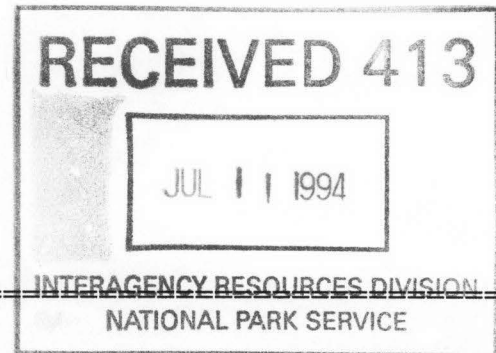


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. Stephen N. Chism House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: Located East of State Highway 23 in Chismville Community

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Booneville

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Logan code: AR 083 zip code: 72927

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </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: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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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 A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

July 5, 1994
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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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 8.16.94

Entered in the
National Register

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Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic

Sub: single dwelling

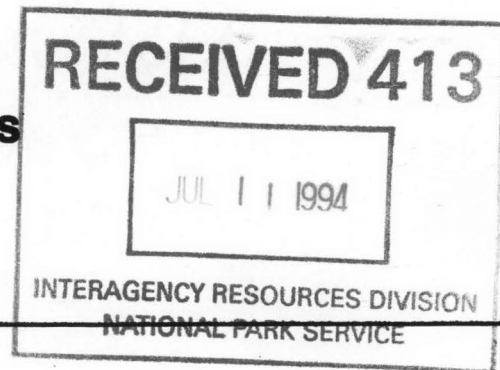
Current : Vacant/not in use

Sub: _____

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Summary

On the east side of Arkansas Highway 23 in the community of Chismville is the Dr. Stephen H. Chism Log House. The Dr. Chism House is a two-story enclosed dog-trot structure of hardwood log construction which rests on a stone pier foundation and is topped with a gabled metal roof. The enclosed dog-trot retains the log exterior walls with much of the stone chinking and other fill items intact.

Elaboration

The Dr. Stephen H. Chism Log House is a two story dog-trot structure of hardwood log (probably oak) construction consisting of two large rooms on each side of the dog-trot. The structure rests on a set of stone piers varying in heights from ground level to roughly six inches off the ground. The structure is weak and leans to the south side. The logs appear to be in good condition and vary in size from six inches to around a foot in width and are joined with square notching. The structure does retain some six-over-six and four-over-four windows, although not original.

The primary entrance to the structure is on the western facade. This entrance is placed in the center of the enclosed dog-trot and is flanked on each side by small windows, one of which has been boarded over. The fenestration of the western facade is symmetrical on both the first and second stories with the windows on the second story flanking the single light on the first story. The eastern facade is fenestrated with only one central window on the first story of the southern end of the dog-trot. Two separate entrances have been covered that entered the enclosed dog-trot. The one remaining entrance on the eastern facade is centrally located in the northern end of the dog-trot.

The southern elevation has a single entrance on the eastern side. A central window on the upper story of the southern elevation has been covered. The northern facade of the structure features only a dry laid chimney of cut stone. The chimney is in very good condition with only a few spots showing where mortar has been added. The roof is simple gable which extends the length of the structure.

The interior reveals its original log walls throughout. The second story floor is composed of sawn planks and supported upon sawn wood joists, both of which may be later replacements. Of note is the flagstone floor in the northern pen, while the floor of the trot and the southern

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pen is of wood planks supported upon wood joists.

The Dr. Stephen H. Chism Log House is currently vacant, though it has been used as an antique showroom in the recent past. It is in deteriorated condition.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Dr. Stephen H. Chism Log House is being nominated under Criteria C with local significance as the oldest known log residence in Logan county.

Elaboration

Stephen Howard Chism was born in either Tennessee or Kentucky on December 14, 1815. At the age of three his family brought him to Missouri; by the early 1840's a young Dr. Stephen H. Chism moved to Arkansas and settled in the area of present day Chismville. On April 6, 1842, Dr. Stephen Chism married Miss Jeannette Logan, daughter of Col. James Logan (of the southern section of the county) for whom the county would later be named.

In roughly 1844-45, Stephen Chism built the log home for his bride which now stands in Chismville. Though local oral tradition maintains that the house was constructed with the labor of two slaves which Dr. Chism owned, it is far more likely that there were many more laborers involved in erecting such a structure. The slaves are said to be buried on a hill east of the log house (although the portion where they were buried has been bulldozed, some local residents say they know where the burials are located).

In 1850, the area received a post office for the town of Crossroads. By 1857, the name of the community was changed to Chismville in honor of the doctor and his family. It was during this time -- 1848-1853 -- that Dr. Chism served as a state senator. Although not much else is known of the area at the time, it is known that the Chism home sheltered the doctor's practice and residence as well as a post office and store.

The Dr. Stephen H. Chism Log House is the oldest known log residence in Logan County. In spite of the obvious deterioration and the filled dog-trot, the square-notched log construction remains substantially intact and the oldest known example of this historic traditional construction type in Logan County. Furthermore, this antebellum residence remains one of the few surviving two-story, log dog-trots in the entire state. For these reasons -- in spite of the alterations and its deteriorated condition -- it is eligible under Criterion C with local significance.

It should also be noted that the existence of the above-mentioned burials adjacent to this property strongly suggest the potential of this property to reveal further information about the antebellum European settlement of this area and to answer important research questions about this and other

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human occupations. Though significant testing and archeological research will be required to ascertain the quality and extent of any deposits, the rich archeological potential of the site should be noted.

X See continuation sheet.

_ 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 # _____

Other -- Specify Repository: _____

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

A	<u>15</u>	<u>414480</u>	<u>3897360</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the East side of State Highway 23 (approximately 7 miles North of Booneville in the Chismville community) formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation and located approximately 25 feet south thereof thence proceed 150 feet East; thence 100 feet North; thence 150 feet West; thence 100 South back to the beginning point.

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.

These dimensions include all the area associated with the existing structure.

Name/Title: Todd L. Ferguson, Survey Historian

Organization:Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date:June 22, 1994

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg, 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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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 NAME: Chism, Dr. Stephen N., House

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Logan

DATE RECEIVED: 7/11/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/28/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/13/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/25/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000853

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 4.16.94 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



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Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas
Photo by K. Story
January 1989
Negatives on file at AHPP
View from Southwest



Dr. Stephen Chism House
Chismville, Pope County, Arkansas
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January 1989
Negatives on file at AHP
View from North



Dr. Stephen Chism House

Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas

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Negatives on file at AHPP

Detail of fireplace

View from South



Dr. Stephen Chism House

Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas

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Interior of Southern room

View from South



Dr. Stephen Chism House

Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas

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Interior of Central Hall

View from South



Dr. Stephen Chism House

Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas

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Detail of entrance

View from west



Dr. Stephen Chism House

Chismville, Logan County, Arkansas

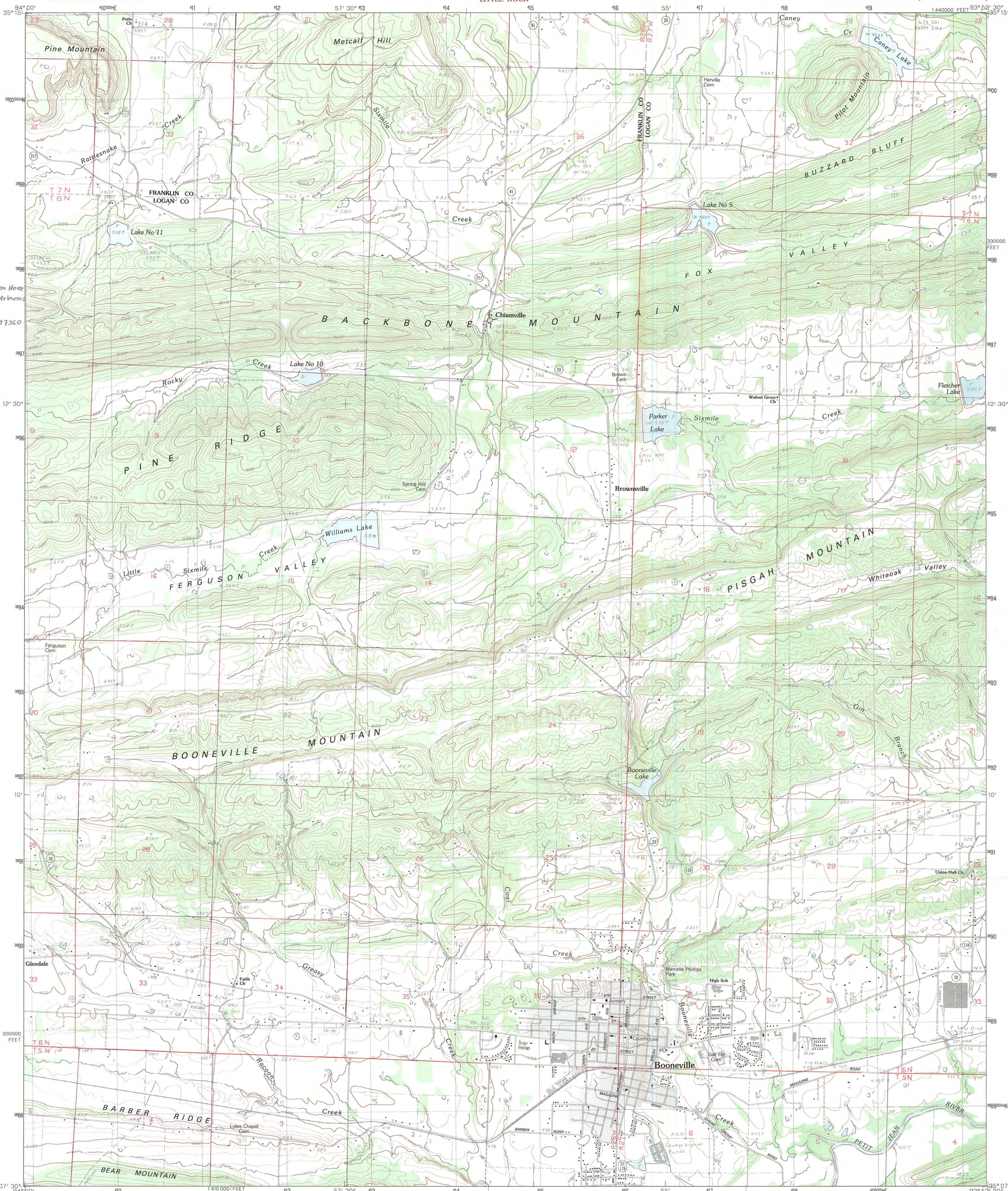
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Detail of Corner joint

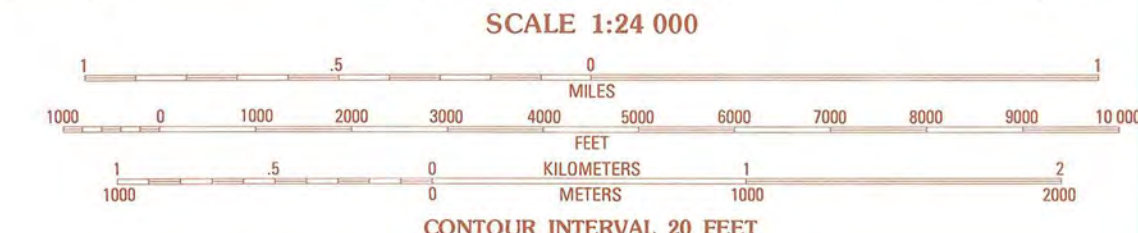
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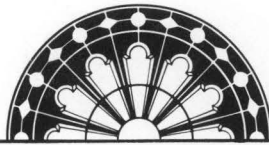
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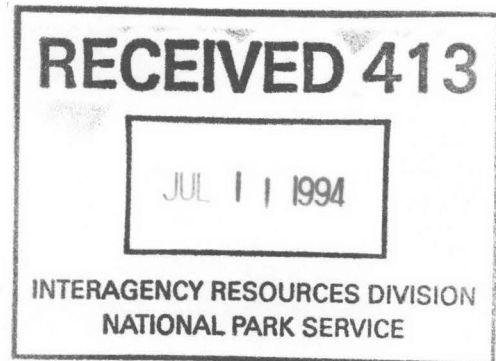
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Washington, DC 20002

RE: Dr. Stephen N. Chism House
Booneville, Logan County

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 Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:kg

Enclosures

