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#### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 elassification, 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 Looney-French House other names/site number Site #RA0037	
2. Location	
street & number 1325 Deer Run Trail	not for publication
city or town Dalton	∀ vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county Randolph code 121	72455
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this in norm request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Registers and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant inationally is statewide in locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  Signature of certifying official/Title Date  Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  State or Federal agency and bureau	ster of Historic  ☑ meets □
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Signature of certifying official/Title Date	
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4. National Park Service Certification	
I hereby certify that the 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:)	Date of Action 9/27/04

Looney-French House Name of Property		Randolph County, Arkansas County and State		
5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources (Do not include previously lis		
<ul><li>     □ private</li><li>     □ public-local</li></ul>	<ul><li>☑ building(s)</li><li>☑ district</li></ul>	Contributing	Noncontributing	
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Looney-French House is a 1½-story log dogtrot house built on the bank of the Eleven Point River southeast of the small town of Dalton, Randolph County, Arkansas. The house currently rests on a concrete foundation, but had a stone foundation originally. The walls of the house's two pens are constructed of red and white oak logs, and are presently covered with wood weatherboard siding. Each pen has a cut stone chimney on its exterior end built with stone that came from the property's riverbank. The gable roof of the house and the roof of the wraparound porch are sheathed in standing-seam metal sheeting.

#### **ELABORATION**

The Looney-French House is a 1½-story log dogtrot house built c.1833 southeast of the town of Dalton, Randolph County, Arkansas. The house is located on the bank of the Eleven Point River. The house consists of two log pens of unequal sizes constructed out of red and white oak logs. The original dogtrot has been enclosed and the house is currently covered in wood weatherboard siding, which has been there since at least 1942. Each pen has an exterior cut-stone chimney constructed of stone quarried from the Eleven Point River's bank on the property. The roof of the house is covered in a standing seam metal roof.

In addition to the enclosure of the dogtrot, the building has a c.1950 addition on the rear that houses the kitchen. The current standing-seam metal roof replaced the building's original wood-shake roof, which was present as late as 1942. The house has wood-frame, double-hung, one-over-one and two-over-two windows.

#### Northeast/Front Façade

The first floor of the northeast façade has a doorway towards the southeastern end, which enters into the southeastern pen of the property. The doorway has an exterior modern screen door. Another doorway, which is located just to the left of the center of the façade and is currently boarded up, leads into the dogtrot space of the home. The northeast pen of the house is accessed by a centrally located doorway with a modern screen door that is flanked on each side by a wood-frame, double-hung, one-over-one window. The entire first floor of the property is spanned by a full-length porch that actually extends past the southeastern edge of the house. The porch roof is supported by wood posts, and covered with a standing-seam metal roof.

The second floor of the façade has one small centrally-located, wood-frame, double-hung, one-over-one window. The front façade also has a heavy wood cornice that has four large wood dentils, one at each end of the façade, and one at each end of the dogtrot portion of the façade.

#### Southeast/Side Facade

The southeast façade of the original log pen of the house has no fenestration. The cut-stone chimney is centrally located on the southeast side of the log pen. The first floor of the façade is also spanned by the wraparound porch. As on the front façade, the porch is supported by plain wood posts, and is covered with a standing-seam metal roof.

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To the rear of the house is the southeast side of the c.1950 shed-roofed addition. A doorway with a modern screen door provides access from the porch into the addition. There is no other fenestration on the southeast side of the addition.

#### Southwest/Rear Façade

The majority of the house's original southwest façade is covered today by the c.1950 addition. A small portion of the original façade, however, is present at the southeastern end of the façade. A doorway with modern screen door on the left side of the original façade provides access into the southeast pen of the house. Like the front façade, the original rear façade possesses the heavy wood cornice and large dentil at the end of the pen. The wraparound porch is also present at the southeast end of the façade and terminates into the southeast end of the c.1950s addition. The porch used to span the entire façade prior to the construction of the addition.

The southwest façade of the c.1950 addition, towards the southeast end, has a pair of small wood-frame, double-hung, two-over-two windows flanked on each side by one larger wood-frame, double-hung, two-over-two window. Just left of center of the c.1950 façade is a single small wood-frame, double-hung, two-over-two window. To the left of the single window is a pair of larger wood-frame, double-hung, two-over-two windows.

#### Northwest/Side Facade

The northwest façade of the c.1950 addition has one centrally-located wood-frame, double-hung, two-over-two window on the first floor. The northwest façade of the original log pen is dominated by the centrally located stone chimney. A single wood-frame, double-hung, one-over-one window is located to the right of the chimney on the first floor. The chimney is flanked on the second floor by one small wood-frame, double-hung, one-over-one window.

#### Interior

The first floor of the house consists of two large rooms (the original pens) and the central dogtrot space in the original portion of the home. The original winder stairway is present in the rear of the dogtrot space, although it has been enclosed. The c.1950 addition contains two main rooms, one on each end, with a central stair hall with stairs that go down to the partial cellar. The second floor plan consists of two large rooms (the original pens) with the central dogtrot space.

The walls of the first floor are covered with hard Portland plaster walls in the pens while they are covered with gypsum board in the dogtrot space. (Underneath the gypsum board in the dogtrot are rough sawn wood studs and rough sawn wood sheathing, indicating that the dogtrot has been enclosed for a long time, but was not originally.) The ceilings on the first floor are currently gypsum board, although evidence indicates that the joists were exposed for a long time before being covered with plaster originally.

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The walls of the dogtrot space on the second floor are currently covered in gypsum board although rough sawn wood sheathing papered with newspaper is underneath it. The second floor room of the southeastern pen has unfinished exposed log walls, square pegged rafters, and a plank floor. The gable end of the room, however, has gypsum board on the wall and the gabled wall bordering the dogtrot is partially covered with unpainted horizontal bead board. The second floor room of the northwest pen has gypsum board on all wall and ceiling surfaces.

#### Quarry

The quarry site is located on the south bank of the Eleven Point River to the northeast of the house. The rocks on the bank retain chisel marks from the masons who quarried stone used in the construction of the home's chimneys and foundation. The quarry site is considered to be a contributing resource.

#### **Modern House**

In between the Looney-French House and the bank of the Eleven Point River is a modern house built by the current owners within the last ten years. The house is of wood-frame construction with concrete block foundation and a standing-seam metal roof. However, because of its recent date of construction, it does not contribute to the nomination.

#### **INTEGRITY**

Given the age of the building, the Looney-French House possesses remarkable integrity. The largest changes to the property over the years have been the enclosure of the dogtrot at an unknown early date and the construction of the kitchen addition c.1950. However, both of these changes occurred more than 50 years ago. It is also known that the weatherboard siding was installed on the property prior to 1942. Although changes have occurred to the house, the original construction and plan of the c.1833 dogtrot are readily discernible, especially on the interior of the house. The setting of the house, with the exception of the construction of a new home in front of the house within the last ten years, remains rural just as it was when the Looney family arrived at the site. As a result, the Looney-French House remains one of the earliest standing structures in Arkansas, and a remarkable surviving building from the earliest periods of European settlement in Randolph County.

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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.)	Levels of Significance (local, state, national) State
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)  Architecture
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Exploration/Settlement
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.	Period of Significance
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	C.1055
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates c.1833
Property is:  A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	
☐ <b>B</b> removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)
<ul> <li>C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.</li> <li>D a cemetery.</li> </ul>	Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property	Architect/Builder
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References	
<b>Bibliography</b> (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one o	r 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 #	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**

The Looney-French House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **statewide significance** as an outstanding example of an early nineteenth-century log dogtrot. Constructed c.1833, the Looney-French House is one of the oldest standing structures in Arkansas, and a remarkable survivor of a log dogtrot from the earliest periods of settlement in the Randolph County area. The Looney-French House is also significant as a house representing the first generation of permanent European settlement in Randolph County. William Looney, who was the original builder of the house, arrived at the Eleven Point River in 1802, and was one of the earliest settlers in the area. As a result, it is also being nominated under **Criterion A** for its associations with exploration and settlement in Randolph County.

#### **ELABORATION**

Although permanent settlement did not occur in the Randolph County area until the early nineteenth century, exploration in the area began in the sixteenth century. Nineteenth century settlers uncovered coins and other artifacts associated with an expedition of Spanish explorers led by Hernando De Soto that passed through the area in 1541. By the 1600s, French explorers were passing through the area, including Marquette in 1673, LaSalle in 1682, and DeTonti in 1686. Some Native American occupation occurred in the 1700s, primarily by bands of Osage, Shawnee, and Delaware, but their occupation was transitory in nature.<sup>1</sup>

In 1819, the Arkansas Territory was formed and approximately two-thirds of the northern part of the state was part of Lawrence County of the Missouri Territory, including present-day Randolph County. Lawrence County was divided several times to form other counties in the area. Randolph County was created on October 29, 1835, and comprised the area's oldest settlements. Arkansas would become a state the following year.<sup>2</sup>

Early land records indicate that by the late 1700s and early 1800s several Frenchmen had settled in the area. Randolph County possessed several features that made it attractive to early settlers. The county has many streams and rivers that could provide water, and they were the way that many of the early settlers arrived in the area. The old animal and Native American trace that entered Randolph County where the Missouri state line crossed the Current River and ran along the Ozarks foothills also made travel in the area easier than in other parts of the state. The trace was known by a number of names, including the Southwest Trail, the Watchitoches Trail, and the National Road. In addition, by 1803, William Hicks was operating a ferry on the

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, pp. 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joan Gould (ed.) Early Arkansas Settlement Study, 2003-2004. Privately published report in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 2004, p. 1.

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Current River where the Southwest Trail crossed it. (It would later be known by the Arkansas Road or Arkansas Trace by some of the early government surveyors in the area.)<sup>3</sup>

By 1803, immigrants started pouring into the area, mainly from Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia. The immigrants accessed the area via its many waterways. The earliest local river transportation was on canoes, flatboats, or keelboats. It would not be until 1829 that steamboats came to the area with the arrival of the *Laurel* on the Black River. Many of the early towns in the Randolph County area came about as a direct result of river travel, including Lawrence (later Davidsonville) and Bettis Bluff (later Pocahontas) on the Black River, and Biggers on the Current River.<sup>4</sup>

William Looney was born in 1785 in Stanley Valley near Rogersville, Tennessee. When he arrived in Randolph County with three of his slaves in 1802, he also took advantage of the rivers for transportation, specifically the Eleven Point River. Life was not easy for the early settlers of the area. In order to get supplies in the earliest days of settlement, Looney had to travel to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a trip that required two weeks to complete.<sup>5</sup>

Looney chose a site on the west bank of the Eleven Point River adjacent to a natural ford for his home site. He quickly made the site a productive one, growing corn, wheat, potatoes, and tobacco on his farm. In addition, he planted an apple orchard and produced brandy, also considered a staple on the frontier. Eventually, he owned 1,500 acres of land along the river comprising land patents given between 1823 and 1844. The ford on the property was an important feature on the property, allowing easy access for selling his brandy, and also staying in touch with his extended family that relocated to the area in 1812.

It did not take long for William Looney to become a well-respected and prominent individual in the area. When a government was established for Lawrence County, Looney was appointed as a justice of the peace and magistrate, and he served in that capacity from 1816 until c.1825. He also served as a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of the Arkansas Militia. In 1843, he also increased his landholdings by purchasing the land on the south side of the courthouse square in Pocahontas from Thomas Drew.<sup>7</sup>

Looney built the current house on the property c.1833. A recent dendrochronology study of the house, conducted by the University of Arkansas, determined that the red and white oak logs were cut between June 1831 and April 1832 and between June 1832 and June 1833 from trees that began growing between 1644 and 1769. Since normal log construction practices allow the logs to season for several months, the house was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Ibid*, p. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Ibid*, p. 6-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Ibid*, p. 7.

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built late in 1833 or in 1834. Looney also cut the stone for the chimneys from the banks of the Eleven Point River just a few yards from the house, and chisel marks are still visible in the river bank at the quarry site.

Looney was able to enjoy the house until his death in March or April 1846 when, according to family tradition, he drowned in the Eleven Point River. After his death, each of his children (10 according to the 1830 census) received a farm and one slave from the estate. Looney's wife, Rhonda, still lived in the house until her death a year later on April 18, 1847. Today, the property is owned by Jack and Christina French, and she is a relative of the Looney family. Although the property is currently used as pastureland for cattle, the house is not lived in.<sup>9</sup>

Today, the Looney-French House represents an important tangible link to the early history of Arkansas and Randolph County. Constructed c.1833, the Looney-French House is an excellent example of an early nineteenth century log dogtrot. In addition, it is one of the oldest extant houses in the state, and represents a rare surviving property from the earliest period of settlement in Randolph County.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Looney-French House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **statewide significance** as an outstanding example of an early nineteenth-century log dogtrot. Constructed c.1833, the Looney-French House is one of the oldest standing structures in Arkansas, and a remarkable survivor of a log dogtrot from the earliest periods of settlement in the Randolph County area. The Looney-French House is also significant as a house representing the first generation of permanent European settlement in Randolph County. William Looney, who was the original builder of the house, arrived at the Eleven Point River in 1802, and was one of the earliest settlers in the area. As a result, it is also being nominated under **Criterion A** for its associations with exploration and settlement in Randolph County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> David Stahle. *Tree-Ring Dating of the Looney-French House, Randolph County, Arkansas*. January 2004. Found in: Joan Gould (ed.) *Early Arkansas Settlement Study, 2003-2004*. Privately published report in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 2004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Gould (ed.), pp. 7-8.

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the cattle guard in the driveway to the southwest of the house, proceed 105 feet along the driveway to the point of beginning. From the point of beginning, proceed southeasterly 165 feet, thence proceed northeasterly 375 feet, thence proceed northwesterly 165 feet, thence proceed southwesterly 375 feet back to the point of beginning.

#### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary contains the land around the Looney-French House that retains integrity.

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#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Looney French House NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Randolph
DATE RECEIVED: 8/11/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/08/04 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/23/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/24/04 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001035
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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
The Looney-French House is significant statewide under Criterion A for its role in the early settlement of northeastern Arkansas and under Criterion C as an outstanding example of the dogtrot house form. It was built ca. 1833 as a one-and-one-half story log dogtrot and later clad with weatherboard. A rear shed addition was built ca. 1950. William Looney, a Tennessee native who settled in Randolph County in 1802 and ultimately acquired 1,500 acres of land along the Eleven Point River, was the builder and original owner. In addition to managing a productive farm, Looney also served as the Randolph County magistrate and justice of the peace from 1816 until about 1825. The Looney-French House has undergone remarkably few changes over time. It retains integrity from its period of significance and reflects the history and architecture of settlement-period Arkansas.  RECOM./CRETERIA  DISCIPLINE  DATE  DATE  DATE  DATE  DATE  DATE  DATE
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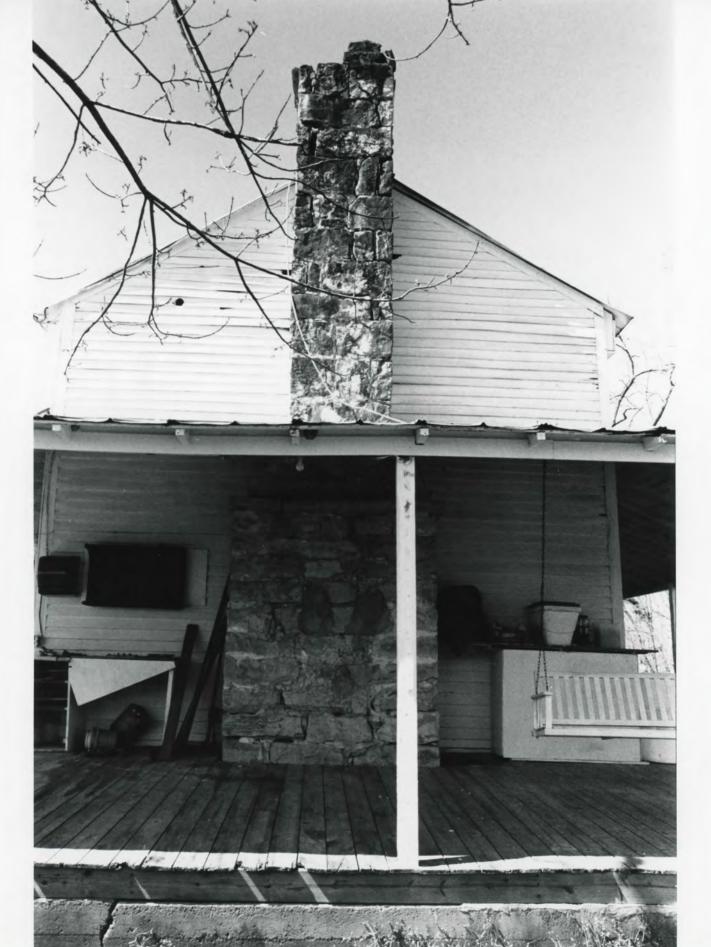
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RE: Looney-French House – Dalton vic., Randolph County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews

State Historic Preservation Officer

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