

✓ ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Wash. Co.
CanehillSurvey Number CH-4HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASOwner Canehill Cemetery Association✓ Property Name Canehill Cemetery (C.M.R.A.)Address c/o Conrad RussellLocation ~~South of County Highway 13~~ SR 13Box 32, Canehill, AR 72717Significant Dates 1830's - 1870's

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Canehill Cemetery today is a well-kept plot on a relatively secluded hilltop site off County Highway 13. A simple metal and stone fence defines the side and rear boundaries of the grounds and two stone piers supporting a metal archway with large letters declaring "Canehill Cemetery" marks the entrance. The earliest graves in the cemetery, some dating to the mid-1830's, were marked by ordinary field stones with inscriptions scratched in the rock. Other early graves consist of a stone box standing over the grave with a inscription on the lid of the box. Among the earliest graves in the cemetery are those of Thomas Garvin (1834) and Thomas Buchanan (1836), both pioneers of the Canehill community.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the Canehill Cemetery derives significance from its continuing function as a graveyard since 1834, the cemetery grounds are of greater historical import as the site of the two-room log structure, "the meeting house", that housed Canehill's first church and first school during the early years of settlement and development. The log structure served the church from (approximately) 1828 until 1836 while classes of Canehill's early schools, including the Canehill Collegiate Institute, were held in the original structure until 1850. Initially the cemetery developed as the graveyard connected with that first church. The historical importance of the cemetery is enhanced by the graves of Canehill's pioneers and Civil War fatalities. Markers dating to the mid-nineteenth century evidence the craftsmanship of local stone technology.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"Acreage more or less 5 acresQuadrangle Name Lincoln, ARQuadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM References

Zone 15 (A) Easting 373 740
(C) Easting 373 740Northing 3975 130
Northing 3975 050(B) Easting 373 840 Northing 3975 130
(D) Easting 373 840 Northing 3975 050

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
Attachment A

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-4

Property Name Canehill Cemetery

Verbal Boundary Description Being generally the N1/2 of SW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4,
NE1/4 of Section 8 and the S1/2 of the S1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4, NE1/4
of Section 8 all in T14N, R32W.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|----|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 13 | 1. Moore House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Ann Van Duzee</i> |
| | | | Attest | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Anders</i> |
| | 2. Methodist Manse | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| | 3. Edmiston, D. N., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 14 | 4. Canehill Cemetery | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Ann Van Duzee</i> |
| | | | Attest | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Anders</i> |
| | 5. Canehill College Building | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| | 6. Edmiston, John, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 15 | 7. Welch, William, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Ann Van Duzee</i> |
| | | | Attest | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Anders</i> |
| | 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| | 9. Blackburn House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 16 | 10. McClellan, E. W., House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 11/17/82 <i>Ann Van Duzee</i> |
| | | | Attest | 11/16/82 <i>Patrick Anders</i> |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Canehill Cemetery (Canehill MRA)
Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/4/82 - 11/19/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/17/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

while not directly addressing exception to the criteria,
the form makes it clear that the cemetery, because of
its age, is of significance within the context

Recom./Criteria accept A

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 11/16/82

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

☒ 1. Name

☒ 2. Location

☒ 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

☒ 4. Owner of Property

☒ 5. Location of Legal Description

☒ 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity
☒ dates
☒ boundary selection

8. 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

see comment on front

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USRT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

X Please describe boundaries as approved to location

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

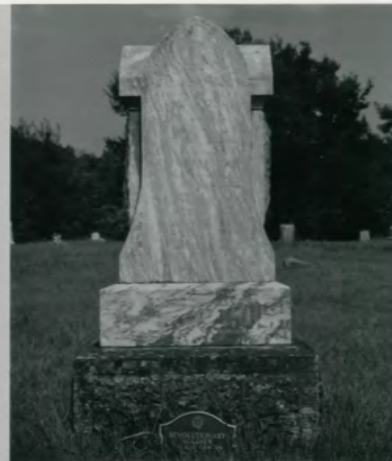
13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Canehill Cemetery

Historic Resources of Canehill

Canehill, Ark.

Don Brown, photographer

Negative at the Ark. Historic Preservation
Program

View from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000023