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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number ST-174

Property Name Wesley Copeland House

Location vic. of Timbo

Significant Date/s c.1858

SE of Timbo

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Mr. Homer T. Hess
Owner Mr. Leemon Hess

Address Fox, AR 72051

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Wesley Copeland House is located in the Timbo Valley, south of the community of Timbo, in western Stone County. The c. 1858 Copeland House reflects the dogtrot or two pens with open hall plan. The log constructed house, facing south, sits on stone piers and is covered by an exaggerated overhanging gable roof. Each pen measures 18' x 18'. The log walls are locked together with square notching. Weatherboard, believed to be an 1880's application, covers the west, north and east elevations of the house.

The principal (south) elevation exhibits a full length porch created by the overhang of the gable roof. Chamfered posts, with simple beveled square capitals, supports the roof overhang. The porch cornice is adorned with a saw-tooth design. Under the porch, each of the pen's log facades displays a small centered six-over-six double-hung window with plain surrounds. The open hall, in recent years, has been enclosed with vertical board infilling. A boxed-in stairway, attached to the west wall of the open hall, leads to the loft. The stairs are accessible by way of the front porch.

The west elevation or gable end is covered with weatherboard. It features an exterior hewn stone chimney. A window opening appears to the south side of the chimney's firebox.

The north (rear) elevation features a full length shed addition. The shed was attached at the time of the weatherboard covering of the log cribs. Only a two-over-two double window on the shed's west end and the vertical board infilling of the open hall disrupts an otherwise solid weatherboard elevation.

A cube-cut stone exterior chimney distinguishes the gable end of the east elevation. A scored diamond pattern is displayed on the smooth stone surface of the chimney. Two boarded window openings in the gable flank the chimney's stack. A four-over-four double-hung window and a batten door are respectively placed to the left and right of the chimney's firebox. A second door provides access into the rear shed.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built c. 1858, the Wesley Copeland House best illustrates an original dogtrot plan in Stone County. Wesley Copeland constructed the pre-Civil War log house in the Timbo Valley in the western part of the county. The two log pens are of equal size, and are locked together by square-notching. Each pen has a finely crafted exterior stone chimney in the gable ends. The west chimney was built by

Copeland at the original construction of the house. This chimney is made of the traditional dry hewn stone found in many of the early log houses in the county. The east chimney was constructed in the late 1870's by N. F. Woodworth and is made of smooth cut stone with a diamond pattern scored on its surface. Woodworth was also responsible for the high-pitched roof, rear shed addition, and the weatherboard siding. Also significant about the house is the boxed in stairway located in the front of the hall instead of the traditional location at the rear.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S18, R12W, T14N, is bounded on the south by an improved road, and on the east, west and north by lines running parallel to and 50' from the three major facades of the house.

Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Fox

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 562580

Northing: 3967670

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Thematic Group

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State ARKANSASCOVER

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Martin, Owen, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/25/85

2. Turkey Creek School

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 10/25/85

3. Brown, Samuel, House

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National Register

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4. West Richwoods Church & School

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5. Ford, Zachariah, House

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6. Taylor-Stokes House

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7. Copeland, Wesley, House

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8. Morris, Jim, Barn

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9. Bluff Springs Church and School

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10. Guffey, Joe, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Copeland, Wesley, House (Stone County MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86
Date Due: 9/12/85 — 9/28/85
Action: ACCEPT 9-17-85
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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National Register

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
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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

- 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

- 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to —

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

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Historic Resources of Stone County

Wesley Copeland House, ST-174

Timbo vicinity

Don Brown, photographer

1983

Negative on file at the AHPP

Viewed from the northeast



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Viewed from the southwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031