

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-49  
Anderson Boarding

Rosemary Benton (power of  
attorney: Jo Claire and  
Owner Bob English)

✓ Property Name House

Address 209 Second

Address 201 Main St.

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1921

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The one-and-a-half story house at 201 Main was constructed in 1921 specifically to be a boarding house. The house contains a projecting Bungalow-type front gable porch. The central wooden doorway contains side lights and is flanked by two large double-hung, one over one windows. The house has a huge forty-two foot long central hall flanked by three bedrooms on each side. The hall empties into a thirty-six foot long dining room through sliding wooden doors. Upstairs are two smaller bedrooms and two small storage rooms divided by a smaller central hall. The gable roof has exposed rafter ends on the north and south side and several gable extensions. On the south side, a sleeping porch extends out from near the center of the house, while a smaller extension near the end of the house contains a small bath. On the north side, a huge dormer window extends out from the roofline. The boarding house was cut into separate apartments in the 1950's with doors cut between the downstairs bedrooms which before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted to a kitchen, and the sleeping porch on the south side was also converted into a kitchen.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Anderson Boarding House is the last boarding house in Clarendon. It is also the only boarding house constructed in Clarendon to specifically be a boarding house, as opposed to a single-family dwelling that was later adapted to be a boarding house. Most of the other boarding houses had workers from the lumber mills, railroads, and other local factories as tenants. Built for Lucy Sebastian Anderson in 1921, this house was designed and constructed specifically to be a boarding house for a more cultured clientele with more elegant furnishings than the average boarding houses in the town. This bungalow boarding house sits in the center of the residential neighborhood on Main Street, just north of the courthouse and business district. As the local industries and railroads faded, the need for boarding houses in Clarendon faded as well. However, the Anderson Boarding House stayed in

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existence for many years, taking advantage of its close proximity to the river and the downtown commercial area, while still existing in a quiet neighborhood setting. In the early 1950's shortly after Lucy Anderson died in 1949, Sarah Anderson Pamphlin altered the house to accommodate separate apartments. Doors were cut to connect the bedrooms that before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted into a kitchen, and the south side sleeping porch was also converted into a kitchen. The impressive forty-two foot long central hall remains intact with its sliding wooden doors opening into the large dining room. The house has been vacant since the mid-1970's, and is presently owned by Rosemary Benton. It remains unique in Clarendon for its design and continued success as a local boarding house under the guidance of Lucy Sebastian Anderson.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon  
Lots 13, 14 Block 4

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

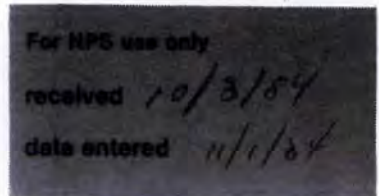
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area

State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

*Con* 11/1/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. **Anderson Boarding House**

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

2. Bank of Clarendon

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

3. Bateman-Griffith House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

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4. Bondi Brothers Store

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National Register

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5. Bounds Building

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6. Clarendon Methodist-  
Episcopal Church South

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National Register

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7. Ewan Building

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National Register

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8. Goldman and Son Store

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9. Highway 79 Bridge

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10. Jefferies Building

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Anderson Boarding House (Clarendon MRA)  
Monroe County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/1/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Acres 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 \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☐ 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*



CL-49 Anderson Boarding House 201 Main  
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the East





CL-49 Anderson Boarding House 201 Main  
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
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Viewed from the Southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024