

DEC 14 1987  
MRA No. 3

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Morris House Property Owner Harold Morris  
Location 407 S.W. 4th Street, Bentonville Address 407 S.W. 4th Street  
Construction Date c 1855 Survey No. 0229 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Morris House is a 1-story central-hall frame cottage facing north on S.W. 4th Street. Its entry door is sheltered by a hipped-roof porch supported by four simple classical wood columns. The front facade features a double-hung four-over-four window west of the entry, and a pair of double-hung, one-over-one windows to the east. An interior end chimney rises from the ridge line of the roof at its east end. The most meager Greek revival details occur on the outside: a wide frieze board immediately below the cornice and corner boards with molded caps. A box cornice returns on the end facades. Narrow gauge (4" or 4½") weather-boarding sheaths the exterior.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The modest architectural details of the Morris House confirm without question the pre-Civil War construction date of this central hall cottage, although documentation of the original owner and construction date has not been made. Only the Braithwaite House and the James Edwin Daniels House on E. Central Street share approximately the pre-Civil War date of the Morris House. It is significant because it is one of the few remaining in the county from the antebellum period. The rear ell of this cottage seems to be original. The two small shed additions violate original integrity, as do the adjacent double-hung windows on the front facade, which have been relatively recent replacements of the original single window. Other elements of genuine antiquity are a frame smokehouse at the southeast rear of the house and a non-operable well located near the two structures. The cottage is sited on a generous city lot shaded by mature trees.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lot 1, Elzey's Subdivision

Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391140 Northing 4025230

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA  
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Merrill House **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

62. Methodist Church **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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63. Miller Homestead **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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64. Mitchell House **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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65. **Morris House** **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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66. Myler House **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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67. New Home School and Church **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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68. Norwood School **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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69. Osage Creek Bridge **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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70. Osage Mills Dam **Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Morris House (Benton County MRA)  
Benton County  
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89

Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88

Action:  ACCEPT 1-28-88

\_\_\_\_\_ 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	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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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MORRIS HOUSE - 0229

BENTONVILLE

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NEGATIVES on FILE at AHPD

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022