

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF EVENING SHADE  
SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ES-9

Owner C.A. Thomas

Property Name Coger House

Address Main Street

Location Main Street, Evening Shade

Evening Shade, AR 72532

Significant Date/s ca. 1870

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located on a spacious lot facing Main Street, the Coger House is a two-story rectangular wood frame gable-roofed structure, built ca. 1870. An original one-story frame shed-roofed addition runs the full length of the rear (south) elevation and a one-story frame gable-roofed ell projection southward from the shed roofed addition.

The front (north) facade is distinguished by a two-story flat roofed porch. The cut sandstone foundation wall and first floor wrought iron posts are Twentieth century additions. The second floor of the porch features turned posts and jigsaw cut brackets with spindles. Turned posts also compose the balustrade. This porch is a late-nineteenth-century addition which replaced the structure's original Greek Revival influenced porch. First and second floor entrances, on center axis, are covered by the porch. The first floor entry is composed of a single door (originally double-doors) flanked by four light windows and a ten light transom. The second story entry contains double doors flanked by sidelights of three panes over wood panels. The first floor entry is flanked by two two-over-two double-hung windows, the second floor entry by two six-over-six double-hung windows.

The west gable end contains returns and an exterior brick chimney flanked by two six-over-six windows on each floor. The east gable end contains returns, two six-over-six windows on each floor and an interior brick flue. The shed roofed addition has one window in the east elevation.

The interior is composed of a central hall flanked by two rooms on each floor. All rooms contain horizontal boards covered with wallpaper, wood floors and plain window and door facings. The east room on the second floor has a beaded wood ceiling.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Coger House is architecturally significant in the built environment of Evening Shade. It was constructed ca. 1870 by Polk Jones and later acquired by Claude T. Coger, long-time owner of the Sharp County Record. The Coger House, originally Greek Revival influenced, is a vernacular structure illustrating the influence of the Victorian styles popular during Evening Shade's era of greatest prosperity. Located on Main Street one block west of the commercial area, the Coger House contributes greatly to the late-nineteenth-century physical character of Evening Shade.

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Verbal Boundary Description 3-16-6, Town Lots: south part of 47 and all of 48

Acreage less than one

Quadrangle Name Evening Shade Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 624300 Northing 3992530

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
EXP. 10/31/84

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date entered

6/2/82

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 Evening Shade Multiple Resource Area  
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Cochran Store

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

2. Shaver, Charles W., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce A. Byers 9/20/82

Attest

accept - Patrick Andrews 9/22/82

3. Plum Spring Springhouse and Site

Substantive Review

Keeper

Repet 6/2

Attest

\* 4. Wilkerson House

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

5. Sharp Mill and Thompson  
Mill Site

Substantive Review

Keeper

Repet 6/2

Attest

6. McCaleb, John, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

7. Stokes House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

8. Cogger House

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept - Beth Grosvenor 6/2/82

Attest

9. Metcalfe House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

10. Davidson, Sam, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/2/82

Attest

\* Removed from national register 3/82  
Resubmitted as doc/owner objection



## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

D2002134

Property: Coger House  
 State, County: AR, Sharp  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 422/82-1167  
 Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983  
 Date Due: 5/20/82 - 6/6/82  
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/2/82  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

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

photos \_\_\_\_\_  
 maps \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Reviewer's comments:

*Significance is awkwardly stated, but the house appears significant as one of the oldest remaining houses; originally in the Cr. Revival style popular to the area, and later altered to incorporate Victorian features, the house illustrates the influence and interpretation of these national styles in this small rural community.*

Recom. / Criteria accept - C  
 Reviewer G. J. J. J.  
 Discipline Historian  
 Date 6/2/82  
☐ 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

*Considering the changes, a better context for age and remaining resources in either style represented or the in transition should have been given. The significance of transition could have been more precisely stated, also.*

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





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Cogger House  
Bob Dunn, Photographer May, 1981  
Negative at the Ark. Hist. Pres. Program  
View from the northeast  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000026