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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-27Owner Mr. & Mrs. Cecil DayberryProperty Name Binks Hess
House and BarnAddress Marcella, AR 72555Location Marcella OFF AR 14Significant Date/s C.1871

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 1871 Binks Hess House and Barn are located at Marcella in southeastern Stone County. The house stands east of Highway 14 and adjacent to an unimproved road leading to the bottom lands of the White River approximately a mile further east. According to an interview with Binks Hess' son, the Burrough Brothers, local craftsmen, constructed the house, which was built according to a dogtrot plan with an original one room rear ell extending from the south pen of the west elevation. The frame weatherboard house, facing east, sits on stone piers and is covered by a gable roof with returns.

The principal facade (east) of the house is distinguished by a Greek Revival inspired porch with gable returns. The single bay porch, which covers the open hall area, is supported by squared columns. The columns are capped by cut-out circles applied to the cornice under each return. Lattice, with segmental arches at the bottom are attached to the underside of the cornice. The enclosure of the open hall with flushboards occurred in the 1920's. The facade's fenestration is made of two six-over-six double-hung windows set in each pen flanking the portico. A wide cornice board terminates the wall.

The south elevation contains a gable end with a return and the south side of the rear ell. An exterior stone chimney is situated on the gable end of the dogtrot's south pen along with a six-over-six window. The side elevation of the ell features a secondary entrance into the kitchen area. Two windows, of previously described design, are set on either side of the kitchen door. A recently constructed stone flue stands between the right window and the door.

The rear elevation is identified by the ell, with a return gable and shed addition. Attached to the ell is a gable roofed room. An interior stone flue projects from the roof line of the ell. The shed addition is attached to the rear of the dogtrot's north pen. The weatherboard shed gives the north elevation a salt-box impression. The elevation also has a single gable return and a interior stone flue. Set off-centered in the gable end is a six-over-six window.

The Binks Hess Barn is set back from the main structure's rear elevation. The barn reflects a transverse crib plan with side additions. Placed on stone piers, the two story frame structure has vertical board wall material and is covered by a gable roof. The Hess Barn has a narrow driveway in comparison with other area barns. Stalls built of horizontal boards flank the drive. The second story functions as a hay loft. Open-side sheds are attached to the south and north elevations of the barn providing additional shelter for equipment and livestock.

There are three other ancillary structures between the house and barn, but they are not significant to the history of the property.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Binks Hess, a younger brother of Thomas Hess, who established the town of Hesstown (Marcella) in eastern Stone County, constructed this weatherboard house in 1871 using a dogtrot plan with a rear ell. Binks Hess hired the Burrough Brothers, local carpenter and stone mason, to build his house. The Burrough Brothers constructed the stylish dogtrot with weatherboard and attractive trim work. They added a handsome portico onto the open hall with return gables, columns, jigsaw cut circles applied on the cornice between the returns and the columns, and segmentally shaped lattice attached along the bottom of the cornice. The overall design of the facade creates an illusion of a sophisticated central hall house. Historic research indicates that this method was a known alternative in refining the dogtrot house in Stone County as well as throughout the region.

The Hess Barn is the earliest documented transverse crib barn in Stone County. It was one of the first barns to incorporate sawn lumber as the building material.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S6, R8W, T13N, is bounded on the south by an improved road, and on the west by a line running parallel to and 50ft. from the rear elevation of the barn and east by a line running parallel to and 50 ft. from the major facade of the house, and on the north by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the north elevations of the house and barn.

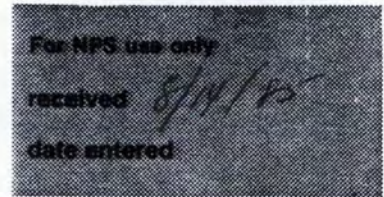
Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 601090

Northing: 3960900

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Stone County MRA
State ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Brewer, John F., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 8/25/85

Attest

22. Brewer's Mill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

23. Case, C. B., Motor Co. Building

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24. Commercial Hotel

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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25. Copeland, Henry, House

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26. Davis Barn

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27. Hess, Thomas M., House

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28. Hess, Binks, House and Barn

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29. Gammill, Orvall, Barn

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30. Farmers and Merchants Bank

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REF# 85002227

Hess, Binks, House and Barn (Stone County
MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 14 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86

Date Due: 9/12/85 9/28/85

Action: ACCEPT 9-17-85

Entered in the
National Register RETURN
REJECT

Federal Agency:

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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

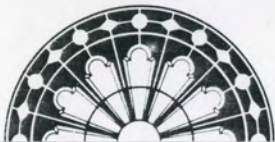
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13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

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Binks Hess House and Barn, ST-27
Marcella
Don Brown, photographer
1983
Negative on file at the AHPP
Viewed from the east



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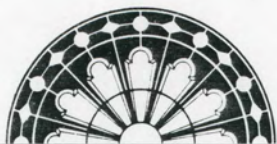
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031