

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic

James A. Walls House

and/or common

2. Location

off AR 17

street & number

not for publication

city, town Holly Grove

vicinity of

congressional district First

state Arkansas

code 05

county

Monroe

code 095

3. Classification

Category

district

☒ building(s)

structure

site

object

Ownership

public

☒ private

both

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

Status

☒ occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

Present Use

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

☒ private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Ruth Dearing

street & number Box 475

city, town Holly Grove

vicinity of

state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Monroe County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Clarendon

state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes ☒ no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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

Set amid a meticulously landscaped two-acre tract of land in the rural community of Holly Grove, the Walls House stands as an example of the late Queen Anne style which exhibits the growing influence of the Colonial Revival. Built in 1903 by a Mr. Youngblood, a local carpenter to whom much of the area's historic architecture has been attributed, the house is an irregularly massed two-story, wood-frame structure capped by a hip roof with cross gables. Its asymmetrical proportions, decorative shingles and wood work, projecting gables, wrap-around porch, turned balustrade, and turret-like tower (now demolished) capture the essence of the Queen Anne while its Tuscan columns, fanlight windows and triangular-pedimented front entry bay reflect an interest in the details of the Colonial Revival style.

The principal (south) elevation of the building presents an active profile especially characterized by its projecting chamfered bay and the two-story wrap-around porch, supported on Tuscan columns mounted on box pillars joined by a turned balustrade which encircles this part of the house. The porch is raised above grade and reached by balustraded stairs on both the principal elevation and the east side of the building. The principal entrance of the building is articulated by a gabled element that projects from the porch. To the west of the gable, the first floor of the porch is covered with a shingled mansard roof while the east side of the porch is enclosed with a shed roof. The second story of the porch is covered by the roof proper. A half-hexagon-shaped bay projects from the east corner of the front elevation. This bay terminates in a projecting shingle-faced gable which is enriched with a fanlight window and a panel carved in a fan design in its apex. A similar carved fan design embellishes the pediment of the entry porch gable.

The front door contains a glazed panel and has a transom. Two small stained glass windows divided by horizontal and vertical mullions emanating from a center circle--- one situated east of the front entrance, the other located on the west elevation--- enhance the facades. A cathedral light stained glass window enriches the west side of the chamfered bay.

While the secondary elevation of the house is not as finely executed nor richly decorated as the principal facade, the east elevation is enriched with a semi-circular bay with three windows. Also, the original gabled-roofed kitchen addition is evident on the north side of the building.

Although the building retains the greater part of its original fabric and character there have been some minor alterations. A five-sided turret-like tower that penetrated the roof above the

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west corner of the front elevation's chamfered bay has been removed. Decorative cresting that embellished the peak of the gable roof has also been removed. Other alterations include the addition of a shed-dormer on the north elevation to create a bathroom and the enclosure of half the kitchen porch to create another bathroom.

The interior of the Walls House is in excellent condition. Delicate panels decorate the ceilings. Interior doors have transoms and are finished with symmetrically moulded trim with corner blocks enriched with a circular motif. The living room is characterized by the ornamental curvilinear lattice work that articulates a circular bay and an unusual burled oak fireplace. The fireplace mantel is supported by claw footed pilasters decorated with lion heads. A beveled mirror framed with an egg and dart moulding is situated above the mantel and a cornice, supported by stylized columns, caps the mirror. A five-centered arch supported from the floor by Ionic columns frames the mantel mirror. This arch, which is also constructed of burled oak, is decorated with a raised garland.

Outbuildings on the Walls House site include a gable-roofed cook's house, tool shed, milk house with gabled-roofed porch, and gabled-roofed smokehouse. These outbuildings are finished in weather-board with four panel doors and one over one (1/1) windows. All outbuildings are contemporary with the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates 1903

Builder/Architect

Youngblood

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Walls House, an example of the late Queen Anne style with some degree of Colonial Revival influence, derives primary significance from its architecture. The structure, built by a Mr. Youngblood for James A. Walls, is particularly outstanding in its setting in Holly Grove, a small rural community in southeast Arkansas. Like so many Arkansas communities, Holly Grove experienced a substantial, though temporary, financial boost at the turn of the century when a railroad was constructed through the town. The railroad, connecting Holly Grove with major trade centers in the South, fostered the development of a small but stable commercial district (National Register of Historic Places: 2/2/79). James A. Walls, a local sawmill and cotton gin owner, benefited from this commercial development. Having a ready outlet for his products, Walls prospered and consequently was able to finance the construction of the Walls House in 1903. The Walls House, therefore, not only exemplifies an architectural style unique to the community of Holly Grove but also represents a period of prosperous commercial growth in the locality.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Monroe County Records, Monroe County Courthouse, Clarendon, Arkansas.

Walls Family Archives, Holly Grove, Arkansas.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 2.4 acres

Quadrangle name Holly Grove, Ark. Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Properties lying within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 2 West.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ruth Dearing; ed. Ethel Goodstein, Archi. Hist, John T. Duke, Hist.

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date February 28, 1980

street & number Suite 500, Continental Building telephone 501/371-2763

city or town Little Rock state Arkansas 72201

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Joan Williams Baldridge

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 28, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 6/9/80

Attest: *Beth Groves*

date 6/6/80

Chief of Registration

Property

Waller, James A. House.

State

Ariz. - Maricopa

Working Number

3-13-80-91380000780**TECHNICAL****CONTROL**Photos 6Maps 1**HISTORIAN***call/accept**Grosvenor**5/13/80**Rec'd 5/38***ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN****ARCHEOLOGIST****OTHER****HAER**Inventory Review **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF***accpt*
*Grosvenor**6/6/80***BRANCH CHIEF****KEEPER**National Register Write-up Send-back Entered JUN 9 1980Federal Register Entry 2.3.81Re-submit



Walls, James A., House

Walls House

Holly Grove, Arkansas

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1979

Monroe Co.

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

facade, viewed from the southwest

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Walls, James A., House

Walls House

JUN 9 1980

Holly Grove, Arkansas

Bob Dunn

1979

Monroe Co.

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facade, viewed from the southeast

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Holly Grove
Monroe Co.*



Walls, James A., House

Walls House
Holly Grove, Arkansas
Bob Dunn
1979

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rear elevation, viewed from the northeast
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Walls House

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rear outbuildings, viewed from the

southeast

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interior room, viewed from the south

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living room mantel

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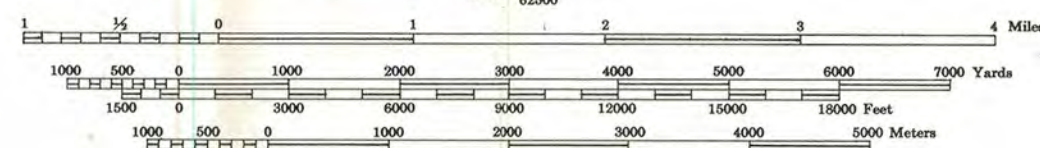
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WALLS HOUSE
Holly Grove
Monroe County, Arkansas

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Descriptions, elevations and geodetic positions of permanent survey marks may be obtained from the U.S. Army Engineer District, Memphis, Corps of Engineers, Memphis, Tenn.
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Political boundaries are shown according to best available information.
Work under Flood Control Act shown as of November 1956.
This map complies with national map accuracy standards.



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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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Phone: (501) 371-2763

February 29, 1980



Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
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Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

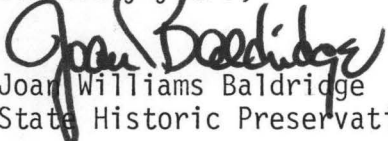
Dear Ms. Schull:

Please find enclosed the nomination for the Walls House which has been approved by the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March 1979 meeting.

I hereby certify that the persons listed in Section 4 of the nomination are the legal owners of the property.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Joan Williams Baldrige
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



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April 10, 1980

Mrs. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and
Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mrs. Shull:

I am aware of the following property which has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places:

Walls House
(Name of Property)

Holly Grove, Arkansas
(Location of Property)

I have read the official notification letter formulated under notification procedures 36 CFR 1202.12 and 1202.13 and am aware of all consequences of a National Register listing including the following:

Listing in the National Register makes private property owners eligible to be considered for Federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation and provides limited protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties.

If the property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register, there are also certain provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply. Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages preservation of historic depreciable structures by allowing favorable tax treatments for rehabilitations. In addition, it discourages destruction of historic buildings by eliminating certain otherwise available Federal tax benefits both for demolition of historic structures and for new construction on the site of demolished historic buildings.

Mrs. Carol Shull
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April 10, 1980

If the property contains coal resources and is listed in the National Register, certain provisions of the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977 make it less likely that surface mining of the coal will be permitted by the State or Federal Government.

I am in full support of the nomination and do hereby waive my right to the 75-30 day commenting period.


(Signature of County/Municipal Official)



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April 10, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

I am the owner of the following property which has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places:

James A. Walls House
(Name of Property)
Holly Grove, Ark.
(Location of Property)

I have read the official notification letter formulated under notification procedures 36 CFR 1202.12 and 1202.13 and am aware of all consequences of a National Register listing including the following:

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I am in full support of the nomination and do hereby waive my right to the 75-30 day commenting period.

Ruth L. Hearn
(Signature of Owner)



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Billy F. Proctor, Mayor City of Holly Grove
(Signature of County/Municipal Official)

3-13-80



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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April 22, 1980

Mrs. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and
Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Mrs. Shull:

In keeping with our phone conversation of April 10, 1980, please find enclosed letters waiving the 75-30 day notification period for the Walls House in Holly Grove (Monroe County), Arkansas. It is hoped that a final determination regarding the eligibility of the Walls House for listing in the National Register of Historic Places may now be reached. If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


John T. Duke
Historian

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D APR 25 1980

____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

____ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____



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May 22, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

The verbal boundary description for the Walls House, Holly Grove, Arkansas, (Monroe County) is as follows:

The 2.4 acres lying in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T-1-S, R-2-W, Monroe County, Arkansas. Also being north of the old abandoned Arkansas Midland Railroad and east of the town of Holly Grove, Arkansas. The boundaries of said 2.4 acres begin at the intersection point of the east line of Lot 48 and the north right-of-way line of old Arkansas Midland Railroad, and running 200' north, thence 186' east, thence 100' north, thence 150' east, thence 100' south, thence 115' east, thence 200' south, thence 451' west.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Joan Williams Baldridge
Arkansas Historic Preservation Officer

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	MAY 28 1980
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)	_____
INFORM THE MATERIAL SENT	_____
TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)	_____
DATE ACTION TAKEN	_____
INITIALS	_____

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JUN 9 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Walls, James A., House	Holly Grove Monroe County

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable David H. Pryor
Honorable Bill Alexander

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Joan Baldridge
Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.