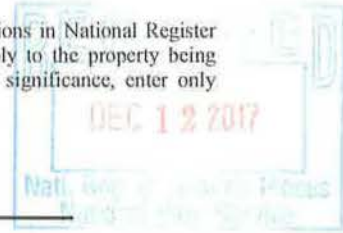


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Green Valley Homestead  
Other names/site number: Green Farm, Green House, FU0108  
Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: 2605 Sturkie Road  
City or town: Salem State: AR County: Fulton  
Not For Publication:  Vicinity:


### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D

	<u>12-6-17</u>
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u>	
<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Title :</b>	<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of the Keeper

1-26-2018

Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>6</u>	<u>          </u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>          </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register           

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling
- DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure
- AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Storage
- AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Animal Facility
- AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Agricultural Outbuilding
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling
- DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure
- AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Storage
- AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Agricultural Outbuilding
- VACANT/NOT IN USE
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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Rustic

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Foundation: Stone, Concrete.

Walls: Wood: Log, Stone;

Roof: Asphalt, Metal: Tim, Stone.

Other: Stone

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Green Valley Homestead is located on 287 acres of mixed improved pasture and timberland in Fulton County, Arkansas, near the community of Sturkie, northwest of Salem, Arkansas. The property is located at the end of a long gravel road, to the south of Sturkie Road (Fulton County Road 31) or Old Sturkie Road (County Road 169) in north-central Fulton County. The area was originally heavily timbered when it was purchased by the Green family in the early 1930s and has now been mostly cleared for cattle pasture land. Several of the structures on the site were constructed from logs and field stones taken from the land around the homestead. The style of the house can be described as Rustic, mimicking the rustic architecture popularized in the National Park system and in Arkansas State Parks by contemporary Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) units. This structure is a rare example of a private residence constructed in the Rustic Style, not associated with any local recreational park in Arkansas. The entire farmstead includes six contributing structures, all built between circa 1936 and circa 1943. The area being nominated comprises a roughly 2.5 acre square within the boundary of the larger farm property.

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## Narrative Description

The use of log construction, in combination with stone construction and minimal wood framing on the structures of the Green Valley Homestead creates a unique collection of surviving original farm buildings built between the mid-1930s through the early 1940s to serve as a full-time residence and farm headquarters for the Green family. The farm is located in a very picturesque valley with hills to the west and east, at the confluence of three year round streams, one being Pine Hill Creek, a major tributary of the south fork of the Spring River. The house is considered large for log construction in the area at 1800 square feet. Significant features of the site include the size and “T” shaped floor plan of the house, a fireplace in the main residence bathroom, the unusual stone chicken house, the large front stone patio, and all the surviving original smooth stone floors in the main residence.

The Green Valley Homestead was constructed in circa 1936 by the Green family in a valley in north-central Fulton County, Arkansas, mid-way between the communities of Sturkie and Salem, Arkansas. The farmstead consists of several structures and site features constructed of logs and stone, including a main residence, carriage house (garage), privy, chicken coop, root cellar, barn, fire pit and several stone retaining walls. The main residence, privy, and carriage house are all constructed using traditional log construction with log ends that extend past the corner notching and white stucco chinking. The three mentioned structures consist entirely of log walls, exposed on both the exterior and the interior, and log roof beams and log roof rafters. All three of these structures have gabled roofs clad in asphalt shingles and include wood infill in the rafter ends, above the logs of the side walls. All of the windows or window openings are wood-framed and are of various types. The main residence and the carriage house are supported by continuous stone foundations and include large stone chimneys. The chicken coop is unusual, being constructed almost entirely of stone on a stone foundation. The barn includes interior stone walls and large shed roofs supported on log columns. The root cellar is a low, stone construction built partially under the surrounding level for temperature control of stored food stuffs. A stacked stone fire pit is located to the southwest of the main residence, also near the northwest corner of the carriage house.

Main Residence, also known as the Green House (Contributing)

The main residence of the Green Valley Homestead is constructed using traditional log structure techniques including large log walls, with round corner notching and interlaced extended log ends at the intersections of the walls. Intermediate extended log ends along the facades of the house, sticking out perpendicular to the exterior wall indicate integral interior log walls. The structure is also chinked with a white stucco material. The house is laid out on a “T” plan, with the kitchen and open living space to the south and the bedrooms and bathroom in the arms of the “T” to the north. The roof consists of a main gable over the kitchen and living space, with a cross gable over the bedrooms and bathroom to the north. The eaves of the roof overhang all of the facades and each facade includes exposed log rafter tails. The northern gable ends are infilled with vertical board siding from the top of the log walls to the eaves. The southern gable

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end is infilled with small vertical logs on either side of a central stone chimney. The entire structure sits on a stone foundation and the interior floors are composed of smooth stone. The structure also includes four stone exterior chimneys, one on each facade. The windows in the Green House are of three types; metal framed six-over-six, single-hung widows that may be later replacements of older casement windows; small, single-pane, square casement windows; and window openings with pairs of vertical, eight-pane, outward-opening casement windows.

#### East (Front) Façade

The front facade of the Green House includes the extended northern section of the bedroom wing of the house. This extended section includes a single six-over-six window is offset to the south. The main section of this facade includes a large chimney, composed of mixed large and medium sized field stones. The chimney extends high over the roof eaves, and the top of the chimney is taller than the ridge-line of the roof. A single six-over-six window is located to the north of the central chimney. A wooden door with fifteen inset window panes is located directly to the south of the chimney and offers entry to the interior main living space. A window opening, with two vertical, outward opening, eight-pane, casement windows is located at the southern edge of this facade. The southern facade of the extended section of the front facade of the bedroom wing of the house includes one six-over-six window. A tall metal television antenna is planted in the ground directly beside the extended section of this facade. Also a stone retaining wall near the front door extends into a stone patio along the center of this facade.

#### North (Side) Façade

The north facade includes a central stone chimney and four windows. Directly to the east of the chimney is a small, single-pane, casement window. Just to the east of the small window is a vertical row of log ends, set perpendicular to this facade, indicating an interior wall. A larger, six-over-six window is located near the eastern edge of this facade. The western half of this facade mirrors the eastern half, with the exception of the western-most window opening which includes two, vertical, eight-pane casement windows.

#### West (Rear) Façade

The west facade mirrors the window and door opening layout of the east facade with only a few exceptions. The central stone chimney is slightly smaller and topped with six concrete blocks, possibly the result of an early transformation of the interior brick fireplace to serve as a vent for an interior heating stove, now removed. Also, a wood door is located on the extended facade of the arm of the bedroom wing instead of a window. Finally, a window is located near the central chimney rather than a door. All of the windows on this facade include two, vertical, eight-pane casement windows. A vertical row of log ends, indicating an interior wall, is located between the two window openings near the southern edge of the facade. This interior log wall forms the northern wall of the kitchen space.

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South (Side) Façade

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The south facade includes a central stone chimney that pierces the roof plane since the eaves of this facade extend further than on the other facades. Vertical logs infill the south-facing gable end to either side of the central stone chimney above the horizontal log walls. A door is located directly to the west of the chimney above a small smooth stone stoop. A curved stone retaining wall to the west of this facade creates a level area along this facade and in-between the main residence and the nearby carriage house.

#### Interior

The interior walls of the Green House are composed of the same large logs as the exterior walls. All of the log walls, both interior and exterior, are left exposed, and some of the interior walls have been painted or whitewashed. The interior of the Green House includes a kitchen space to the south, and central open living space and bedrooms and a bathroom to the south. The interior also features brick and stonework, including one brick infilled fireplace and three stone fireplaces. The stone work fireplaces on the interior include examples of specially selected stones featuring fossils. The large log beams and log rafters of the roof are also exposed on the interior of the house. The entire house also features smooth stone floors.

#### Privy (Contributing)

A small privy, or outhouse, constructed in the same manner as the main residence except with smaller logs, is located to the west of the main residence. The small privy structure is square in plan with a cross-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles. The doorway is located on the east facade. A single wood-framed, diamond-shaped window opening is located on both the north and south facades. This structure has suffered from deterioration and is now leaning slightly, most likely caused by the growth of a significant tree at the southeast corner of the structure. The door of the privy is also missing; however, the hinges and some other hardware remains attached to the doorframe.

#### Root Cellar (Contributing)

A small, low, curved-wall, stone root cellar is located to the northwest of the main residence and northwest of the log privy. This structure is constructed of roughly shaped field stone and is currently overgrown.

#### Barn (Contributing)

A large barn structure with interior stone walls and large shed roofs supported by log columns is located to the southwest of the main residence and the carriage house. Some of the interior walls are also framed with rough cut lumber creating storage rooms and animal pens. The barn consists of mostly shed roofs extending from a central gable roof. The central interior space is composed of stone walls. The entire structure is open along the sides and has generally served as

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farm equipment and animal storage space. The barn includes bays for tractors, farm animals, equipment and supplies. The roof gable ends are sheathed with corrugated tin sheets.

### Chicken Coop (Contributing)

An elaborate stone chicken coop is located to the southwest of the main residence and south of the log privy. The structure sits on a continuous stone foundation with an interior concrete floor and is topped by a wooden shed roof that slopes to the west, or the rear of the structure. The east facade of the stone chicken coop includes a northern door and a large, horizontal window opening to the south. All of the openings in this structure are framed with wood. The north and south facades include low, horizontal, rectangular wood-framed openings to allow for the chickens to enter or exit. The rear, or west facade, also includes a low, large, rectangular, wood-framed opening. The chicken coop is thought to have been constructed in 1943, as evidenced by that date being spelled out by marbles set into the concrete floor.

### Carriage House, also known as the Garage and Workshop (Contributing)

The carriage house mimics the construction of the main residence, with smaller logs on a similar continuous stone foundation. The east facade is the main facade of this structure and includes a large opening for a car to the south and a small four-pane, square, casement window to the north. The garage doors are composed of two large, outward swinging, vertical board doors. The north facade includes a central stone chimney with a single square, four-pane, casement window to each side of the chimney. The western window on the north facade is covered by a panel of wooden trellis. The west facade includes a doorway to the north and a square, four-pane, casement window to the south. The doorway originally included a two-part Dutch-door, with only the top section remaining in place. The south facade includes only a single square, four-pane casement window. The gable ends of this structure are infilled with vertical board-and-batten siding. A well is located inside the carriage house (workshop) building. This well is thought to have been created by a later owner of the property, Mr. Tom Browning, as a replacement for the original well that existed further from the house.

### Integrity

All of the structures that make up the Green Valley Homestead have been retained amazingly intact with only minimal alterations to the overall historic fabric. The main residence was wired for electricity and modern plumbing and water service was added at some point after the initial construction of the house. Limited electrical service was also added to the carriage house (garage and workshop) and the barn. Some of the original logs have been reportedly replaced with Oak logs, possibly because some or all of the original logs were Sycamore logs. There is noticeable rot particularly on some of the lower logs due to rain runoff from the roof. Historically, the Greens reportedly kept the buildings and grounds in very good condition, as Mrs. Green hosted quite a few social occasions and parties, especially for her Salem school students. Three windows in the main residence have been replaced with later metal windows; however, the remaining windows are original to the construction of the residence. All of the structures do show some level of deterioration due to weather or overgrowth of surrounding plant



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life. The property now serves as a vacation home rather than a full-time residence. Overall, this property is an excellent example of a privately constructed 1930s rustic-style farmstead in rural Arkansas.

The area being nominated comprises a roughly 2.5 acre square within the boundary of the larger farm property. This nominated section includes all of the unusual, Rustic Style structures associated with the Green Valley Homestead. A larger area was not included due to the architectural significance of the property, rather than its agricultural significance.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

Circa 1936-1943  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**

Builder: Mr. Glenn "Tom" Green  
Builder: Mrs. Inez Green  
Builder: Mr. Luther Barker

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The combination of the architectural treatments such as the interior bathroom fireplace, the all native stone floors in the main residence, the large native stone front patio, the walk through closets in both bedrooms, the three iron stoves in the 1800 square foot house, the unique architectural treatment and use of stone blended with logs and milled lumber in the barn, the floor plan of the house and barn and the native stone chicken house provide for an interesting, functional, and artistic set of buildings. This is especially true for the period in American history when these structures were planned, designed, and constructed; that being during the Great Depression. The continuity from one building to the next is remarkable, especially when one realizes the buildings were constructed individually over several years. Additionally remarkable is the fact that they were constructed from materials on site and in a very rural area of Arkansas. The Green Valley Homestead is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C**, with **local significance**, as an excellent example of an intact farmstead designed and built in the Rustic Style during the 1930s in rural Fulton County, Arkansas.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

### **Summary Paragraph**

The Green Valley Homestead is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C**, with **local significance**, as an excellent example of an intact Rustic-Style farmstead designed and built during the 1930s and 1940s in rural Fulton County, Arkansas. The farmstead includes the main residence (Green House), a privy, a root cellar, a carriage house (garage and workshop), a stone chicken coop, and a large barn as well as several stone site features including a fire pit, retaining walls, and patios. Construction of the farmstead started in c. 1936 under the direction of the Green family, Mr. Glenn “Tom” Bernard Green and his wife Mrs. Inez Green, and continued through c. 1943 when the stone chicken coop was completed.

### **Fulton County, Salem, and Sturkie**

Fulton County is located in north-central, Arkansas, amid the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. The northern border of Fulton County abuts the northern Arkansas state boundary. Fulton County was created in 1842 by the Arkansas state legislature by combining parts of previously

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existing Izard County and Baxter County.<sup>1</sup> The first legally recognized settler of the area was William P. Morris in 1839.<sup>2</sup> The area was eventually settled by farmers who settled in the fertile valley and along the rivers and creeks that ran throughout the county.<sup>3</sup> The area was slow to develop any major population centers, with most of the population spread across the county in small farming communities. After the Civil War, this trend continued, with many unincorporated communities spread throughout the county.<sup>4</sup> These communities would often have a small store, a church, a school and a cemetery as well as a few scattered residences.<sup>5</sup> The economy of the county continued to be agrarian throughout the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, with small farms producing cotton, corn, hogs, and cattle for market and a variety of other produce for local consumption.<sup>6</sup> During the Great Depression of the 1930s, many local farmers lost their farms. The economic disaster of the era was only mitigated in the region by the Rural Electrification Act (REA), a New Deal program that allowed for the creation of rural electric cooperatives, thus creating jobs and providing rural sources of electricity.<sup>7</sup> Although the REA provided a lifeline for the economy of the region, the population of Fulton County continued to decline from the 1930s through the 1990s, as younger residents left rural communities for opportunities in larger urban centers.<sup>8</sup>

The two communities most associated with the Green Valley Homestead are Salem to the southeast and Sturkie to the northwest. The town of Salem was originally known as Pilot Hill, as well as Salem, with the first post office in the area named Pilot Hill in 1844.<sup>9</sup> A courthouse was also established in the community in 1844, when it was named the county seat of the newly created Fulton County.<sup>10</sup> The area saw various troop movements during the Civil War including during the Action at Spring River in March of 1862.<sup>11</sup> Also, much of the town was destroyed during the Civil War years, including the log courthouse.<sup>12</sup> After being rebuilt at the end of the war, the second courthouse also burned in 1870.<sup>13</sup> In 1872, the town's name was officially changed to Salem. During the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the town of Salem boasted a

<sup>1</sup> Sarah E. Simers, "Fulton County," *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, Central Arkansas Library System, updated 24 August 2016, [www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net), accessed 1 October 2017.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> Carolyn Lewis, "Salem (Fulton County)," *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, Central Arkansas Library System, updated 24 January 2017, [www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net), accessed 1 October 2017.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*

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weekly newspaper, a furniture and hardware store, several other businesses, two hotels, a drugstore, and several doctors and lawyers. The City of Salem was officially incorporated in July of 1900 and due to a lack of a governing body, was reincorporated in 1927.<sup>14</sup> This town was and is the largest population center in Fulton County.<sup>15</sup>

The unincorporated community of Sturkie, northwest of the Green Valley Homestead, is a typical farming community in the rural county, settled by farming families prior to the establishment of its post office in 1894.<sup>16</sup> The local postmaster, William G. Sturkie proposed the name "Bay Creek" for the new post office in 1894; however the postal service named the site Sturkie after the community's postmaster.<sup>17</sup> Sturkie was originally born in South Carolina in 1841 and had moved to the area in c. 1875 from Mississippi.<sup>18</sup> This early post office was moved several times, realigning itself with the shifting center of the community once in 1907 and again in 1916.<sup>19</sup> The community of Sturkie peaked economically from the 1930s through the 1950s and included three stores, a post office, a grist mill, a barber shop, a blacksmith shop, a school, a church, and one gasoline pump.<sup>20</sup>

### Glenn "Tom" Bernard Green and Inez Green

Glenn "Tom" Bernard Green was born on January 25, 1894, in Illinois where he lived for most of his early life.<sup>21</sup> Tom Green was a young son in a large family, with over seven brothers and sisters at home in 1900.<sup>22</sup> In March of 1916, Green married his first wife, Alveya "Marie" Goodwin in Missouri.<sup>23</sup> The couple had at least one child and then separated.<sup>24</sup> During the final year of World War I, Green served in the United States Armed Forces from August 1918 to November 1919.<sup>25</sup> In 1923, Green re-married, this time to Roberta "Lenore" Phillips in Florida. Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s, Green worked as an automobile machinist in his father's machine shop in the small town of Hoopston City, Illinois, where he lived with his first and

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<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> Carolyn Lewis and Gene Story, "Sturkie," *Fulton County, Arkansas: History and Families Est. 1842*, Morley, MO: Acclaim Press, 2008. pp. 60-61.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>21</sup> United States Census Rolls, 1900. "Glenn Green," Ancestry.com, *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.

<sup>22</sup> United States Census Rolls, 1900.

<sup>23</sup> *Missouri Marriage Records*. Jefferson City, MO, USA: Missouri State Archives. Microfilm.

<sup>24</sup> United States Census Rolls, 1920.

<sup>25</sup> "Glenn Green," Ancestry.com, *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

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then his second wife.<sup>26</sup> In the 1940 census, Tom Green and his wife Inez Green both report to be living in different towns in Illinois in 1935. It is probable that the couple married sometime around 1935 and moved immediately to Fulton County, Arkansas. One difficulty in determining the early history of Glenn Bernard Green was his use of only the name “Tom Green” while in Arkansas, save for his official Draft Registration Card of 1942. Locals noted during oral interviews that Mr. Green always went by Tom, although no mention of the name Tom is noted in any record prior to 1935, when the Greens most likely moved to Arkansas.<sup>27</sup>

Local oral histories indicate that Inez Green was possibly of German descent with an early history connected to Chicago, Illinois. According to census records from 1940, Inez Green was born in 1892 in Illinois. Other than this indication, Inez Green’s maiden name and early history are not known. It is of note, however, that Inez Green does indicate on the 1940 census that she completed at least three years of college education before the mid-1930s, while her husband only reports a ninth grade education. Local recollections note that Tom Green possibly had an engineering background, as he is remembered as making frequent out of town trips, possibly for work.<sup>28</sup> By the time the couple moves to Fulton County, Arkansas, both are in their mid to late 40s.<sup>29</sup> The Green family settled on their newly acquired farmland, living in a temporary structure on the site while the main house was under construction. They worked on their house and the other buildings on the site through the early 1940s. The Green family had purchased their heavily timbered land in Fulton County from the Cunningham family.<sup>30</sup> After arriving in Arkansas, the Greens set to work on the construction of their house, and hired neighbor Luther Barker at a rate of \$5.00 for 5 days work to help cut, move and shape the logs for the home from the surrounding woods.<sup>31</sup> It is thought that many of the logs came from west of the homestead, towards Sturkie Road, where a new road was constructed possibly by workers employed by the Works Progress Administration.<sup>32</sup>

In 1942, after the outbreak of World War II, the draft registration card of Glenn Barnard (sic.) Green indicates that he is working at an air force ammunition depot at Duncan Field in Bexar, Texas, while his wife Inez lives on the farm in Fulton County. Inez also worked for several years, on and off, as a teacher in the Salem school district, sometimes walking the 3.5 miles from her home to the school in Salem. Throughout the 1940s and early 1950s, she is reported in the

<sup>26</sup> United States Census Rolls, 1920. Application for Marriage License, State of Florida, County of Pinellas. Glenn Bernard Green and Roberta Leonora Phillips. 2 August 1923.

<sup>27</sup> Roy Lee Barker, Oral History Interview with Robert H. Clark, 2017, Salem, Fulton County, Arkansas. Notes in the personal files of Robert H. Clark.

<sup>28</sup> Barker, Oral History Interview.

<sup>29</sup> United States Census Rolls, 1940.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*

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local Salem High School yearbooks as a sixth grade teacher and local residents remember her with a constant focus on correct English, forever correcting everyone's speech.<sup>33</sup>

The Green family moved to California in the late 1950s and sold the farm and all of the associated buildings and land to the Miller family in the early 1960s.<sup>34</sup> After living in California for several years, the Greens returned to Arkansas and retired to the community of Mena in Polk County. Glenn "Tom" Bernard Green and Inez Green both passed away in 1977 and are buried in the Pinecrest Memorial Park in Mena, Arkansas.

The Millers were originally from New York State and used the acreage to farm Hereford cattle.<sup>35</sup> The historic landscape of the Green Valley Homestead consisted mostly of forest land with cleared land for the homestead buildings and a limited amount of cleared land for farming purposes. More and more land was cleared over time (after Mr. and Mrs. Green moved away) to accommodate the addition of cattle. Presently there is more pasture land than forest land, as Longhorn cattle freely graze the 287 acres around the homestead.

Mr. Bob Grady purchased the property from the Millers in the 1970s and sold a portion of the original farmland to finance the construction of a sawmill near Salem, reducing the current property to just under 300 acres.<sup>36</sup> Grady then sold the property to Don and Lori Benedict, the current owners, in 2004.

### **The Green Valley Homestead**

The Green family had recently immigrated to Fulton County, Arkansas, from Illinois in the mid-1930s and immediately set to work constructing their idyllic farm home while Tom Green farmed the surrounding land and Inez Green worked in the local Salem school district as a teacher. The log construction of the farmstead appears to be a conscious design decision, possibly under the direction of Inez Green, to create a picturesque rural farm home using locally sourced materials. The Rustic Style was popular during this time period for structures constructed within or near recreational sites as seen in National Parks across the county and in

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<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>34</sup> Barker, Oral History Interview. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Browning, Oral History Interview with Robert H. Clark, 2017, Salem, Fulton County, Arkansas. Notes in the personal files of Robert H. Clark.

<sup>35</sup> David Humphries and Mr. and Mrs. George Rex Humphries, Oral History Interviews with Robert H. Clark, 2017, Sturkie and Salem, Fulton County, Arkansas. Notes in the personal files of Robert H. Clark.

<sup>36</sup> Humphries, Oral History Interviews. Mr. and Mrs. Don Benedict, Oral History Interview with Robert H. Clark, 2017, Sturkie, Fulton County, Arkansas. Notes in the personal files of Robert H. Clark.



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contemporary Arkansas State Parks.<sup>37</sup> In Fulton County, as in most of Arkansas, the common construction techniques of the 1930s were based on frame construction, as milled lumber was readily available and kit houses and pattern books were also popular influencers of modern construction even in rural areas. Although log structures were not unknown, and several farmsteads in the surrounding area still had surviving structures made of logs, the construction trends of the time were away from more traditional subsistence based constructions towards the use of modern materials and forms.

The Rustic Style that became popular from the last decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century was based on the use of log or rough wood construction with hand-crafted details with arts and crafts design elements, such as stone chimneys, hand-hewn logs and forged hardware.<sup>38</sup> This focus on hand crafting also extended to the sourcing of materials, with local logs and stones often collected and worked on site, all evident at the Green Valley Homestead.<sup>39</sup> The windows of Rustic Style structures are also often of a multi-pane casement type, examples of which can be seen in the surviving original windows in the main residence and carriage house.<sup>40</sup> Although these constructions are typically small in nature and often seen in National Parks or associated with recreational sites, the Rustic Style, sometimes referred to as Parkitecture when specifically related to the National Park system, was more focused on the details rather on the type of structure. Bungalow plans are often seen, however, Rustic Style projects ranged from single room cabins to large, multi-story houses and lodges across the United States.<sup>41</sup> The late 1930s version of the Rustic Style seen in the Green Valley Homestead can be seen as emulating the “Great Camp” vacation homes of the elite that were established in the northeast as idealized country retreats as well as a continuation of the Arts and Crafts movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century that focused on celebrating and highlighting the work of individual craftsmen rather than focusing on the products of industrialization and factories.<sup>42</sup>

Also of note, the Green Valley Homestead was quite large and complex for a series of buildings initiated during the years of the Great Depression. The economic rebound of the war years during the 1940s were still several years away when the Green family undertook their construction project. The economic hardship of the 1930s, exacerbated by the rural location of

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<sup>37</sup> Laura Soulliere Harrison, *Architecture in the Parks: A National Historic Landmark Theme Study*, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC, 1986. Colorado Historical Society, *Rustic Style Architecture in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties*, Denver, CO: Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 2007.

<sup>38</sup> “Rustic Style – 1900-1960: Log Houses, Cabins, and Artistic Homes,” *Antique Home Style*, [www.antiquehomesstyle.com/styles/rustic.htm](http://www.antiquehomesstyle.com/styles/rustic.htm), Accessed 1 October 2017.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*

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the property, may be one reason the Green family designed the property to use as much local material as possible and utilize local labor; however, the consistent Rustic Style of all of the buildings and their generally unaltered appearance is unique in this area of Arkansas.

According to local oral histories conducted with those in the community who remembered the Green family, Tom Green was known to be mechanically adept and creative while Inez Green was known for her attempts to bring culture to the area through her work at the Salem school and the parties at the farm she would arrange for her students. Locals also note that Inez Green was always credited with the design of the buildings at the farmstead, especially the main house.<sup>43</sup>

### Statement of Significance

The combination of the architectural treatments such as the interior bathroom fireplace, the all native stone floors in the main residence, the large native stone front patio, the walk through closets in both bedrooms, the three iron stoves in the 1800 square foot house, the unique architectural treatment and use of stone blended with logs and milled lumber in the barn, the floor plan of the house and barn and the native stone chicken house provide for an interesting, functional, and artistic set of buildings. This is especially true for the period in American history when these structures were planned, designed, and constructed; that being during the Great Depression. The continuity from one building to the next is remarkable, especially when one realizes the buildings were constructed individually over several years. Additionally remarkable is the fact that they were constructed from materials on site and in a very rural area of Arkansas. The Green Valley Homestead is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C**, with **local significance**, as an excellent example of an intact farmstead designed and built in the Rustic Style during the 1930s in rural Fulton County, Arkansas.

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<sup>43</sup> Humphries, Oral History Interviews. Barker, Oral History Interview.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
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- designated a National Historic Landmark
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- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
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**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** FU0108

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** roughly 2.5 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| D. Zone: 15 S | Easting: 602319.91 | Northing: 4030694.22 |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

A property within Sections 5 and 8, Township 20 North, Range 8 West in Fulton County, Arkansas. With a boundary starting at a point A (Zone 15 S, Easting 602338.03 m, Northing 4030795.38 m) and then northwest to a point B (Zone 15 S, Easting 602241.43 m, Northing 4030811.41 m), then southwest to a point C (Zone 15 S, Easting 602225.14 m, Northing 4030710.38 m), then southeast to a point D (Zone 15 S, Easting 602319.91 m, Northing 4030694.22 m), and then northeast to the beginning point at point A.

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**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The area being nominated comprises a roughly 2.5 acre square within the boundary of the larger farm property. This nominated section includes all of the Rustic Style structures associated with the Green Valley Homestead. A larger area was not included due to the architectural significance of the property, rather than its agricultural significance.

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Green Valley Homestead

City or Vicinity: Salem vic.

County: Fulton

State: Arkansas

Photographer: Travis Ratermann and Ralph Wilcox

Date Photographed: June 8, 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 30: View of the East (Front) Façade of the Main Residence, camera facing west.  
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- 4 of 30: View of the West (Rear) Façade of the Main Residence, camera facing southeast.  
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- 5 of 30: View of the West (Rear) Façade of the Main Residence, camera facing northeast.  
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- 6 of 30: View of the West (Rear) Façade and the South (Side) Façade of the Main Residence, camera facing northeast.  
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- 7 of 30: View of the South (Side) Façade of the Main Residence, camera facing northwest.  
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- 8 of 30: Detail of the log construction of the Main Residence, northeast corner of the structure, camera facing south.  
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- 9 of 30: Detail of the eastern stone chimney of the Main Residence, camera facing west.

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10 of 30: View of the farmyard of the Green Valley Homestead to the rear of the Main House, camera facing south.

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11 of 30: View of the Privy, camera facing west.

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12 of 30: View of the Privy, camera facing northwest.

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13 of 30: View of the Root Cellar, camera facing west.

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14 of 30: View of the north and west facades of the Barn, camera facing southeast.

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15 of 30: View of the north and east facades of the Barn, camera facing southwest.

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16 of 30: View of the east façade of the Barn, camera facing southeast.

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17 of 30: View of the East (Front) Façade of the Chicken Coop, camera facing west.

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21 of 30: View of the East (Front) Façade of the Carriage House, camera facing west.

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23 of 30: View of the North (Side) and West (Rear) Facades of the Carriage House, camera facing southeast.

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24 of 30: View of the West (Rear) and South (Side) Facades of the Carriage House, camera facing northeast.

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25 of 30: View of the stone fire pit located near the northwest corner of the Carriage House, camera facing southwest.

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26 of 30: Interior view of the main living space and stone fireplace in the Main Residence, camera facing northeast.

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27 of 30: Interior view of the main living space in the Main Residence, camera facing northwest.



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28 of 30: Interior view of the kitchen space in the Main Residence, camera facing southwest.

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29 of 30: Interior view of a bedroom space in the Main Residence, camera facing west.

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30 of 30: Interior view of a large closet with decorative doors in the Main Residence, camera facing east.

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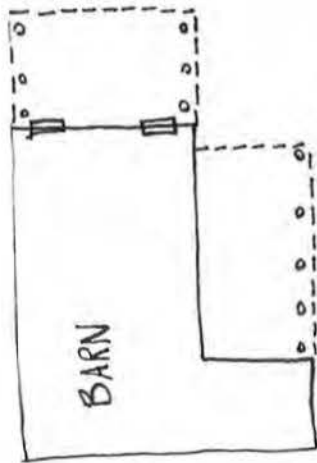
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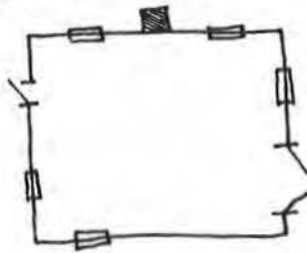
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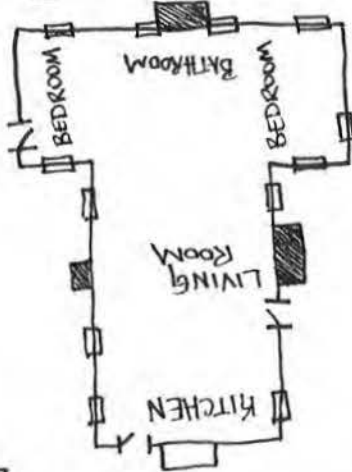
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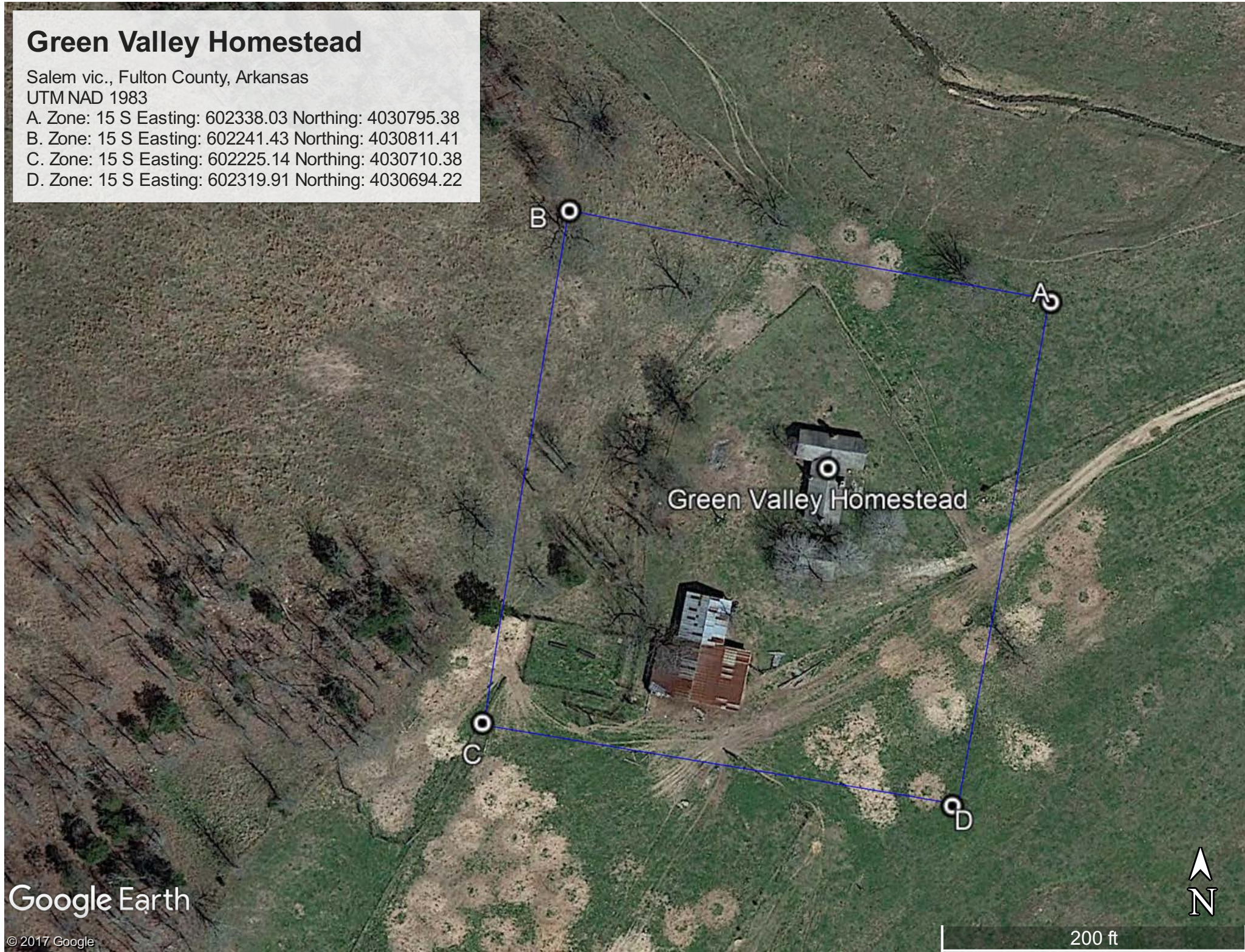
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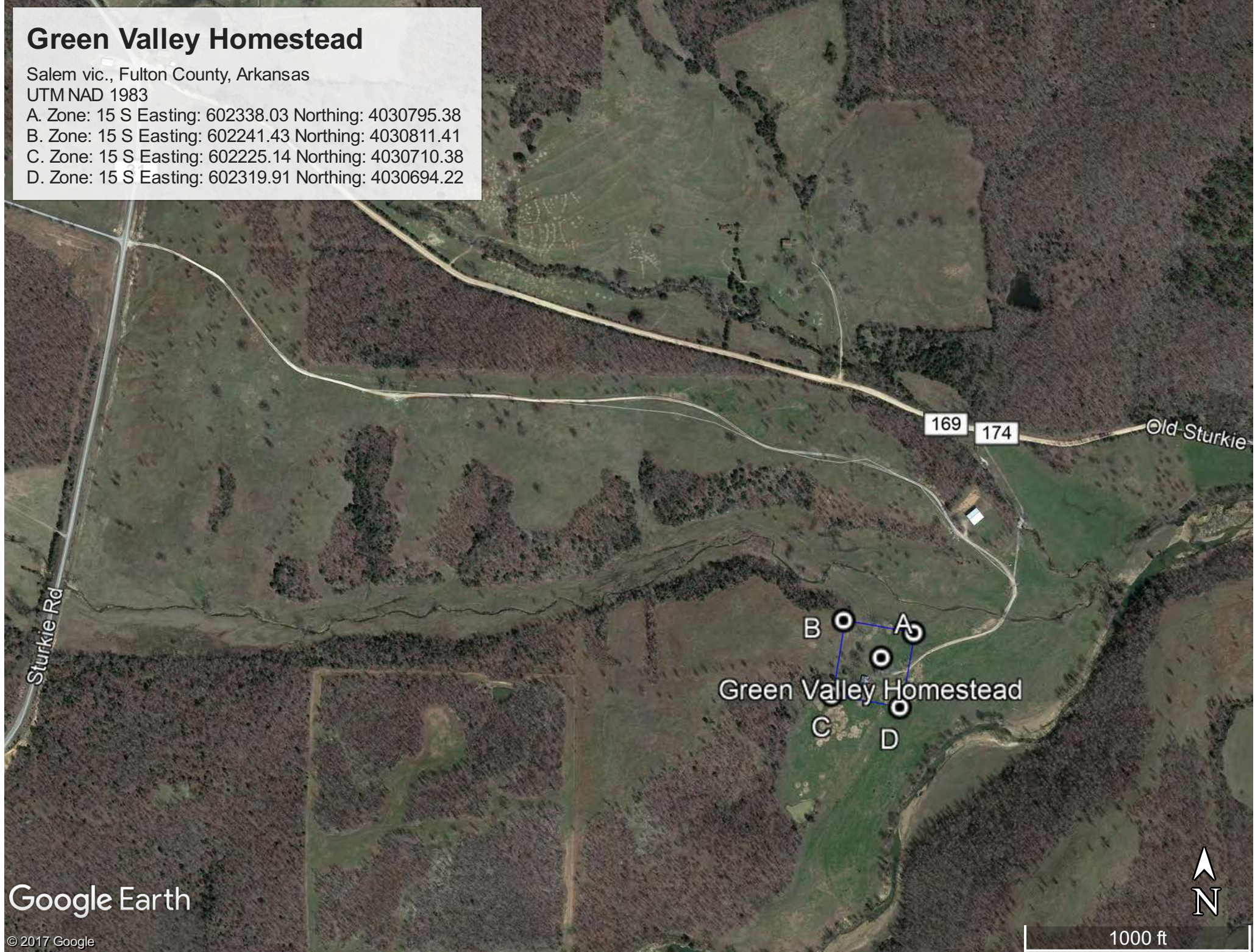
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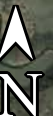
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Dear Mr. Loether:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Green Valley Homestead to the National Register of Historic Places. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

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