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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-26Owner Mr. Howard AbernathyProperty Name Jessie Abernathy HouseAddress Concord, AR 72523Location Marcella OFF AR 14Significant Date/s 1884

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located east of Highway 14 at Marcella in southeast Stone County, the 1884 Jessie Abernathy House has a central hall with an original rear ell plan. With the central hall facing east, the three-room ell extends from the south end of principal block. The framed weatherboard house sits on stone piers and is covered by intersecting gable roofs.

The principal (east) elevation displays a three-quarter length porch. The hip roof of the porch is supported by four turned posts with decorative bracketing. The symmetrical facade has two window placements on either side of the central door. The windows are two-over-two double-hung with simple classical surrounds. The door consists of four lights over a wood panel. The central hall north gable end has a two-over-two double-hung window placed in the center.

The rear (west) elevation features the three-room ell, which is covered with an unusually steep gable roof that slopes extensively on the north side to create the porch roof. Six boxed columns with simple classical capitals support the porch roof. The rear door of the central hall opens onto the ell's porch. The facade features a single door entry to each room with a two-over-two window placed between the first and second door. Two interior brick flues protrude from the roof line. Two exterior wall materials, weatherboard and asbestos siding cover the gable end.

The south elevation of the house consists of the central hall gable and the side elevation of the ell. The gable end presents a two-over-two window placement. The ell features the same window configurations as on the east elevation and an attached shed porch addition. The stone ancillary structures located west of the ell are not significant to the 1884 house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jessie Abernathy House is representative of a number of post-Civil War houses in eastern Stone County that exhibited an awareness of period architecture. The 1884 central hall house displays a vernacular interpretation of high style architectural elements on its porches and window surrounds. The Abernathy House, located in Marcella, is associated with Thomas M. Hess, a prominent entrepreneur in the county, who had the house built for a wedding present to his daughter.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S6, R8W, T13N, is bounded on the north and

east by unimproved roads and on the south and west by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the two elevations of the house.

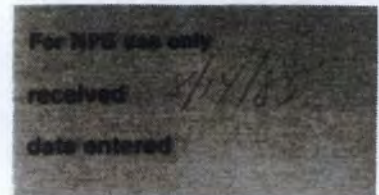
Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 601050

Northing: 3960790

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

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Stone County MRA
State ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Gray, Walter, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

12. Lancaster, Fred, Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

13. Dillard, William, Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

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14. Jeffery, Miles, Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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15. Abernathy, Jessie, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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16. Anderson, Clarence, Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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17. Anderson, George, House

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National Register

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18. Avey, John, Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

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19. Brewer, A. B., Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 10/25/85

Attest

20. Bettis, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ref #
85002216

Abernathy, Jessie, House (Stone County MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-82
Date Due: 9/12/85 9/28/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-17-85
Entered in the RETURN
National Register 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 ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

ARKANSAS
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Historic Resources in Stone County
Jessie Abernathy House, ST-26
Marcella
Don Brown, photograher
1983
Negative on file at the AHPP
Viewed from the east



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Viewed from the northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031