

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-31

Owner Mr. Robert Clark

Property Name John Russell House
904 Charlotte St.

Address 904 Charlotte Street

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 71742

Significant Date/s c. 1925

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This gable roofed house at 904 Charlotte Street in Fordyce is of wood frame construction and clad with weatherboards. Outstanding is the Craftsman porch on the house which otherwise would be a simple symmetrical structure. Set on a concrete foundation, this house is square in plan. A central door is flanked by a single window followed by a pair of windows on each side. Although rigid in its fenestration, the house contains elements of the early twentieth century bungalow: corner brackets, exposed rafter feet, windows of five vertical lights over one pane, and walls which flare near the foundation. Most notable is the finely crafted porch which gives the house an overall asymmetrical appearance. This large gable roofed porch has four columns geometrically composed of horizontal and vertical wooden members. These columns support a tie-beam which supports a central post sitting in the interior apex of the roof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Russell House sits picturesquely on a large land lot in Fordyce, the Dallas County seat. The house was constructed in the mid 1920's, a period in which Fordyce surpassed all other towns in rate of growth, establishing itself as the trade center of the county. The house is the best example of the Craftsman influence in the county. This influence is reflected in its elaborate porch of four columns composed of geometrically arranged vertical and horizontal wooden members supporting a large open gable roof. This porch gives the otherwise square symmetrical house an asymmetrical appearance and compliments the horizontal lines of the surrounding landscape. The John Russell House is an excellent example of the interpretation of the Craftsman house in small town Arkansas.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Fordyce

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 554780/374040

Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the SE corner of block 31 in the A. B. Banks Addition to Fordyce, and running east 60' thence north 75' for the point of beginning, thence running east 150', north 75', west 150', and south 75' to the point of beginning.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Princeton Methodist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

22. Rock Island Railway Depot

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 10/28/83

Attest

23. Russell, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 10/28/83

Attest

24. Sardis Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 10/28/83

Attest

25. Smith, Jessie B., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 10/28/83

Attest

26. Thomas Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Helene Byers 3/27/84

Attest

27. Tulip Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper Bob Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

28. Wynne House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 10/28/83

Attest

29. Charlotte Street Historic
District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byers 9/14/87

Attest

30.

Keeper

Attest

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Russell, John, House (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/24/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/28/83

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in NPS
National Register

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



DA-31
John Russell House
Sarah Brown, photographer
June 18, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the West

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025