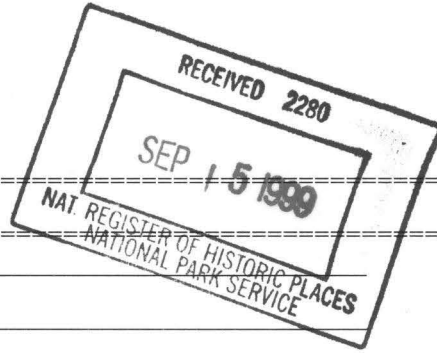


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Koon House #2

other name/site number: GR0090

2. Location

street & number: 2959 State Hwy. 167

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sheridan

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Grant

code: AR 053

zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

8-31-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, ✓ hereby certify that this property is

- ✓ entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain):

Edson H. Beall

10.14.99

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC

Sub: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Vertical Log

Materials:	foundation	<u>Log piers</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>Wood/log</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Koon House #2 is a single-story, intersecting gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, and a non-historic carport has been added to the northern elevation. A single small brick chimney rises through the roof at the point where the southern gabled section intersects the main, east-west gable roof that covers the main, northern section of the building. The building is supported on creosote log piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

Elaboration

Koon House #2 is a single-story, intersecting gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with original vertical log sections extending from the southern and northeast portions of the main block of the house; two non-historic additions have been made to the house, a carport on the northern elevation and a gable roof projection from the southern end of the eastern elevation. Furthermore, a gable roof porch anchors the eastern or front facade. A single small chimney rises through the roof at the point where the southern gabled section intersects the main, east-west gable roof that covers the main, northern section of the building. The building is supported on creosote log piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

The eastern or front elevation is dominated by the gabled front porch, which shelters a pair of three-over-one windows and two single-leaf entrances that provide access to the interior: one in the eastern wall of the porch, and one in the northern wall. The side gable wall that extends to the north is lit with a group of three three-over-one windows and the end gable wall to the south is punctuated with a single-leaf entrance. One window to the south of the porch -- in the wall that wraps to the west from the porch itself -- has been filled. The later carport has been added to the north.

The southern elevation consists of a single window in the side gable wall to the east, and a pair of three-over-one windows in the log, gable end wall to the west. The side gable wall projecting from the rear of the house is also lit with a pair of three-over-one windows. The western elevation is dominated by the gabled rear section of the house, which itself is punctuated by a single-leaf entrance at its northern edge and a single window to the south. The side gable wall of the southern gable is lit by a single window and accessed by a single-leaf door set into a slightly projecting bay that appears to have been added. The northern elevation is lit by two windows set into the side gable wall of the rear section and a pair of windows set into the end gable wall of the northeastern projection, directly beneath the later carport.

Three non-historic outbuildings, including a storage building and two livestock shelters, are included in the nomination, though they are not contributing. Koon House #2 is in good condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1936 _____

Significant Dates: 1936 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Koon, Hillary Henry "Pappy"

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Criterion C, local significance

Koon House #2 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance by virtue of both its distinctive vertical, split log construction and its direct association with Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon, the local farmer and carpenter who built these unique structures. As such, it is associated with the historic context *The Vertical split log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945* and the historic significance of these properties noted therein.

Elaboration

Built about 1936, the building known as Koon House #2 was constructed by local farmer and carpenter Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon as one of several vertical split log buildings he constructed for residents of the relatively new community that sprang up along State Highway 167 south of Sheridan after it was paved by the state. However, it should be noted that this building has particular significance as it was the first building of this unique type that Koon built, and he built it for himself and his family as their residence.

It was this building and the others built like it that gave the community the name of "Slabtown," as it was mistakenly believed that these buildings were of slab construction,

which in fact they were not. Rather, the split vertical logs are notched into a sill below and plate above which supports the roof, and the logs serve as the load-bearing structure of the building. It is this unique construction method that distinguishes these buildings architecturally and thus the reason for their nomination.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945*, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	15	555290	3791820	B	15	_____
C	15	_____	_____	D	15	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the western edge of State Hwy. 167 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the southern elevation of the house and located 25 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along the western edge of State Hwy. 167 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

Koon House #2
Name of Property

Grant County, AR
County and State

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Preservation Outreach Coordinator

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 06/03/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Koon House #2
NAME:

MULTIPLE Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown", Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Grant

DATE RECEIVED: 9/15/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001248

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10-14-99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Koon House #2 (GRO090)

Sheridan, Grant Co., AR

Photo by M. Christ

June, 1998

Neg. on file at ANPP

View from East



Koon House #2 (GR0090)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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NEG. ON FILE AT AHPP.

VIEW FROM SOUTH



Koon House #2 (BROO90)

SHERIDAN, GRANT Co., AR

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VIEW FROM WEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500031