

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-27
Manning, Lee and

Property Name Moore Law Office

Address 109 Court St

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1895

Owner Johnny Moore, Jr.

Address 501 Main

Clarendon, AR 72029

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 1895 Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office was designed and built to be used as a law office. It was constructed on Second Street across from the Courthouse, and was moved to its present location in 1899, when the rear ell on the west side was added. The one story frame office contains an outside entrance into every room for convenience to the different lawyers. Its most outstanding architectural features are its wrap-around front porch featuring Queen Anne influenced spindle work and porch supports, and its steeply pitched front gable with flat stick work detailing. The front projection contains a central door which opens into the reception area. The door is flanked by two double-hung, one-over-one windows. The east side of the projection has a pair of double-hung windows, while the west side has only one. Flanking the projection are single doors entering into the individual offices. Each door has small transom windows above. There is a rear entrance into the ell from underneath the carport canopy which was recently added.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office is unique to the history of Clarendon because of its continued use as a law office since its construction, and also because of the contributions to the development of the town by the different lawyers that have worked in it over the years. Built in 1895 specifically as a law office, it has never been used for any other purpose. It was built for the firm of M. J. Manning and J. P. Lee, and originally stood across from the Courthouse on Second Street, approximately where the Ewan Building (CL-46) now stands. In 1899, Manning and Lee moved the structure to its present location. Around 1900, Judge James S. Thomas took over the office, while M. J. Manning went to work with the firm of Johnny Moore, Sr. and A. O. Bayne. By 1905, Moore and J. P. Lee were in the office again. Moore, and later his son, Johnny Moore, Jr. remained in the office for many years. Johnny Moore, Jr. presently works out of the office with Robert Selio. Of the men that have worked in the office, J. P. Lee was a State Representative in 1896, a State Senator in 1905 and Lieutenant Governor in 1907, as well as President and Director of the Bank of Clarendon. M. J. Manning was also involved in real estate, and was vice president of both the Clarendon Telephone Company in 1899 and President of The Clarendon Electric Light and Ice Company in 1901. Judge James S. Thomas came to Clarendon from Des Arc in 1888 where he was a county judge, a state legislator, and a large landowner. Johnny Moore, Sr. also served as vice president of the Clarendon Citizens Bank in 1904.

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Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
East 1/2 Lot 3 Block 11

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654010

Northing: 3840420

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 10/3/84
date entered 11/1/84

Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area Thematic Group

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Jefferies-Craptree House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helene Bryan 11/1/84

Attest

12. Manning, Lee and Moore
Law Office

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arthur Byers 11/1/84

Attest

13. Marston House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Andrew Byers 11/1/84

Attest

14. Midland Depot

for Keeper Melrose Byers 11/1/84

Attest

15. New South Inn Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 11/1/84

Attest

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Keeper

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20.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office
(Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86

Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/2/84

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



CL-27 Manning, Lee, Moore Law Office
109 Court
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024