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MRA No. 80

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Merrill HouseProperty Owner John MackLocation 617 S. Sixth, RogersAddress 617 South Sixth StreetConstruction Date c. 1917 Survey No. 1858Rogers, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Merrill House is a one-story brick cottage facing south at the corner of Sixth and Pine Streets. The horizontal nature of the cottage, the hipped roof with wide overhangs and bell-cast silhouette, the grouping of windows, and the linear image created by combined stone and brick suggest strongly that the designer of the house was familiar with the Prairie School of architecture. A central projecting wing with a triplex of windows is flanked by covered porches. The porch on the east, with screened openings, is somewhat longer than the one on the west, which is enclosed only by a brick balustrade. A limestone beltcourse encircles the house at floor level. All windows have limestone sills.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: CArea of significance: Architecture

A. W. Merrill, owner and designer of this unique house, commissioned John Myler, leading mason of the region, to do the brick and stone work in 1917. Although it was a reconstruction of an old home built c. 1880, the only visible remains of the old house are in the attic. A. W. Merrill was a woodworking craftsman, operator of a small lumber yard and cabinet shop, and, with his brother, designer and fabricator of fine furniture. The house, with undeniable traits of Prairie Style architecture, reflects Merrill's familiarity with the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, and is significant as the only structure in the city of that period which shows such architectural influences. It has had no alteration since it was built and is now owned by an architect bent on maintaining its integrity.

Acreage less than 1 acreVerbal Boundary Description Lot 116, Original TownQuadrangle Name Rogers, Ark.Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15Easting 399230Northing 4020735

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Merrill House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

62. Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

63. Miller Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

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64. Mitchell House

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National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

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65. Morris House

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National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

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66. Myler House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

67. New Home School and Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

68. Norwood School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

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69. Osage Creek Bridge

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National Register

for Keeper Shelous Byers 1/28/88

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70. Osage Mills Dam

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Merrill House (Benton County MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. DEC 14 1987

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89

Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-28-88

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
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 | Check one | Check one |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | |

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: _____



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MERRILL HOUSE-1858

ROGERS

BENTON Co. MRA

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NEGATIVES ON FILE AT AHDP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022