

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-13

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray McMann

Property Name Jessie B. Smith House
OFF US 79

Address Route 1, Box 189A

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 72742

Significant Date/s c. 1890

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located at 200 Charlotte Street, this simple detailed residence serves as a good example of the persistent use of the traditional central hall house form throughout the last quarter of the nineteenth century. This weatherboard-sided gable-roofed structure is three bays wide and one bay deep with an exterior brick chimney located on the north end elevation. Side-by-side double sash windows with two-over-two lights flank the front entrance and are simply framed. The focal point of the house is the attached front porch with jigsaw-cut brackets and trim and six chamfered and attenuated posts with square pedestal bases. Alterations to the house include ell and shed additions to the rear and two screened porches.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jesse B. Smith House is an excellent example of the local interpretation of the early urban house type in Dallas County. The central hall house became the popular plan for the urban areas that developed as a result of the railroad and lumber industry. Located in Fordyce, the railroad center of the area, the circa 1890 Smith House illustrates the impact of the outside popular culture on the local architecture brought about by the railroad. Prosperity for the emerging middle class in Dallas County demanded the more stately central hall plan where as the decorative porch of the Smith dwelling reflect the growing awareness and use of the popular style elements heretofore identified with the affluent sector of the county.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Fordyce

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 554840/3741550

Verbal Boundary Description:

Block 1 Lot 3, Holderness Reservation, City of Fordyce.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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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
Keeper Melvin Byers 10/28/83
Attest _____
- 23. Russell, John, House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melvin Byers 10/28/83
Attest _____
- 24. Sardis Methodist Church
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melvin Byers 10/28/83
Attest _____
- 25. Smith, Jessie B., House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melvin Byers 10/28/83
Attest _____
- 26. Thomas Homestead
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melvin 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
Keeper Melvin Byers 10/28/83
Attest _____
- 29. Charlotte Street Historic District
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melvin Byers 9/14/83
Attest _____
- 30. _____
Keeper _____
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith, Jessie B., House (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ACCEPT 10/28/83
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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



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Jesse B. Smith House
Don Brown, photographer
June 17, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the West



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View from the Northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025