

Survey Number CL-49

Rosemary Benton (power of
attorney: Jo Claire and
Owner Bob English)

Anderson Boarding

✓ Property Name House

Address 209 Second

Address 201 Main St.

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1921

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The one-and-a-half story house at 201 Main was constructed in 1921 specifically to be a boarding house. The house contains a projecting Bungalow-type front gable porch. The central wooden doorway contains side lights and is flanked by two large double-hung, one over one windows. The house has a huge forty-two foot long central hall flanked by three bedrooms on each side. The hall empties into a thirty-six foot long dining room through sliding wooden doors. Upstairs are two smaller bedrooms and two small storage rooms divided by a smaller central hall. The gable roof has exposed rafter ends on the north and south side and several gable extensions. On the south side, a sleeping porch extends out from near the center of the house, while a smaller extension near the end of the house contains a small bath. On the north side, a huge dormer window extends out from the roofline. The boarding house was cut into separate apartments in the 1950's with doors cut between the downstairs bedrooms which before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted to a kitchen, and the sleeping porch on the south side was also converted into a kitchen.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Anderson Boarding House is the last boarding house in Clarendon. It is also the only boarding house constructed in Clarendon to specifically be a boarding house, as opposed to a single-family dwelling that was later adapted to be a boarding house. Most of the other boarding houses had workers from the lumber mills, railroads, and other local factories as tenants. Built for Lucy Sebastian Anderson in 1921, this house was designed and constructed specifically to be a boarding house for a more cultured clientele with more elegant furnishings than the average boarding houses in the town. This bungalow boarding house sits in the center of the residential neighborhood on Main Street, just north of the courthouse and business district. As the local industries and railroads faded, the need for boarding houses in Clarendon faded as well. However, the Anderson Boarding House stayed in

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existence for many years, taking advantage of its close proximity to the river and the downtown commercial area, while still existing in a quiet neighborhood setting. In the early 1950's shortly after Lucy Anderson died in 1949, Sarah Anderson Pamphlin altered the house to accommodate separate apartments. Doors were cut to connect the bedrooms that before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted into a kitchen, and the south side sleeping porch was also converted into a kitchen. The impressive forty-two foot long central hall remains intact with its sliding wooden doors opening into the large dining room. The house has been vacant since the mid-1970's, and is presently owned by Rosemary Benton. It remains unique in Clarendon for its design and continued success as a local boarding house under the guidance of Lucy Sebastian Anderson.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
Lots 13, 14 Block 4

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654180

Northing: 3840370

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area

State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Cover _____ 11/1/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Anderson Boarding House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 10/1/84

Attest _____

2. Bank of Clarendon

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

3. Bateman-Griffith House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

4. Bondi Brothers Store

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National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

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5. Bounds Building

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National Register

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6. Clarendon Methodist-
Episcopal Church South

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National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

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7. Ewan Building

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National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

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8. Goldman and Son Store

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9. Highway 79 Bridge

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National Register

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10. Jefferies Building

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Anderson Boarding House (Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

OCT 3 1984

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86

Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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

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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: _____



CL-49 Anderson Boarding House 201 Main
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the East



CL-49 Anderson Boarding House 201 Main
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
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Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024