

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Banks House Property Owner Paul Belts  
 Location Hwy. 72, west of Hiwassee Address Hwy. 72  
 Construction Date c. 1900 Survey No. 0662 Hiwassee, AR 72739

DESCRIPTION

The Banks House, facing south on Hwy. 72 just west of Hiwassee, is a simple double-pen frame structure (a duple) with a one-story 3/4 length front porch. Supported by four round wood columns, the hipped roof porch shelters twin entry doors and the flanking one-over-one double-hung windows. An outside-end chimney, originally brick and veneered with sandstone in 1941, rises above the ridgeline on the east facade. Two small windows flank the chimney, giving light and ventilation to second floor living space. An enclosed central stairway gives access to this upper level space. A one-story T-wing at the rear is flanked by covered porches, the west one of which has been enclosed. The rear wing was built over a well which for many years supplied household water drawn by hand.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: architecture

One criterion for evaluating vernacular architecture is adherence to traditional form. The Banks House is significant for its almost flawless adherence to an idealized double-pen (or duple) form. It exemplifies excellent maintenance, showing little evidence of modification of its original construction. The modest modifications which have been made (enclosure of the west rear porch) illustrate changes which are almost inevitably found on residences of this pattern and age. No modernization has been performed on the interior. The owner has recently indicated plans for rehabilitating the house to contemporary standards of comfort. It has been unoccupied for many years, used only as furniture storage. The present owner, Paul Belts, is an heir of the Banks family who built it.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description From the intersection of State Highways #279 and #72, proceed

Quadrangle Name Hiwassee, Ark.-Mo. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 379280 Northing 4032500

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## DESCRIPTION

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CONT.

west 1.22 miles on #72. Then proceed 70 feet north to the point of beginning, the southeast corner of the property. Proceed north 80 feet, then proceed west 75 feet, then proceed south 80 feet, and then proceed east 75 feet to the point of beginning.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_  
Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle Scale \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM Reference: Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

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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
Cover	Keeper <u>Amy Schlager 1/28/88</u>
1. Bentonville Train Station	Keeper <u>Amy Schlager 1/28/88</u>
2. Linebarger House	Keeper <u>Amy Schlager 1/28/88</u>
3. Siloam Springs City Park	Keeper <u>Amy Schlager 1/28/88</u>
4. Adar House	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 3/25/88</u>
5. Alden House	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>
6. Bank of Gentry	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>
7. Banks House	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>
8. Bartell, Fred, House	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>
9. Beasley Homestead	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>
10. Benton County Courthouse	Keeper <u>Arlene Byers 1/28/88</u>

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Banks House (Benton County MRA)  
Benton County  
ARKANSAS

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Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89

Date Due: 1/4/88 - 1/28/88

Action:  ACCEPT 1-28-88

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<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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Banks

Elks House - 0662

Vic. Hiwasse

Benton County MRA

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Negatives on file at AHPP

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

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