

Property Name Mitchell House Property Owner Ben Southerland  
 Location 115 N. Nelson Address 115 N. Nelson  
 Construction Date 1927 Survey No. 3019 Gentry, AR 72734

DESCRIPTION

The Mitchell House, 1927, located in the heart of Gentry, is a flawless example of a craftsman bungalow. One-and-one-half stories in height, the house has a side-gable roof that extends to cover the full front porch. The porch supports are battered columns on stucco piers. The large roof overhang is supported by brackets which are stacked boards that increase in length from bottom to top. The rafters are also exposed. There are shed dormers on both the front and back of the house. The windows are double-hung, one-over-one. There is also a detached garage which is contemporary to the house and is sheathed in the same narrow weatherboard.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

An excellent example of the pure bungalow form, the Mitchell House is architecturally unique in Gentry. From the exposed rafters and brackets under the eaves to the large front porch with battered columns, from the shed dormer to the mixture of materials, the house exhibits many of the trademarks of the Craftsman style, which are not often found in smaller Arkansas towns.

Acreage less than 1 acre  
 Verbal Boundary Description Lots 7 & 8, Block 18, Original Town  
 Quadrangle Name Gentry, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000  
 UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 366880 Northing 4014610

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 Melona Byers 1/28/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

62. Methodist Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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63. Miller Homestead

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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64. Mitchell House

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65. Morris House

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66. Myler House

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67. New Home School and Church

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68. Norwood School

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National Register

for Keeper Melona Byers 1/28/88

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69. Osage Creek Bridge

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National Register

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70. Osage Mills Dam

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Mitchell House (Benton County MRA)  
Benton County  
ARKANSAS

DEC 14 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89  
Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-28-88  
 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	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: \_\_\_\_\_



NO. 128  
MITCHELL HOUSE - 3019  
GENTRY  
BENTON COUNTY MRA  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY BENTON CO. SURVEY STAFF - JANUARY 1987  
NEGATIVES ON FILE AT AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022