

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Rice House Property Owner Leonard & Judith Miner
 Location 501 N.W. A Street, Bentonville Address 501 N.W. A Street
 Construction Date c 1890 Survey No. 0169 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Rice House, facing east on N.W. A Street, was originally a magnificent 2-story frame residence with a variety of Victorian influences. Dominant ornamental elements are in the Eastlake manner--i.e. much spindle work, jig-saw bracketing and paling balustrades. Two two-story projecting bays, one on the east facade and one on the south, add variety to the exterior, as does the imbricated shingle work and molded panels under each window. A mansard roof has suffered with time, losing most of its metal cresting and some of its shape. An addition at the northwest rear corner and major neglect on all facades have seriously impaired the original architectural integrity. Present owners, however, are in the process of restoring the property.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

When the Rice House was built c. 1890, it was one of Bentonville's grandest examples of Eastlake architecture. It is particularly significant as the best remaining example of this style in the county. Especially notable were its ornamental tri-columns, balustrades, and jigsaw details of the two-story porch, hoodmolds of rich detail and well-coordinated palate of Victorian colors (some original colors are still visible). Builder Rice was a successful businessman in Bentonville. This house was a symbol of his optimistic prosperity. A brother of equal economic stature built a similar house (in brick) across town, already listed on the National Register (No. 7).

Acres less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Ltos 10, 11, & 12, Block 15, Original Town

Quadrangle Name Bentonville North, Ark. - Mo. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391450 Northing 4026325

