

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

MRA No. 17

Property Name Koons House Property Owner Isabel Koons
 Location 409 5th Street, N.W., Bentonville Address 409 5th Street, N.W.
 Construction Date c 1908 Survey No. 0183 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Koons House is a simple pyramid-roofed double-door cottage (a gundrop duple) of classic precision in all its details. Its traditional vernacular form is marred only by a simple shed-roof addition across the rear elevation. The front facade is sheltered by a shallow-pitched hipped roof supported by four tapered, box-columns. The two centrally-placed front doors are flanked by two-over-two double-hung windows. The geometry of the pyramid roof is broken slightly by two gablets near the peak, which provide roof ventilation on the east and west sides. A small brick flue rises precisely from the apex of the roof slopes in the classic gundrop manner.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Koons House is significant as an example of the very common and popular vernacular form of modest housing of the early 20th century. It is unusually precise in its details and is remarkably well-preserved. Its typical four-room plan was an enlargement of the earlier and more common two-room duple which began to be built at the turn of the 20th century. This four-room plan continued to be used until the late 1930's, perhaps even later.

Acreage less than 1 acre
 Verbal Boundary Description Lot 4, Block 6, Demings Addition
 Quadrangle Name Bentonville North, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000
 UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391063 Northing 4026295

