

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Morris House Property Owner Mr. Harold Morris
 Location 4-7 S.W. 4th Street, Bentonville Address 407 S.W. 4th Street
 Construction Date c 1855 Survey No. 0229 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Morris House is a 1-story central-hall frame cottage facing north on S.W. 4th Street. Its entry door is sheltered by a hipped-roof porch supported by four simple classical wood columns. The front facade features a double-hung four-over-four window west of the entry, and a pair of double-hung, one-over-one windows to the east. An interior end chimney rises from the ridge line of the roof at its east end. The most meager Greek revival details occur on the outside: a wide frieze board immediately below the cornice and corner boards with molded caps. A box cornice returns on the end facades. Narrow gauge (4" or 4½") weather-boarding sheaths the exterior.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The modest architectural details of the Morris House confirm without question the pre-Civil War construction date of this central hall cottage, although **documentation of the original owner and construction date has not been made.** Only the Braithwaite House and the James Edwin Daniels House on E. Central Street share approximately the pre-Civil War date of the Morris House. **It is significant** because it is one of the few remaining in the county from the antebellum period. The rear ell of this cottage seems to be original. The two small shed additions violate original integrity, as do the adjacent double-hung windows on the front facade, which have been relatively recent replacements of the original single window. Other elements of genuine antiquity are a frame smokehouse at the southeast rear of the house and a non-operable well located near the two structures. The cottage is sited on a generous city lot shaded by mature trees.

Acreege less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lot 1, Elzey's Subdivision

Quadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391140 Northing 4025230

