

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Craig-Bryan House Property Owner Troy & Suzanne Parnell
 Location 307 W. Central, Bentonville Address 307 W. Central
 Construction Date c 1875 Survey No. 0285 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Craig-Bryan House has the most varied and interesting plan of the several Italianate houses built in Bentonville during the 1870's and 80's. It is a two-story brick house with a variety of gabled wings, two of which, the north and west, have bulging bay windows. All windows are tall and slender with two-over-two double-hung sash and are spanned by segmental arches. The square brick tower at the center of the house between the two major gables is said to have been added sometime after the house was built by a new lawyer owner who needed a secluded office removed from the disturbance of several sons. This tower entitles the building to the stylistic term Italian Villa.

Gable ornaments and barge boards are original Italianate features. The iron balconies were originally on the Benton County Courthouse, built in 1874, a short distance northwest of the city square. The courthouse was demolished in the mid-20th century and some salvaged parts still exist throughout Bentonville.

Recent restoration efforts by the Parnells, present owners, have removed some previous undersirable modifications on the front facade and have added major one-

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Craig-Bryan House was built in 1875 by the James Toliver Craig, whose family was among the earliest settlers of the city. The Bryan family acquired the property in the 1890's and occupied it for more than seven decades. The house is significant as a distinctive member of the group of Italianate brick houses which were constructed in Bentonville in the 1870's and 1880's.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description West 114' of Lot 149, Original Town

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

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391260 Northing 4025690

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story living spaces at the rear of the house. Interior restorations by the Parnells have included flooring, wood trim, plaster walls, ceiling plaster ornament and two new brick outside chimneys on the east facade.

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