

## INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Banks House Property Owner Paul Belts  
 Location Hwy. 72, west of Hiwassee Address Hwy. 72  
 Construction Date c. 1900 Survey No. 0662 Hiwassee, AR 72739

## DESCRIPTION

The Banks House, facing south on Hwy. 72 just west of Hiwassee, is a simple double-pen frame structure (a duple) with a one-story 3/4 length front porch. Supported by four round wood columns, the hipped roof porch shelters twin entry doors and the flanking one-over-one double-hung windows. An outside-end chimney, originally brick and veneered with sandstone in 1941, rises above the ridgeline on the east facade. Two small windows flank the chimney, giving light and ventilation to second floor living space. An enclosed central stairway gives access to this upper level space. A one-story T-wing at the rear is flanked by covered porches, the west one of which has been enclosed. The rear wing was built over a well which for many years supplied household water drawn by hand.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: architecture

One criterion for evaluating vernacular architecture is adherence to traditional form. The Banks House is significant for its almost flawless adherence to an idealized double-pen (or duple) form. It exemplifies excellent maintenance, showing little evidence of modification of its original construction. The modest modifications which have been made (enclosure of the west rear porch) illustrate changes which are almost inevitably found on residences of this pattern and age. No modernization has been performed on the interior. The owner has recently indicated plans for rehabilitating the house to contemporary standards of comfort. It has been unoccupied for many years, used only as furniture storage. The present owner, Paul Belts, is an heir of the Banks family who built it.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description From the intersection of State Highways #279 and #72, proceed

Quadrangle Name Hiwassee, Ark.-Mo. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 379280 Northing 4032500

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west 1.22 miles on #72. Then proceed 70 feet north to the point of beginning, the southeast corner of the property. Proceed north 80 feet, then proceed west 75 feet, then proceed south 80 feet, and then proceed east 75 feet to the point of beginning.

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