

Benton County
Rogers
Merrill House

MRA No. 80

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Merrill House Property Owner John Mack
Location 617 S. Sixth, Rogers Address 617 South Sixth Street
Construction Date c. 1917 Survey No. 1858 Rogers, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Merrill House is a one-story brick cottage facing south at the corner of Sixth and Pine Streets. The horizontal nature of the cottage, the hipped roof with wide overhangs and bell-cast silhouette, the grouping of windows, and the linear image created by combined stone and brick suggest strongly that the designer of the house was familiar with the Prairie School of architecture. A central projecting wing with a triplex of windows is flanked by covered porches. The porch on the east, with screened openings, is somewhat longer than the one on the west, which is enclosed only by a brick balustrade. A limestone beltcourse encircles the house at floor level. All windows have limestone sills.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C

Area of significance: Architecture

A. W. Merrill, owner and designer of this unique house, commissioned John Myler, leading mason of the region, to do the brick and stone work in 1917. Although it was a reconstruction of an old home built c. 1880, the only visible remains of the old house are in the attic. A. W. Merrill was a woodworking craftsman, operator of a small lumber yard and cabinet shop, and, with his brother, designer and fabricator of fine furniture. The house, with undeniable traits of Prairie Style architecture, reflects Merrill's familiarity with the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, and is significant as the only structure in the city of that period which shows such architectural influences. It has had no alteration since it was built and is now owned by an architect bent on maintaining its integrity.

Acres less than 1 acre

Boundary Description Lot 116, Original Town

Quadrangle Name Rogers, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

ITM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 399230 Northing 4020735









