

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name James House Property Owner Ross Mendenhall
 Location Route 2, Rogers (South of Hwy. 71,
midway between Rogers & Bentonville) Address Route 2
 Construction Date c 1903 Survey No. 2119 Rogers, AR 72756

DESCRIPTION

The James House is an unusually large two-story brick elaboration of the common vernacular form known as the prow house, normally a T-shape with the stem projecting forward. The cross bar in this case is a two-story cube with a truncated pyramidal roof. The projecting stem (prow) is a two-story brick wing with a double-pitch roof with a wood front gable. Porches which once sheltered entry doors flanking the inner end of the prow have been removed. One-story projecting bays are located on the north and south facades of the main mass and on the front face of the prow. All windows of the first and second floor are one-over-one double-hung sash, spanned by segmental brick arches. A one-story narrow frame porch stretches across the rear elevation. Also located on the property is a combination root cellar and smokehouse, constructed of brick and probably contemporary to the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The James House, built in 1903, confirms with its size and its building material, the above average prosperity of the owner-builder. It is a unique specimen in Benton County of an expansive variation of the four-square residential form just being introduced at the turn of the twentieth century. Its two-story square plan with pyramid roof is expanded by a two-story front wing attached to the east facade of the main cube. There is no confirmation the bricks were manufactured on the site, but such practice was common during the late nineteenth century in rural areas such as this. However, there were, by 1903, commercial brick yards in Bentonville and Rogers, the nearest trade centers to this farm. The house is surprisingly austere in its lack of ornamentation in brick, wood or metal. The smokehouse-root cellar is the only brick structure of this type documented by the survey, and its presence enhances the property's significance.

Acreege less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description From the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 to Spring (cont)

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

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391550 Northing 4018540

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VERBAL BOUNDARY CONTINUED

Road, proceed south on Spring Road 3.4 miles to the northwest corner of the property and the point of beginning. Proceed 135 feet east, then proceed 100 feet south, then proceed 135 feet west, then proceed 100 feet north to the point of beginning.

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