

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Wasson House Property Owner Irma Wasson
 Location Main St., Springtown Address Box 145
 Construction Date c. 1890 Survey No. 2322 Springtown, AR 72767

DESCRIPTION

The Wasson House, facing south on Springtown's main street, is an I-house with a flawless list of qualifying features. Only its two-story three-bay front porch possesses stylistic details, its simple Tuscan columns suggesting a neo-colonial influence at the time it was built. An outside end brick chimney rises on the east facade. A two-story rear wing is flanked by one-story porches. The westerly one has been enclosed and enlarged by a lean-to addition at the rear of the main block.

The central hall accommodates a simple balustraded stairway to the second floor. The wood mantle of the east parlor fireplace is original and intact. Wall surfaces throughout the ground floor have been covered with various twentieth century materials, i.e., wall-board and plywood paneling. A brick rectangular combination well-house and smoke house stands to the west of the enclosed rear porch. The hand-pump well rises from a concrete slab and is covered by a gabled extension of the smoke house roof. The brick structure is a two-level volume, the upper level being the smoke house, the lower level, partially below ground, served as a root cellar and food storage. Each level has its separate door and stairway.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Wasson I-House, built c. 1890, is significant as a little-altered example of middle-class residential architecture which was common in rural and small town Arkansas at the turn-of-the twentieth century. The exterior of the Wasson House and its brick ancillary (smoke house and well house) show surprisingly little modification as well as high standards of maintenance. The house is a well-preserved example of the residential pattern of the Wasson family, noted in Siloam Springs and this part of the county as successful bankers, educators and merchants.

Acreege less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lots 1-8, Block 4, Wasson Addition

Quadrangle Name Gentry, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 371985 Northing 4013570

