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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Loy Kirksey House

other names/site number N/A

### 2. Location

street & number County Road 59

not for publication N/A

city, town Fendley

vicinity

state Arkansas code AR

county Clark

code AR 019

zip code 71921

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>        </u> buildings
<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> sites
<u>1</u>	<u>        </u> structures
<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*Carolyn A. Byrd*  
Signature of certifying official

4-3-91  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other. (explain:)

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Dog-Trot

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Metal

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c.1895-1920 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Kirksey, William  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**  
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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
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- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Approximately 2

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

   See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:    See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of County Road #59 with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the associated barn, proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a line running along the northern edge of the forest to the south; thence proceed southeasterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a line located 50 feet east of the eastern elevation of the house and running parallel to it; thence proceed northerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road #59; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:    See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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### Summary

The Loy Kirksey House is a single story, log and wood frame residence of the vernacular house type known as the dog-trot. It features a single brick chimney in the center of the western gable end (the original log pen), a full-length front porch on the northern elevation and a partially-enclosed shed roof porch on the rear. The nomination also includes two associated log barns located adjacent to the house.

### Elaboration

The Loy Kirksey House is a single story, log and wood frame residence of the vernacular house type known as the dog-trot. Its plan is typical of the classic dog-trot, as it consists of two roughly square pens divided by an open hall and two shed roof galleries running the full length of each of the long sides of the building, all of which is covered by a gable roof. These galleries differ only in that the northern elevation features a full-length, open front porch and the southern elevation features a partially-enclosed shed roof porch on the rear. A single brick chimney is placed in the center of the western gable end (the original log pen). The roof decks throughout are covered with a standing-seam metal roof, the walls are board-and-batten, and the foundation is composed of stone piers.

The northern or front elevation is sheltered by the shed roof front porch, which is supported on eight round posts that are grouped into sets of four and placed to either side of the open central hall. The porch roof and posts are supported by a wood porch deck. The walls beneath are similar in composition, as the wall of the eastern pen is entered via a single-leaf central door that is flanked by two one-over-one wood sash windows while the wall of the western (log) pen features but one window of the same configuration placed to the east of the central entry. The southern elevation opposite is even less ornamented, featuring as it does but a single fixed wood frame window in the wall of the enclosed section and a single-leaf entry in the center of the wall of the western pen.

The eastern elevation features a blank pediment above a grouped pair of one-over-one sash windows in the gable roof section of the house and a single one-over-one sash window in the side of the enclosed rear shed. A small utility bulkhead has been added below this window. The western elevation is dominated by the central red brick chimney and is fenestrated by but a single window placed to the north. The western wall of the enclosed section of the southern porch is lighted with a small window to the south and accessed via a small, single-leaf entry.

The exterior details of note are minimal yet interesting. The round posts that support the northern porch roof are ornamented with beveled bases that attempt to imitate classical columns; however there are not comparable attempts at creating capitals, a fact that is probably

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due to the need to shed water away from the bases of the posts to prevent rotting. The interior is also simply appointed and features the simple wood trim that is typical of such vernacular houses.

The house has been very little altered since its expansion into a dog-trot plan c. 1895. The board-and-batten that was used to cover the entire exterior of the structure at that time has been recently restored, as has the brick chimney and the roof over the entire structure. As such it remains a remarkably intact example of this particular house type.

The nomination also includes two associated log barns located adjacent to the house. Both are a single story in height. The larger of the two appears to have been a shelter for livestock, as it features a hay loft above the transverse crib plan. The smaller log outbuilding appears to have been either a shelter for smaller animals, such as chickens or pigs, or a storage shelter for animal feed.

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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The Loy Kirksey House is significant locally as an unusually intact example of a vernacular house type, the dog-trot, that has been recently restored and is in an excellent state of preservation. It is also significant under this criterion for its being a representative example of the typical evolution of this vernacular house type -- from a single pen log structure to a log and wood frame dog-trot plan.

**Elaboration**

Some of the earliest settlement within what is now known as Clark County occurred in the northwest part of the county, around Chalybeate Mountain, largely due to the existence there of a chalybeate (iron) spring that flowed southward toward the Ouachita River and Okolona. As became even more popular later, the high mineral content of the spring was seen as giving its waters medicinal properties. The subsequent attractiveness of this area, particularly in the summer, encouraged residents of Arkadelphia - the site of the first settlement in the county - to escape the heat and spend time in the communities that surrounded the mountain, including Amity and Alpine. And as was the case around the nation, this practice only increased toward the end of the nineteenth century.

The construction date of the earlier log pen of the Loy Kirksey House is not known, and may well date from before the Civil War; however, the oral tradition maintains that William Kirksey moved into the house c. 1895 (it is known that he was born on October 6, 1874, as he is buried nearby in Amity), and it is known that there was a building standing on the site at the time. It is also likely - though it has not been documented - that he expanded the house into a dog-trot at this time with the addition of the wood frame pen and the open hallway to the east of the original log pen, as eighty-year-old family members currently living cannot remember the structure in any other form. The only alteration of any note since 1895 was the replacement of the original mud-cat chimney with a brick chimney approximately 50 years ago. It has been continuously occupied by the same family since William Kirksey purchased the property in 1895.

The house is sited on the south side of a rural county road in the vicinity of Fendley (near Alpine) and on the edge of a small field that certainly served as a small subsistence farmstead for William Kirksey and his descendants. Also included in the nomination -- though constructed later -- are two historic, associated outbuildings. Furthest to the west of the house is a hand-hewn log livestock barn, one-and-one-half stories in height, covered with a gable roof and

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designed in a transverse crib plan. Its construction probably dates to the early twentieth century, and given the roughness of the saddle-notching, it probably dates no earlier than c. 1920. Between it and the house is an earlier (c. 1910) log feed crib/livestock shelter that is similar in design and construction but which contains logs that display evidence of more sophisticated and skilled hewing. In fact, this farmstead was clearly still in use as such as late as the 1920's, given the fact that the barn's construction is of that era. Though some new growth has been allowed to occur on the edges of the surrounding forest, much of the original cleared land that served as both tilled and pasture land remains.

The Loy Kirksey House is significant under Criterion C by virtue of its being the best example of an intact and unaltered dog-trot residence in this rural area of Clark County.



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**Bibliography**

*Goodspeed's History of Southern Arkansas*, (Chicago, 1890), pp. 114-121.

*Interview with Loy Kirksey*, conducted by Dr. Ann Early, AAS, October 25, 1989.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Archeology/Historic - Non-Aboriginal  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1895  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

Rural American  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

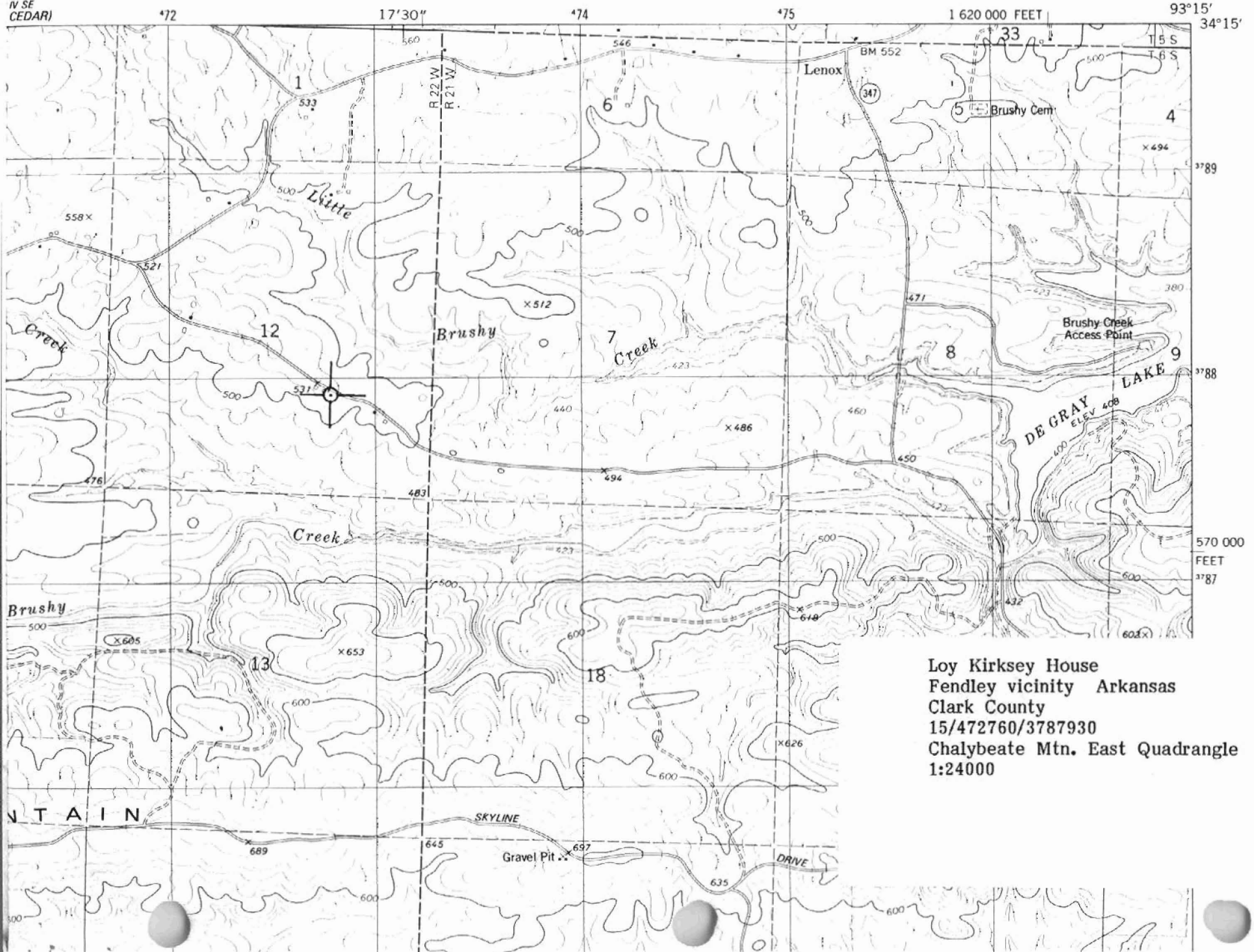
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Kirksey, William  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Loy Kirksey House  
Fendley vicinity Arkansas  
Clark County  
15/472760/3787930  
Chalybeate Mtn. East Quadrangle  
1:24000

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**Primary location of additional data:**

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Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Approximately 1.5

**UTM References**

A 15 472760 3787930  
 Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone Easting Northing

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**Boundary Justification**

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