

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY  
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-31

Owner Mr. Robert Clark

Property Name John Russell House

Address 904 Charlotte Street

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 71742

Significant Date/s c. 1925

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This gable roofed house at 904 Charlotte Street in Fordyce is of wood frame construction and clad with weatherboards. **Outstanding is the Craftsman porch** on the house which otherwise would be a simple symmetrical structure. Set on a concrete foundation, this house is square in plan. A central door is flanked by a single window followed by a pair of windows on each side. Although rigid in its fenestration, the house contains elements of the early twentieth century bungalow: corner brackets, exposed rafter feet, windows of five vertical lights over one pane, and walls which flare near the foundation. **Most notable is the finely crafted porch** which gives the house an overall assymetrical appearance. This large gable roofed porch has four columns geometrically composed of horizontal and vertical wooden members. These columns support a tie-beam which supports a central post sitting in the interior apex of the roof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Russell House sits picturesquely on a large land lot in Fordyce, the Dallas County seat. The house was constructed in the mid 1920's, a period in which Fordyce surpassed all other towns in rate of growth, establishing itself as the trade center of the county. The house is the best example of the Craftsman influence in the county. This influence is reflected in its elaborate porch of four columns composed of geometrically arranged vertical and horizontal wooden members supporting a large open gable roof. This porch gives the otherwise square symmetrical house an asymmetrical appearance and compliments the horizontal lines of the surrounding landscape. The John Russell House is an excellent example of the interpretation of the Craftsman house in small town Arkansas.

Acreage: less than 1

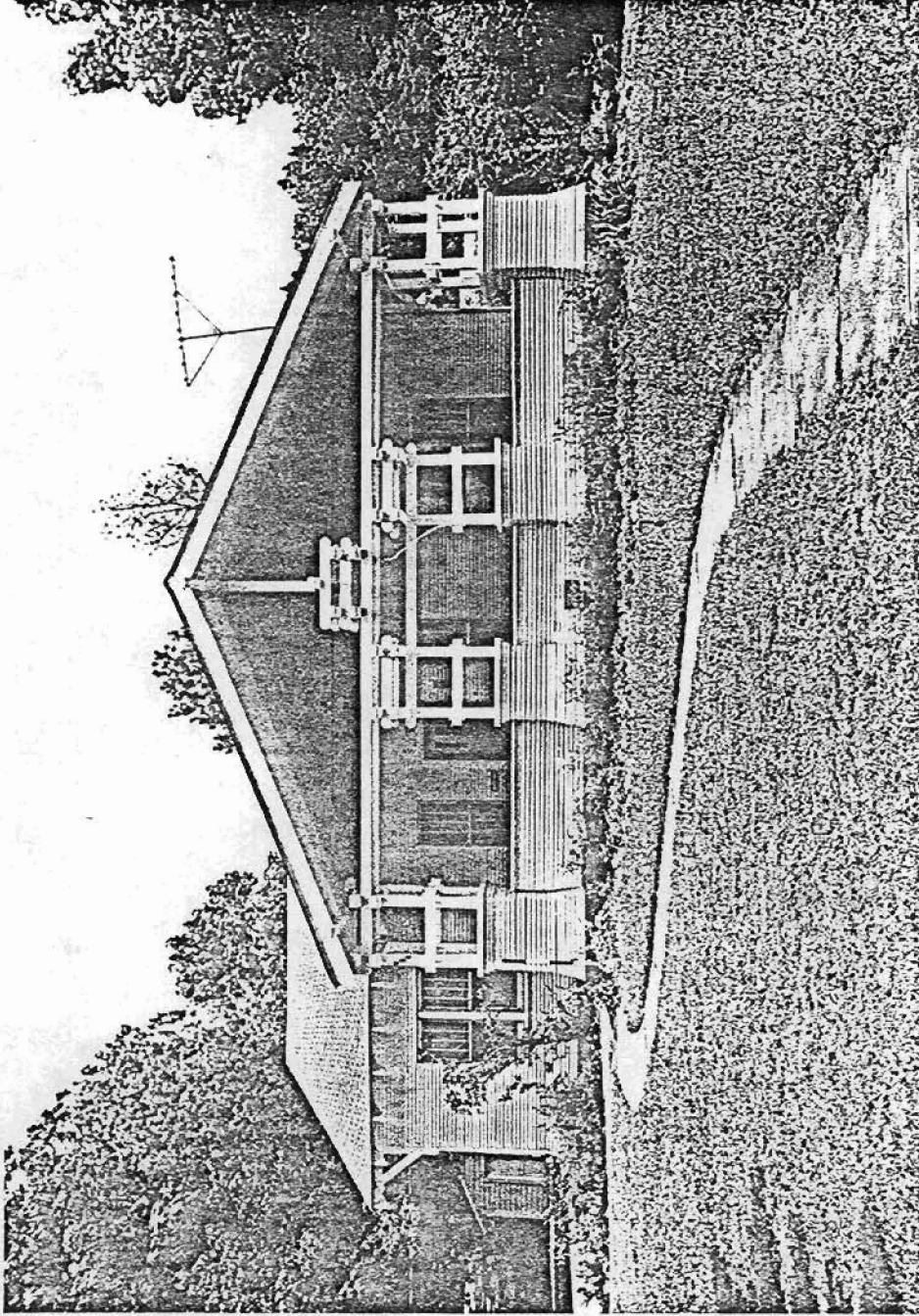
Quadrangle Name: Fordyce

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 554780/374040

Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the SE corner of block 31 in the A. B. Banks Addition to Fordyce, and running east 60' thence north 75' for the point of beginning, thence running east 150', north 75', west 150', and south 75' to the point of beginning.



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John Russell House  
Sarah Brown, photographer  
June 18, 1982  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
View from the West