

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY  
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-3

Owner Miss Glenn Mallett

Property Name George W. Mallett House

Address Route 2, Box P52

Location Princeton

Carthage, AR 71725

Significant Date/s c. 1853

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The George W. Mallett House is located on an original street of the town of Princeton, Dallas County's first seat of government. As originally built in about 1853, the house was a dog-trot. Alterations to the structure over the years typify the changes often made to dwellings in the area. In the late 19th century, the passageway was enclosed creating a central hall house. Also at this time, the separate kitchen, located east of the house, was torn down and the present two-room rear ell containing dining room and kitchen was constructed. A well located to the south of the house has been in use since the house was built. Today, the Mallett House is a one-story central hall structure with a rear ell, resting on brick piers. It is clad in novelty siding, covered by a hip roof running east-west over the main block and by a gable roof over the ell. The fenestration on the front facade is traditional. A central entry of double doors flanked by sidelights sits between two symmetrically placed two-over-two double-hung windows on each side. All window and door openings on both the main block and the ell are capped with finely crafted mouldings. A full-length shed roofed porch with chamfered posts extends across the front elevation. Because of Princeton's failure to grow beyond or fill the town's original lots, the orientation of the Mallett House, located at the edge of the town, has changed. The east end of the main block now contains the main entry. A small porch similar to that on the front facade covers this end. Except for the addition of electricity, the interior of the house retains all of its historic fabric and much of the feeling and association of a rural Arkansas 19th century house. The noteworthy interior woodwork includes wide hand-planed flush boards lining the central hall and ceilings, large hand-planed two-panelled doors, and wainscoting.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George W. Mallett House is significant both historically and architecturally to Princeton and Dallas County. Built circa 1853, the house is the only pre-Civil War structure remaining in Princeton, the 1845 Dallas County seat. It is one of three pre-Civil War dwellings existing in the county. Originally constructed as a dog-trot, the structure is representative of a common early form. Now a central hall house it also represents the common evolution of the dog-trot to the more acceptable traditional house type for the town. The house is notable in its retention of interior historic fabric. The structure's original owner, George W. Mallett, was important to the early settlement and development of the Princeton area. George W. Mallett came to the area from Mecklenburg County, Virginia in 1847. He was a tailor and owner of the local flour mill. From 1852-1856, he served as County Treasurer, from 1866-1868, as County Sheriff, and from 1868-1872 as County Clerk.

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Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Princeton West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 534540/3759600

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 34, T8S R15W, is bounded on the north, south, east, and west by lines running parallel to and 100' from the four major facades of the house.



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George W. Mallett House  
Sarah Brown, photographer  
June 23, 1982  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
View from the North