

Survey Number DA-13

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray McMann

Property Name Jessie B. Smith House

Address Route 1, Box 189A

Location Fordyce

Fordyce, AR 72742

Significant Date/s c. 1890

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located at 200' Charlotte Street, this simple detailed residence serves as a good example of the persistent use of the traditional central hall house form throughout the last quarter of the nineteenth century. This weatherboard-sided gable-roofed structure is three bays wide and one bay deep with an exterior brick chimney located on the north end elevation. Side-by-side double sash windows with two-over-two lights flank the front entrance and are simply framed. The focal point of the house is the attached front porch with jigsaw-cut brackets and trim and six chamfered and attenuated posts with square pedestal bases. Alterations to the house include ell and shed additions to the rear and two screened porches.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jesse B. Smith House is an excellent example of the local interpretation of the early urban house type in Dallas County. The central hall house became the popular plan for the urban areas that developed as a result of the railroad and lumber industry. Located in Fordyce, the railroad center of the area, the circa 1890 Smith House illustrates the impact of the outside popular culture on the local architecture brought about by the railroad. Prosperity for the emerging middle class in Dallas County demanded the more stately central hall plan where as the decorative porch of the Smith dwelling reflect the growing awareness and use of the popular style elements heretofore identified with the affluent sector of the county.

Acreage: less than 1

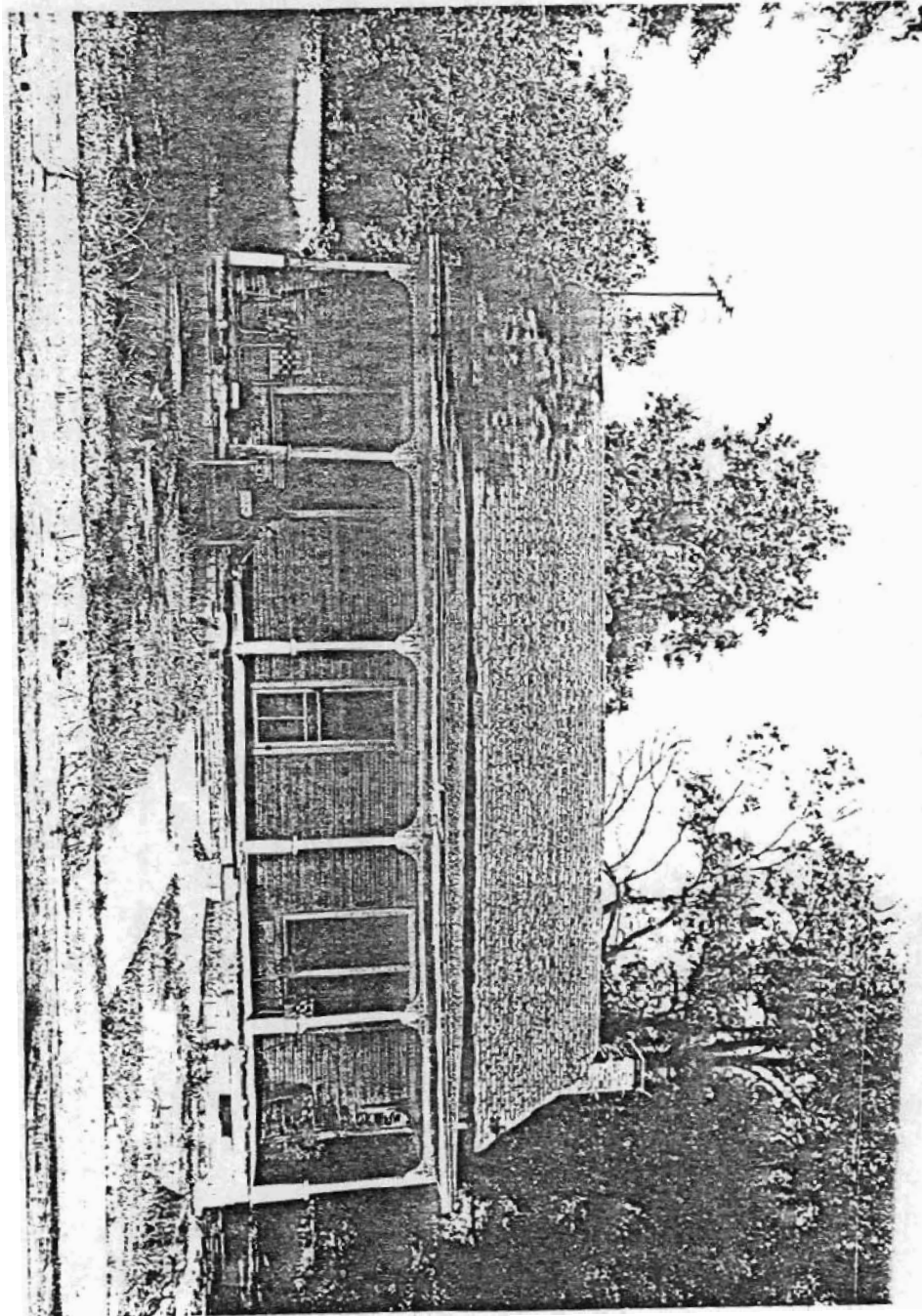
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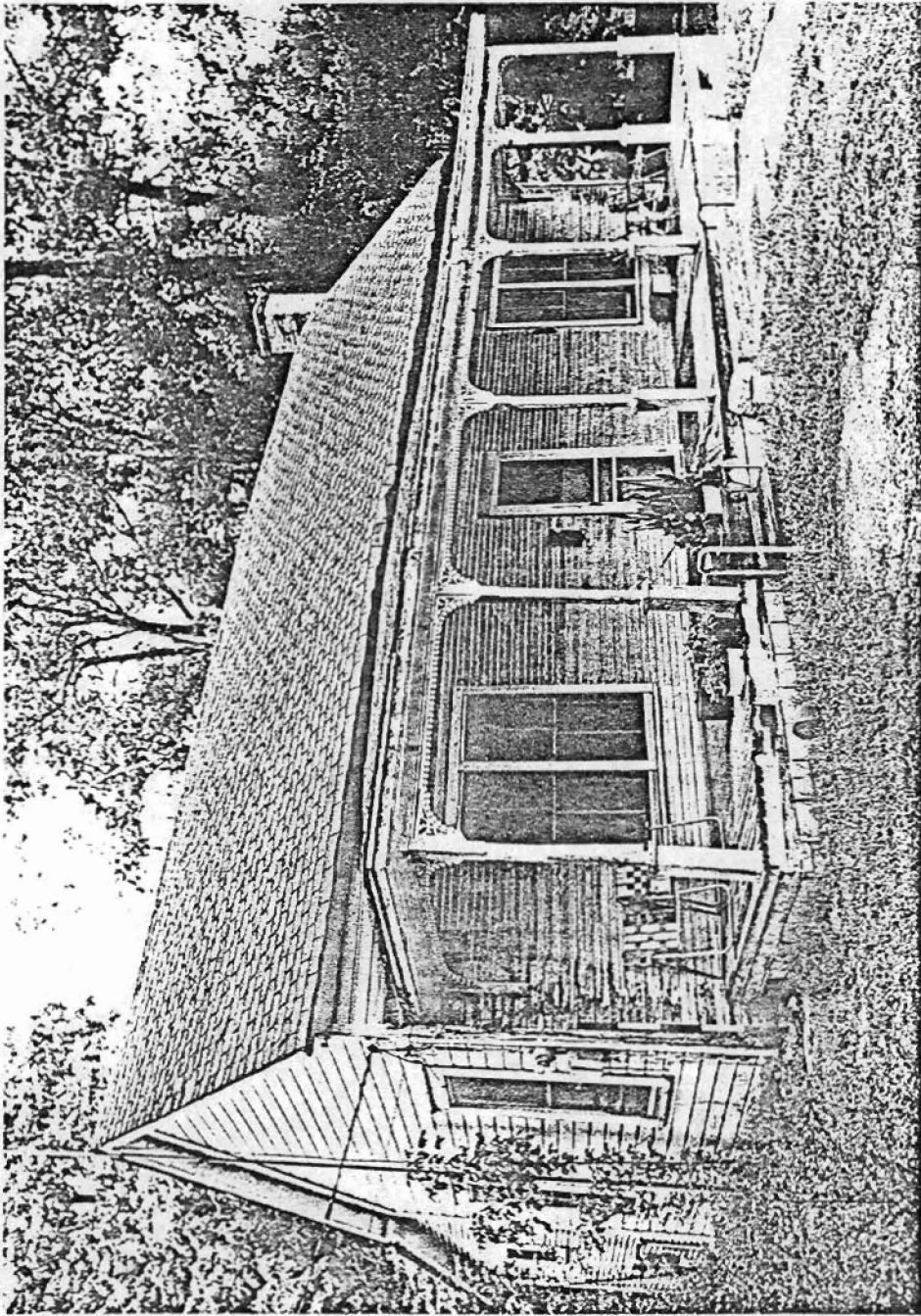
UTM Reference: 15 554840/3741550

Verbal Boundary Description:

Block 1 Lot 3, Holderness Reservation, City of Fordyce.



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Jesse B. Smith House
Don Brown, photographer
June 17, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the West



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