

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-27
Manning, Lee and
Property Name Moore Law Office
Address 109 Court
City Clarendon, AR
Significant Date/s 1895

Owner Johnny Moore, Jr.
Address 501 Main
Clarendon, AR 72029

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 1895 Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office was designed and built to be used as a law office. It was constructed on Second Street across from the Courthouse, and was moved to its present location in 1899, when the rear ell on the west side was added. The one story frame office contains an outside entrance into every room for convenience to the different lawyers. Its most outstanding architectural features are its wrap-around front porch featuring Queen Anne influenced spindle work and porch supports, and its steeply pitched front gable with flat stick work detailing. The front projection contains a central door which opens into the reception area. The door is flanked by two double-hung, one-over-one windows. The east side of the projection has a pair of double-hung windows, while the west side has only one. Flanking the projection are single doors entering into the individual offices. Each door has small transom windows above. There is a rear entrance into the ell from underneath the carport canopy which was recently added.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office is unique to the history of Clarendon because of its continued use as a law office since its construction, and also because of the contributions to the development of the town by the different lawyers that have worked in it over the years. Built in 1895 specifically as a law office, it has never been used for any other purpose. It was built for the firm of M. J. Manning and J. P. Lee, and originally stood across from the Courthouse on Second Street, approximately where the Ewan Building (CL-46) now stands. In 1899, Manning and Lee moved the structure to its present location. Around 1900, Judge James S. Thomas took over the office, while M. J. Manning went to work with the firm of Johnny Moore, Sr. and A. O. Bayne. By 1905, Moore and J. P. Lee were in the office again. Moore, and later his son, Johnny Moore, Jr. remained in the office for many years. Johnny Moore, Jr. presently works out of the office with Robert Selio. Of the men that have worked in the office, J. P. Lee was a State Representative in 1896, a State Senator in 1905 and ~~Acting~~ Governor in 1907, as well as President and Director of the Bank of Clarendon. M. J. Manning was also involved in real estate, and was vice president of both the Clarendon Telephone Company in 1899 and President of The Clarendon Electric Light and Ice Company in 1901. Judge James S. Thomas came to Clarendon from Des Arc in 1888 where he was a county judge, a state legislator, and a large landowner. Johnny Moore, Sr. also served as vice president of the Clarendon Citizens Bank in 1904.

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Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
East 1/2 Lot 3 Block 11

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon Ark

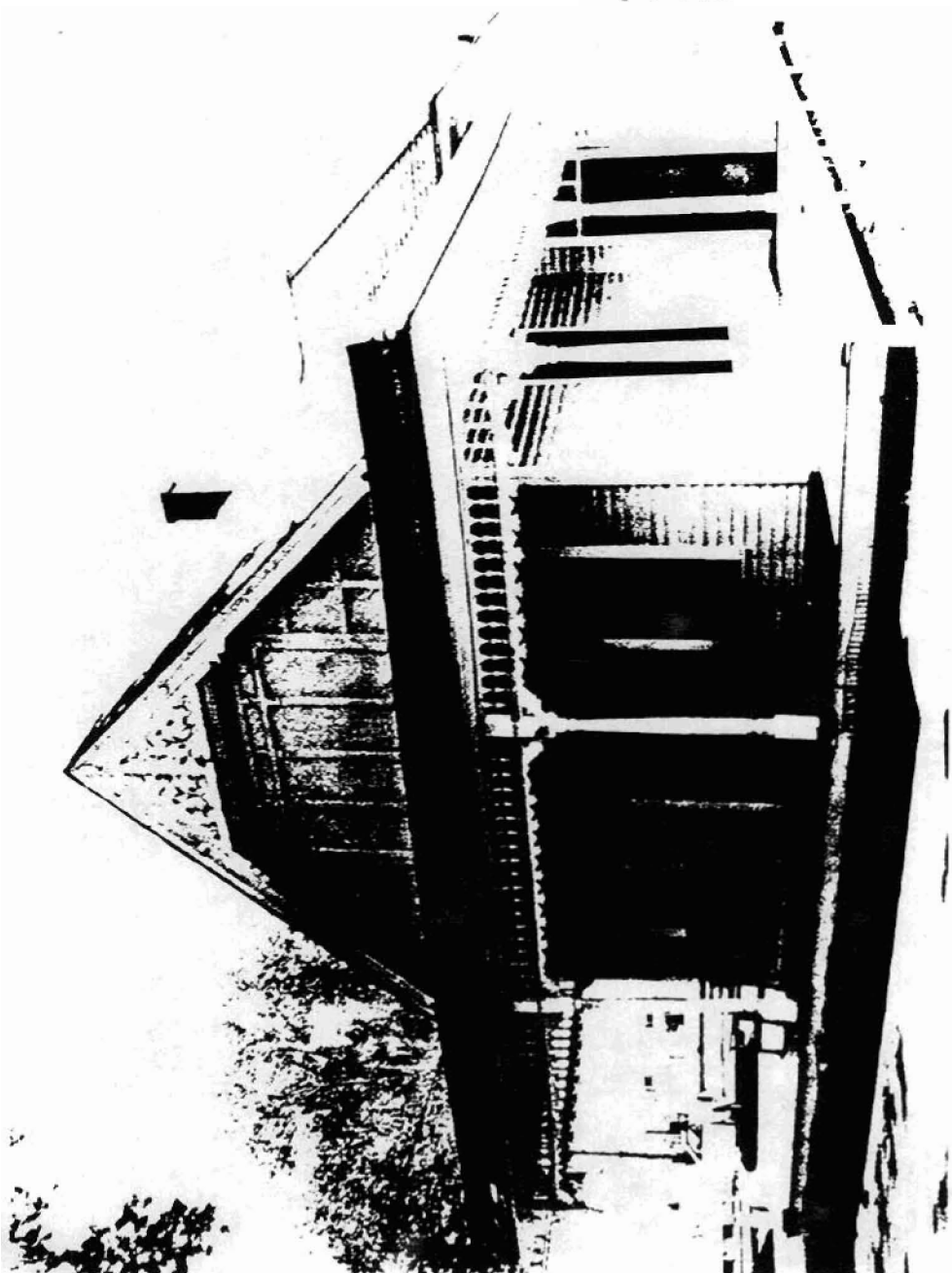
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654010

Northings: 3840420



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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
viewed from the Northwest