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Pike County - Murfreesboro vic.  
Shelton-Lockeby House  
N side of Springhill Church Rd.,  
approx. .6 miles from Nathan Rd.  
NR 09/28/05

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Shelton-Lockeby House

other names/site number PI0033

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Springhill Church Road, appx .6 miles from Nathan Rd.

not for publication

city or town Murfreesboro

vicinity

state Arkansas

code

AR

county Pike

code

109

zip code

71958

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant

nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Cedric Matthews*

*8/12/05*

Signature of certifying official/Title

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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Shelton-Lockeby House

Name of Property

Pike County, Arkansas

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
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1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of Contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

None

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/ Weatherboard

roof METAL/ Tin

other BRICK

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1905

Significant Dates

1905

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- 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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Shelton-Lockeby House  
Name of Property

Pike County, Arkansas  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 47

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 431219 3768630  
Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

4 \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization \_\_\_\_\_ date June 22, 2005  
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city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72205

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mary Smith  
street & number P.O. Box C telephone 870-285-2347  
city or town Murfreesboro state AR zip code 71958

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20303.

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### SUMMARY

The Shelton-Lockeby House is a single story, wood frame dog-trot residence. It is located on Springhill Church Road near Murfreesboro in Pike County, Arkansas. The house was built in 1905 and purchased by the great-grand- parents of the present owners in 1915. No other buildings remain on the property.

### ELABORATION

The Shelton-Lockeby House is of the style known as dog-trot with rooms on each side of a central breezeway. The east side consists of a single room while the west side has three rooms. The east room and the west front room are covered with a gable roof extending the entire width of the house. The back two west rooms are covered with a gable which ells off the main roof. The small back porch and full length front porch have shed roofs supported by 4 inch by 4 inch wooden posts with carved designs on the corners. All roofing is corrugated tin. Two brick chimneys, constructed of the original chimney bricks, have been rebuilt. One chimney fronts in the kitchen and the other is located in the front west room. The house is supported by piers of fieldstone and other rocks. Doors and four-over-four wooden sash windows throughout the house are original. Door and window facings are plain wood boards. Floors of all rooms are wood as is the decking of the porches and breezeway. Exterior and interior walls are painted in the colors original to the house.

#### Front/South Façade

The south elevation of the Shelton-Lockeby House is the front and faces Springhill Church Road. The front of the house is dominated by the full length porch with a shed roof. The porch roof is supported by six four by four posts. There are three steps leading up to the porch level. The porch is approximately five feet deep and is open on three sides. The south elevation is symmetrical. The open hall, defining it as a dog-trot, is in the center of the façade. There is a single room to the left and right of the open hall. The south face of each room has two windows evenly spaced from the corners. The windows are wood frame four over four double hung windows. The wall is entirely clad in wood weatherboard siding and meets a piece of trim at each edge. The side gable roof is sheathed in corrugated tin.

#### Left/West Façade

The west elevation of the Shelton-Lockeby House displays the depth of the west side of the dog-trot. The west side is three rooms deep while the east half is only one room. The roof over the two rear rooms is a side gable. A gable end is present on the far right side of this elevation marking the gable roof covering the front east and west rooms of the dog-trot. The two rear rooms and front room are visually separated on this wall by the

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changing roofline and a contrasting vertical piece of trim extending from the foundation to the lower left corner of the gable. On the section of wall containing the rear two rooms there is a door on the far left and two window openings to the right of the door. The first window is to the immediate right of the door and they each open into the kitchen. The second window opens into the middle room, a bedroom. The remainder of this elevation is the wall containing the front room. This section of wall has two windows and an exterior brick chimney. The chimney has been rebuilt with the original brick. It has a wide base and tapers to approximately half of that side midway up the stack. The chimney is flanked by a window on each side. The windows each look into the front room. All windows on the west elevation are four-over-four, double-hung, wood windows. The façade is completely clad in wood weatherboard siding and is trimmed on all edges.

### Rear/North Façade

The north elevation displays the differential depths between the east and west sides of the dog-trot. The north face of the east room has a deep full length porch that has a shed roof with bead board ceiling. It is supported by three four by four wood posts, and turns the corner to continue on the east facing wall of the west rooms. There is a window centered on the wall beneath the porch. The window matches all other windows on the house. The north face of the west rooms is a gable end. An exterior chimney is centered on the wall and rises through the gable peak. The chimney has a wide base and tapers to approximately half its width midway up the stack. It is flanked by a window on each side. To the left of the gable section of wall a shed roof slopes down to the east with a blank wall beneath it. All walls are clad in wood weatherboard siding and windows are four-over-four, double-hung, wood windows.

### Right/East Façade

The east elevation of the Shelton-Lockeby House displays the gable end on the east room and the east wall of the west rooms. The gable end of the east room is a blank wall with the exception of a window opening centered in the lower half of the wall. The opening has two windows set in it, each matching the other four-over-four, double-hung windows on the house. The east wall of the west rooms has a shed roof covered porch, which wraps around from the adjacent north wall. The roof is supported by two posts. The far right end of the shed roof is covering a small room which appears to be an enclosed section of the porch adding space to the kitchen. There are two doors on the east wall beneath the porch. The door to the far left leads into the middle bedroom while the one on the right opens into the kitchen. There is a window centered on the east wall of the room beneath the shed roof. The window matches all other windows in construction and configuration, however it is smaller than other windows on the house.

### Integrity

The Shelton-Lockeby House is remarkably well intact. The building has seen no major alterations since the addition of kitchen cabinets in the 1930s. The house has electricity but no running water. No alterations have been made to the floor plan or construction materials. The house maintains all of its original windows and doors. The chimneys have been rebuilt, however it was done using the original materials and in the original location. The roof was replaced using a nearly identical material, thus not interrupting the historic appearance of the building. The Shelton-Lockeby House is an outstanding example of a fading architectural style and is an honest expression of the context, plan, and materials typical of a dog-trot home.



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### SUMMARY

The Shelton-Lockeby House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **local** significance as an excellent example of the dog-trot style and the last surviving house of its style in the area. It is important to the people of this area who remember it in early days and is continuing to be appreciated by those who use it now. The Shelton-Lockeby House still sits in its intended context and without modern amenities such as running water it stands as an accurate representation of a rural Arkansas home constructed in the early 1900s.

### ELABORATION

Murfreesboro, with a population of approximately 1,800, is located in Pike County, Arkansas. The old Lockeby farm is located about six miles west of Murfreesboro in what is called the Springhill Community. There once were many families living there, but now only the Springhill Church and few homes remain. Most people were supported by small, family-owned farms. Houses were small and often of crude construction offering little warmth in the winter. The Lockeby House, though much better constructed than most, is simple by today's standards.

The Lockeby farm consists of seven acres of cleared pasture, which the house stands on, and 40 acres of timberland. The timber was harvested in the early 1990s and replanted with pine seedlings.

The Abstract of Title for the property includes a deed dated May 1845 from the United States of America to David S. Dixon. The property changed owners several times thereafter until 1896 when James Shelton purchased the land. In 1905 the taxes increased considerably indicated that a house had been built. The tax records indicated that W.M. Riley paid taxes on it for several years beginning in 1907. Mr. Riley sold the property to James Little Lockeby in 1915.

James Little "Jim" Lockeby was born November 16, 1876, in Dawsonville, Lumpkin County, Georgia. On November 22, 1899, he married Lula Ann Moore of Nashville. Jim Lockeby was a man of many talents. He was a good carpenter and cabinet maker in addition to being an excellent farmer. Their house, barns, and shop were well constructed for that time. His extensive collection of tools made it possible for them to build and repair everything on his farm. There was abundant food, and many visitors came to their home. Every year six to eight hogs were slaughtered. Some of the meat was sold. Annie made press-meat or souse which was sold to grocery stores in Murfreesboro. Calves were sold each fall. Crops, raised for personal use and sale, were peanuts, sorghum, corn, tobacco, peaches, apples, and many vegetables. Fruits and vegetables were canned or dried in the summer in preparation for winter. Food was often given to neighbors in need.

To mention the home of Jim and Annie Lockeby to many people around Murfreesboro and Nashville brings pleasant memories like Sunday afternoons sitting on the porch, Sunday dinner (noon) at the table full of wonderful country food, children playing in the yard, or evenings around the fireplace listening to the radio

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while eating homegrown parched peanuts. Each person has a story of their very own. The house and surrounding land will be used for the pleasure of Jim and Annie's grandson, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren and for those who remember it with fond memories.

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Family History as told by Mary Smith.

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## LEGAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From a point at the intersection of Nathan Road and Springhill Church Road (CR 4) proceed easterly along Springhill Church Road (CR 4) 1,340.6 feet to the point of beginning. From the point of beginning proceed northerly 247.5 feet, thence proceed easterly 206.3 feet, thence proceed southwesterly 330 feet to the point of beginning.

## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This boundary includes the Shelton-Lockeby House and its immediate setting.



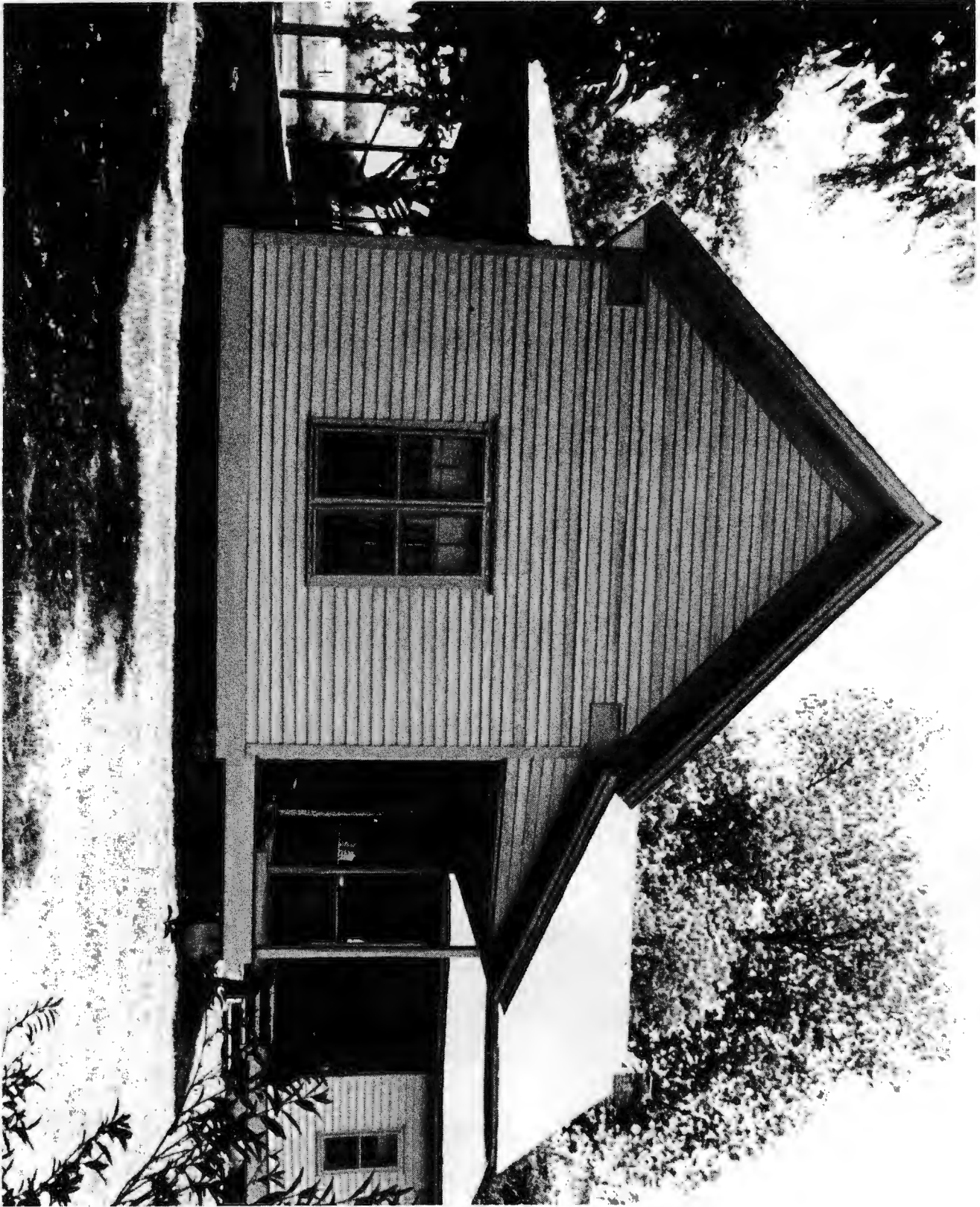












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