

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-11

Owner Mr. James B. Scroggins

Property Name Taylor-Stokes House

Address Marcella, AR 72555

Location vic. of Marcella

Significant Date/s c. 1876

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Taylor-Stokes House is located off a dirt road about a half mile west of Highway 14 in southeast Stone County near the Independence County line. Taylor and Stokes, c. 1876, built a log saddle bag house with front and rear open porches. The structure, facing east, rests on stone piers and is covered by a gable roof which overhangs on either side to create the porch roofs.

The weatherboard log pens flank a large central interior stone chimney, which provides fireboxes for each pen. The front facade (east) displays a window and door opening in each pen. The rear (west) elevation features three door openings, one centered in each pen with the middle door providing access to the loft area.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1876, the Stokes-Taylor House is the earliest post-Civil War log house documented in the county. Constructed of logs and covered with weatherboards, the house is the only saddlebag structure in the county. The lack of evidence of chinking or clapboard covering of the gaps between the logs indicates that the weatherboard could be part of the original construction which is unique in the county. The original stairway, doors, and one fire mantel are intact despite its present use as a hay barn.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , is bounded on the north, south, east and west by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the four major facades of the house.

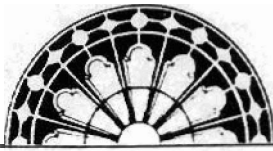
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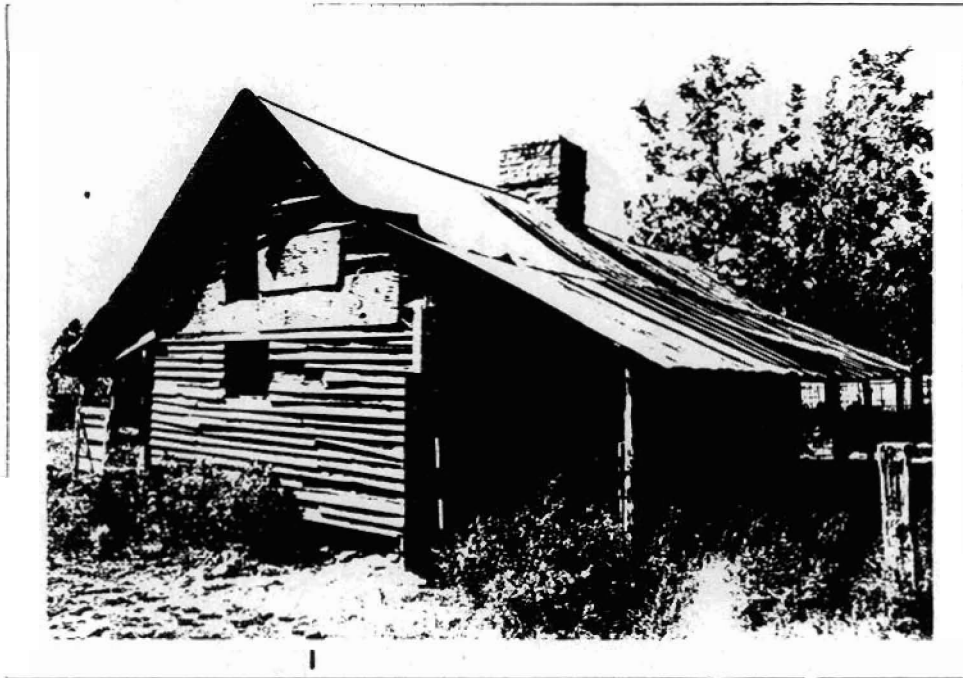
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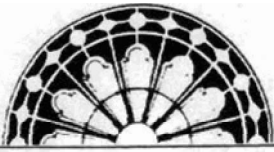


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