

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-43

Owner Mr. Mark Davis

Property Name John Bettis House

Address Box 14

Location Pleasant Grove

Pleasant Grove, AR 72567

Significant Date/s c.1929

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The John Bettis House is located at Pleasant Grove in southeast Stone County. The c. 1929 Bettis House is built on an irregular plan and reflects a Craftsman influence. The one and one-half story frame house is covered with weatherboard and constructed on a continuous stone foundation. Its roof is comprised of four intersecting clip gable end configurations. The clip gable ends are trimmed with boxed eaves and slopes of the roof feature exposed rafter ends. The most dominate clip gable faces southeast, with its exaggerated slopes covering almost half of the house. Placed on its exaggerated southwest slope is clip gable roofed dormer. Like its larger counterparts, the clipped portion is trim while the slope displays exposed rafter ends. Two four-vertical light windows are placed in the dormer face. A brick chimney protrudes from the back (northeast) slope of the dominant gable. A brick flue is placed in the rear clip gable section of the house. A distinguishable cornice board is applied on all four sides of the house above the first floor fenestrations. The first story fenestration on all elevations consists of variously-sized window openings, but have the same four-over-one double-hung windows with each of the upper sashes displaying four-vertical lights. The windows have modest classical surrounds.

The principle elevation (southwest) consists of a clip gable room projection and a recessed porch area. The clip gable end room is identified by the asymmetrical placement of the first floor windows. The fenestration consists of a single window opening and a series of three small window openings. A pair of four-vertical light windows are positioned under the boxed eaves of the gable end. The recessed porch roof is part of the exaggerated slope of the southeast gable. The porch's roof and cornice are supported by battered columns on brick pedestals. The roof is distinguished by exposed rafter ends. Under the porch, two single leaf entries allow access to the front rooms of the main block of the house. The southeast front room entrance is flanked by large window openings.

The southeast elevation is dominated by a clip gable end with exaggerated slopes to the northeast and southwest of the elevation. The roof is trimmed with boxed eaves. A pair of window openings of the same configuration and surrounds as on the first floor are placed in the gable. About a third of the first floor is occupied by the porch area. Its fenestration consists of different-size window openings.

The northeast (rear) elevation contains the back slope of the southeast gable and a projecting clipgable end room. Its fenestration consists of fairly uniformly sized window openings. The back slope of the house covers a recessed screened-in porch area. A rectangular gable-roofed room is attached to the rear of the gable end room. Its fenestration is concentrated on the southeast side.

The northwest elevation of the house is distinguished by a large clip gable end roof. The gable end is trimmed with box eaves. The window placement and design of the southeast gable end is reiterated on this elevation. Under the gable is a window opening encased by a single bay projection covered by a shed roof with exposed rafter ends. The remaining first floor elevation, to either side of the bay, consists of single window openings of varied sizes.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Bettis House is the earliest documented farmhouse that broke from the traditional stereotype farmhouse found in Stone County. Built c. 1929, the Bettis House displays strong Craftsman elements in its design. The incorporation of the craftsman/bungalow house into Stone County's homesteads represents a popular alternative to the traditional style farmhouses, particularly after World War II.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S25, R9W, T14N, is bounded on the southwest by Highway 14 and on the northeast, southeast and northwest by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the three elevations of the house.

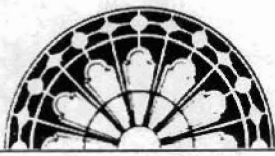
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Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

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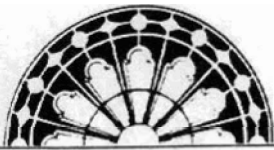
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Viewed from the southwest



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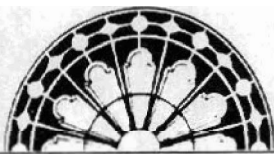
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