

Survey Number CH-1
 Property Name Henry Pyeatte House
 Location West of Highway 45
 Construction Date c. 1866

Owner Mr. & Mrs. Joe K. Boyd
 Address P.O. Box 77, Canehill, AR 72717

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located on a secluded hilltop site, the Henry Pyeatte House is a two-story, single pile, woodframe structure with one-story additions to the east and west side elevations. Raised above grade on a foundation wall of coursed fieldstone, the house is faced with beveled siding and capped with shallow gable roof with box cornice. A two-story cross-gable-roofed portico projects from the symmetrical facade on simple box columns; a shed-roofed porch was added in 1961. Original fenestration consists of six-over-six light double-hung rectangular windows and a double-leaf entrance with six-light transom and sidelights provides principal access to the house. Brick chimneys mark the gable-ends of the house.

In plan, the original section of the Pyeatte House presents a traditional central hall arrangement, with central hall surrounded by four rooms on the first floor and two rooms above. Although the interior of the house has been remodeled, three of the four original fireplaces and the central stair with its simple sawn balusters remains intact.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in the late 1860's the Henry Pyeatte House reflects the post-Civil War redevelopment of Canehill with significance both as an example of that period's architecture and as the home of a descendant of one of the town's founding families. Henry Pyeatte was the son of John Rankin Pyeatte, one of the founders of the Canehill community in 1828 and the builder of the area's oldest woodframe house. The younger Pyeatte built this house after returning from service in the Civil War. It is constructed on land that originally was part of John Rankin Pyeatte's property. Architecturally the house is among Canehill's best surviving examples of the traditional "I" house, here influenced, as evidenced by its prominent two-story portico, by the Greek Revival forms more closely associated with the antebellum period that continued to impact the first structures erected after the war. The scale and proportions of the original single pile retain their integrity in spite of twentieth-century additions. With the John Rankin Pyeatte House extensively altered and substantially deteriorated, the Henry Pyeatte House provides an important connection with one of Canehill's first families.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"

Acreage more or less 2.5 acres

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

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| Zone <u>15</u> | (A) Easting <u>374160</u> | Northing <u>3975600</u> | (B) Easting <u>374260</u> | Northing <u>3975600</u> |
| | (C) Easting <u>374260</u> | Northing <u>3975500</u> | (D) Easting <u>374160</u> | Northing <u>3975500</u> |

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
Attachment A

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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Verbal Boundary Description NW1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 4, T14N, R32W.

Justification of the accompanying 2.5 acres is based on what is considered the
highest concentration of outbuildings and human activity surrounding the
house during its period of significance; therefore protecting the land most
valuable for potential historic archeological study.
