

Survey Number CH-14Owner Nellie Jones CooperProperty Name E.W. McClellan HouseAddress 1703 S. Houston StreetLocation West of Highway 45Kaufman, Texas 75142Construction Date c. 1866

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located on a picturesque hilltop to the southwest of the town center, the McClellan House exerts a monumental presence on its secluded farmstead site. It is a finely proportioned two-story single-pile "I" house of woodframe construction on a stone foundation wall with a two-story ell addition to the rear. The weatherboard-faced structure is capped with a gable roof with overhanging box cornice with raking cornices in the gable ends. A two-story gable-roofed portico articulates the entrance to the house. Simple box columns carry the portico which forms a front porch and second floor balcony and the portico's raking cornice creates the impression of a triangular pediment. The double-leaf principal entrance features sidelights and a multi-light transom. Six-over-six-light double-hung windows with shutters comprise the fenestration of the symmetrical facade. An enclosed two-story porch, contemporary with the circa 1900 construction of the ell obscures the original fabric of the rear elevation. The house was designed on the traditional central hall plan. Several woodframe outbuildings, most of twentieth-century construction, are located on the site, but a stone springhouse located behind the house is of particular interest.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McClellan House presents a finely crafted example of the Greek Revival-influenced vernacular architecture that contributes to the diversity of Canehill's built environment. The house is of particular significance because, in spite of its late date of construction, it affords an accurate representation of the design sensibilities prevalent in the community before the Civil War. It was actually planned before the war, but its construction was postponed as the confrontation reached Canehill. Enhanced by its commanding site, the McClellan House presents quite a sophisticated interpretation of the antebellum Greek Revival style. Particularly impressive in this connection are its finely crafted box columns, striking proportions, and pedimented gable ends. With later alterations confined unobtrusively to the rear of the structure, the original single pile retains a high degree of its late 1860's integrity.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"Acreage more or less 2.5 acresQuadrangle Name Lincoln, ArkQuadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

15	(A) Easting	<u>373865</u>	Northing	<u>3974820</u>	(B) Easting	<u>373960</u>	Northing	<u>3974790</u>
	(C) Easting	<u>373930</u>	Northing	<u>3974675</u>	(D) Easting	<u>373840</u>	Northing	<u>3974730</u>

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
Attachment A

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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Verbal Boundary Description NW1/4, SE1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4 of Section 8, 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 future historic archeological study.