

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-49
Anderson Boarding
Property Name House
Address 201 Main
City Clarendon, AR
Significant Date/s 1921

Rosemary Benton (power of
attorney: Jo Claire and
Owner Bob English
Address 209 Second
Clarendon, AR 72029

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The one-and-a-half story house at 201 Main was constructed in 1921 specifically to be a boarding house. The house contains a projecting Bungalow-type front gable porch. The central wooden doorway contains side lights and is flanked by two large double-hung, one over one windows. The house has a huge forty-two foot long central hall flanked by three bedrooms on each side. The hall empties into a thirty-six foot long dining room through sliding wooden doors. Upstairs are two smaller bedrooms and two small storage rooms divided by a smaller central hall. The gable roof has exposed rafter ends on the north and south side and several gable extensions. On the south side, a sleeping porch extends out from near the center of the house, while a smaller extension near the end of the house contains a small bath. On the north side, a huge dormer window extends out from the roofline. The boarding house was cut into separate apartments in the 1950's with doors cut between the downstairs bedrooms which before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted to a kitchen, and the sleeping porch on the south side was also converted into a kitchen.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Anderson Boarding House is the last boarding house in Clarendon. It is also the only boarding house constructed in Clarendon to specifically be a boarding house, as opposed to a single-family dwelling that was later adapted to be a boarding house. Most of the other boarding houses had workers from the lumber mills, railroads, and other local factories as tenants. Built for Lucy Sebastian Anderson in 1921, this house was designed and constructed specifically to be a boarding house for a more cultured clientele with more elegant furnishings than the average boarding houses in the town. This bungalow boarding house sits in the center of the residential neighborhood on Main Street, just north of the courthouse and business district. As the local industries and railroads faded, the need for boarding houses in Clarendon faded as well. However, the Anderson Boarding House stayed in

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existence for many years, taking advantage of its close proximity to the river and the downtown commercial area, while still existing in a quiet neighborhood setting. In the early 1950's shortly after Lucy Anderson died in 1949, Sarah Anderson Pamphlin altered the house to accommodate separate apartments. Doors were cut to connect the bedrooms that before only opened into the central hall, the third room on the north side was converted into a kitchen, and the south side sleeping porch was also converted into a kitchen. The impressive forty-two foot long central hall remains intact with its sliding wooden doors opening into the large dining room. The house has been vacant since the mid-1970's, and is presently owned by Rosemary Benton. It remains unique in Clarendon for its design and continued success as a local boarding house under the guidance of Lucy Sebastian Anderson.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
Lots 13, 14 Block 4

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

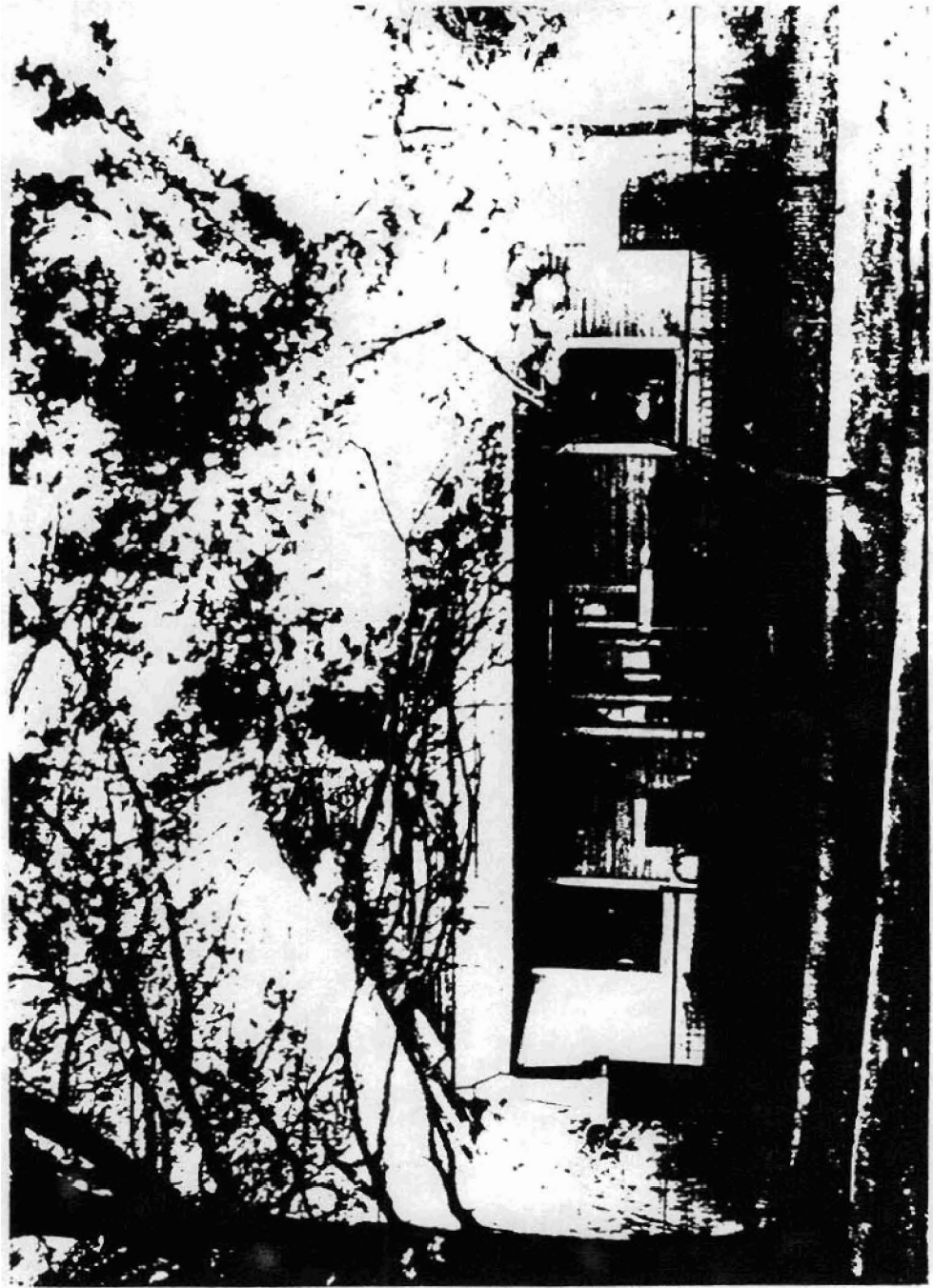
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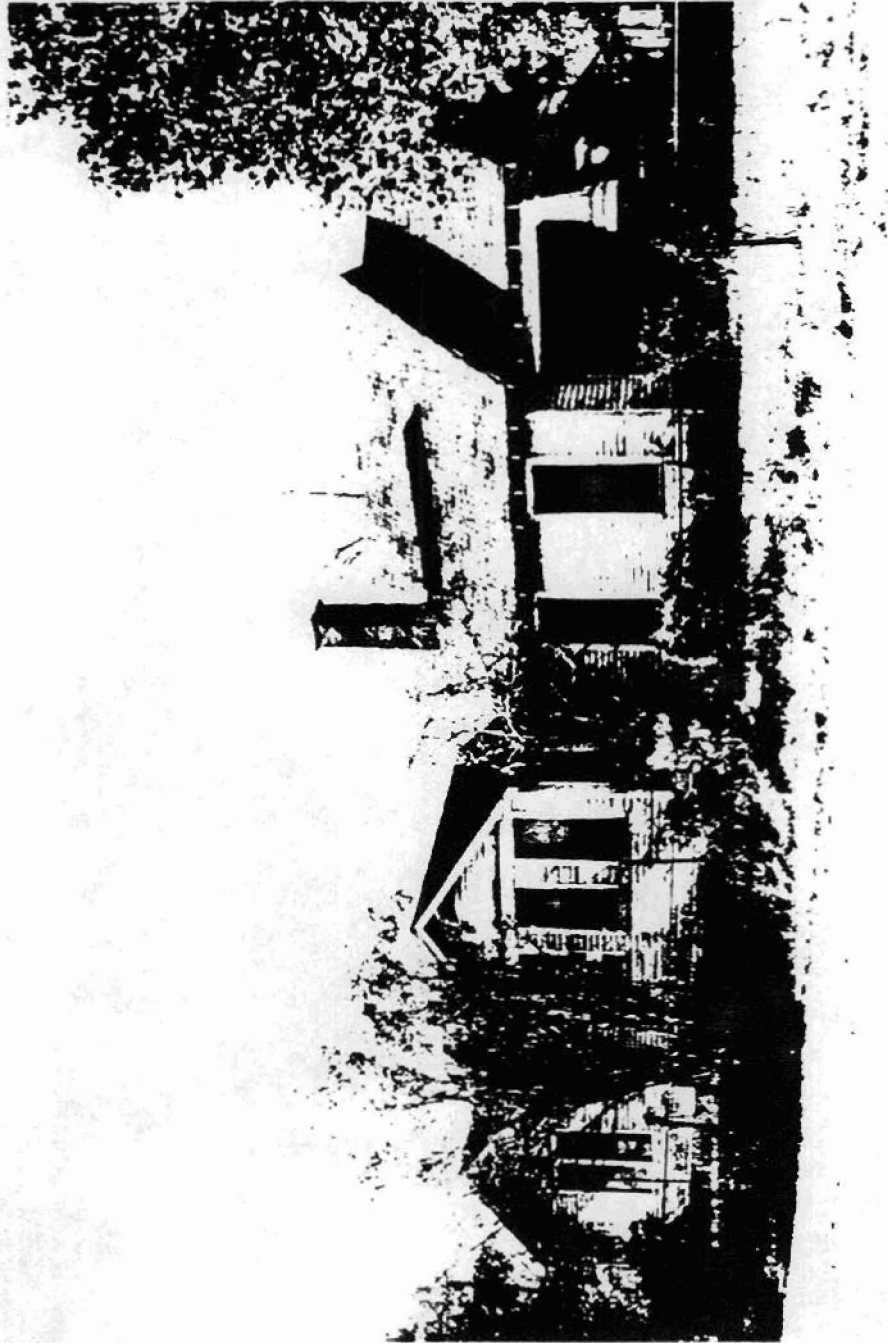
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Easting: 654180

Northing: 3840370



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Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the East



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