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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-26

Owner Mr. Howard Abernathy

Property Name Jessie Abernathy House

Address Concord, AR 72523

Location Marcella

Significant Date/s 1884

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located east of Highway 14 at Marcella in southeast Stone County, the 1884 Jessie Abernathy House has a central hall with an original rear ell plan. With the central hall facing east, the three-room ell extends from the south end of principal block. The framed weatherboard house sits on stone piers and is covered by intersecting gable roofs.

The principal (east) elevation displays a three-quarter length porch. The hip roof of the porch is supported by four turned posts with decorative bracketing. The symmetrical facade has two window placements on either side of the central door. The windows are two-over-two double-hung with simple classical surrounds. The door consists of four lights over a wood panel. The central hall north gable end has a two-over-two double-hung window placed in the center.

The rear (west) elevation features the three-room ell, which is covered with an unusually steep gable roof that slopes extensively on the north side to create the porch roof. Six boxed columns with simple classical capitals support the porch roof. The rear door of the central hall opens onto the ell's porch. The facade features a single door entry to each room with a two-over-two window placed between the first and second door. Two interior brick flues protrude from the roof line. Two exterior wall materials, weatherboard and asbestos siding cover the gable end.

The south elevation of the house consists of the central hall gable and the side elevation of the ell. The gable end presents a two-over-two window placement. The ell features the same window configurations as on the east elevation and an attached shed porch addition. The stone ancillary structures located west of the ell are not significant to the 1884 house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jessie Abernathy House is representative of a number of post-Civil War houses in eastern Stone County that exhibited an awareness of period architecture. The 1884 central hall house displays a vernacular interpretation of high style architectural elements on its porches and window surrounds. The Abernathy House, located in Marcella, is associated with Thomas M. Hess, a prominent entrepreneur in the county, who had the house built for a wedding present to his daughter.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S6, R8W, T13N, is bounded on the north and

east by unimproved roads and on the south and west by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the two elevations of the house.

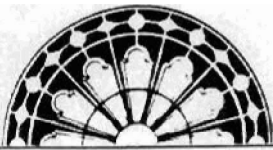
Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

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Northing: 3960790



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