

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-41

Owner Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Ford

Property Name Zachariah Ford House

Address Pleasant Grove, AR 72567

Location vic. of Pleasant Grove

Significant Date/s c.1856/1885

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Located approximately three miles east of St. James in the southeast section of Stone County, the Zachariah Ford House stands within a mile of a bluff that rises from the White River in the east and adjacent to the area's original road to the west. The log house is oriented on a north-south axis. The present-day dogtrot reflects two major construction stages. Zachariah Ford constructed the first pen with a loft around 1856. About thirty years later, c. 1885, his son George built the second pen and open hall to the east of the earlier pen. George Ford covered the pens with a gable roof. The roof was extended on the north side to create the porch roof and the principal facade. The porch roof is supported by chamfered posts. The house rests on a stone pier foundation.

A centered batten door distinguishes the principal facade of the c. 1856 pen from the later pen which features an off-centered, two-over-two double-hung window. The pens are further distinguished by the notching of the logs; the earlier pen displays square notching, while the later exhibits a half-dovetail technique. The open hall provides shelter for the c. 1885 pen's only entrance and an additional entry into the earlier pen. This entry was cut out at the time of the second pen's construction. Both doors display a four-paneled wood design.

Stone chimneys are attached to the west and east gable ends of the house. The older chimney, on the west gable, is made of rough hewn stone and is wider at its firebox and shaft sections than the later chimney. The c. 1885 chimney displays a finer craftsmanship in stone cutting and design. Each gables has a single window openings set next to each chimney.

The rear elevation (south) features shed room additions on each pen. The shed attached to the c. 1856 pen has a batten door flanked by two small window openings. Although its construction date is unknown, the shed's batten door, similar to the front door, and some of the older weatherboards seem to indicate an earlier construction than the c. 1885 pen. The second shed room was probably part of the c. 1885 construction stage of the house. The room is faced with a more recent board and batten material. A pair of four-pane windows set high on the south wall.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zachariah Ford House typifies the evolution of an original single pen log house into an expanded dogtrot plan. It is also an excellent resource to observe the log and stone craftsmanship of two successive generations. The ori-

ginal western pen was constructed by Zachariah Ford in 1856 after he received the land from his service in the Mexican War. The single pen cabin used rough hewn logs joined with square notching and a hewn stacked stone chimney on the gable end. The cabin contains a loft and was accessible by a ladder attached to the west wall. The second pen was added circa 1885 by Zachariah's son, George Ford, who joined the two pens with a breezeway, forming the present dogtrot plan. The hewn logs are joined by half dovetail notching. The pen also has a hewn stone chimney on its gable end.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of S8, R8W, T14N, is bounded on the north, south, east and west by lines running parallel to and 100 ft. from the four major facades of the house.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Bethesda

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 602240

Northing: 3967910



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Negative on file at the AHPP  
Viewed form the north

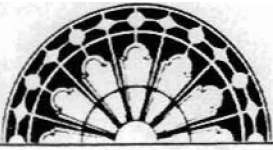


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