

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-128

Owner Mr. Guy Lancaster

Property Name William Dillard Homestead Address Route 71, Box 502

Location Round Bottom

Mountain View, AR 72560

Significant Date/s c.1837

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The William Dillard Homestead is located in the Round Bottom area which is adjacent the White River in northeast Stone County. William Dillard built his homestead on the second bench mark above the bottomland. Only Dillard's single pen log house and double log crib barn remain of the c. 1837 homestead.

The log cabin, now used as a barn, is built on stack stone piers and covered by a gable roof. The outstanding feature of the roof is its purlin roof construction with tapered logs in its gable ends. The pen, facing south, measures 18' x 20'. Its walls are made of hewn logs locked together with V-notching. Today, the south elevation is distinguished by a shed roof extending from the original roof and creating a feeding area. The north and east sides of the cabin have attached box constructed sheds. The west elevation is identified by a large rectangular opening that was once occupied by an exterior gable end chimney. The area is enclosed with vertical boards and a batten door.

The double log crib barn is situated on a bench mark below the cabin. A dirt road, the main access into the area, divides the two structures. The barn, facing east, has a central driveway separating two 18' x 13½' cribs. The cribs sit on stack stone piers. A gable roof covers the entire structure. Each crib is divided by an interior log partition. Batten doors, placed on the east elevation, identify the smaller crib spaces. Today, the central drive is enclosed to create additional storage space. A shed roof is attached to the rear (west) elevation. Rustic wood posts support the roof creating an open shed.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Dillard Homestead represents the oldest homestead found in Stone County. The surviving house and barn reflects the type of structures and materials used in the early settlement period of Stone County. The homestead was built adjacent to the White River at Round Bottom, an area of early settlement in Stone County. Built by William Dillard c. 1837, the single pen log cabin features a purlin roof, which is uncommon in the area and representative of an early construction method. The cabin is rectangular, and its rough hewn logs are joined together with "V" notching. The William Dillard Homestead includes a fine example of a log double-crib barn made of rough hewn logs joined with saddle notching.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SW¼ of the NE¼ of S15, R10W, T15N. An improved road divides the house and barn. The

house is bounded on the east by the road, and on the north, south and west by lines running parallel to and 25' from the three major facades of the house. The barn is bounded on the west by the road and on the north, south and east by lines running parallel to and 25' from the three major facades of the barn.

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Quadrangle Name: Sylamore

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 587090
587170

Northing: 3976780
3976810 (barn)

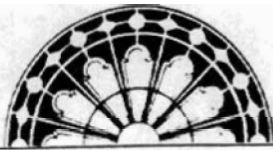


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Viewed from the southeast

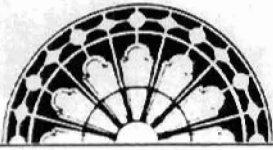


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