

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
BLAKELY HOUSE  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
ARKANSAS HIGHWAY 84  
CITY, TOWN  
SOCIAL HILL  
STATE  
ARKANSAS  
VICINITY OF  
X  
CODE  
05  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
FOURTH  
COUNTY  
HOT SPRING  
CODE  
059

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
VICTOR C. ANDERSON

STREET & NUMBER  
ROUTE 4, BOX 86 AA  
CITY, TOWN  
MALVERN  
VICINITY OF  
X  
STATE  
ARKANSAS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
STREET & NUMBER  
HOT SPRING COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
CITY, TOWN  
MALVERN  
STATE  
ARKANSAS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT

—DETERIORATED

—GOOD

—RUINS

X FAIR

—UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED

X ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE

—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blakely House is a simple, one-storey residence of clapboard over log construction with rear additions of frame construction. The house rests on a high stone foundation with a dirt cellar underneath.

A veranda with shed roof supported by simple wood posts extends across the facade. The centered entry with sidelights is flanked by tall windows which reach almost to the porch floor. Outside end chimneys of native stone flank the rectilinear structure and rise above the ridge line of the gable roof.

An unusual architectural feature is the wide overhang of the roof. The gable eaves on the east and west side elevations extend about four feet from the wall surface of the house to completely cover the massive fireplace chimneys.

Another unusual feature in a house of this style is the interior woodwork. Both the original house and the first addition have molded door and window trim with bull's-eye corner blocks. The doors have four panels, and the windows are two-light, double-hung sash. Though not identical, the two mantelpieces are both of simple wood construction with molded pilasters flanking the hearth opening.

When originally constructed in 1874 the Blakely House was a two-room log house with a dog-trot and with a shed roof veranda across the front. It was probably about 1890 when a shed-roof addition was made across the rear of the house and the open breezeway was enclosed. Around the turn-of-the-century a second addition was made across the rear elevation. This consisted of a dirt-floored lean-to which served as an enclosed porch. Another alteration took place about 1900 when the log walls were covered with clapboard siding. The house has retained its present size and appearance throughout the twentieth century.

The Blakely House is typical of the houses constructed in rural Arkansas in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Originating in a dog-trot style of log construction, the house was gradually enlarged and improved according to the owner's needs and finances.

Though the Blakely House suffered through some years of inattention and for a time was even used for hay storage, the house is now in fairly good condition. The present owner, Mr. Victor C. Anderson, currently resides in the Blakely House and is in the process of restoring the structure.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 20-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Greenberry Blakely

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blakely House in Hot Spring County was built in 1874 by the son of one of the county's earliest settlers. Greenberry Blakely constructed his log house in the dog-trot style typical of nineteenth-century rural Arkansas architecture. Like other early settlers Blakely enlarged and improved his home as his family grew and his finances permitted. The present Blakely House is a good example of an improved Arkansas dog-trot style house.

The Blakely family was one of the pioneer families in the Hot Spring County area. About 1820 Adam Blakely settled in the area and in 1837 purchased a farm near the Social Hill community. In rich bottom land between the Ouachita River and Blakely Creek, Adam Blakely operated a successful farm. He and his wife, Sarah Greenberry Blakely, raised a large family; the youngest of the children was Greenberry Blakely.

About 1875 Greenberry Blakely married Martha Ingersell and moved his bride into the two-room, dog-trot-style log house he had built in 1874. Blakely and his widowed mother had been living at the site in a smaller log house. After the new house was completed the smaller house was used as a barn.

By 1880 Greenberry and Martha Blakely had two children. Also living with them were Blakely's mother and Mrs. Blakely's sister, Susan Ingersell. Their growing family made enlargement of the two-room house a necessity. Though the exact date is uncertain, it was probably about 1890 that a shed-roof addition was made across the rear elevation of the house. Further improvements were made about 1900 when the log house was sheathed in clapboard.

Greenberry Blakely lived in this house until his death in 1935, and for a number of years the house remained in the family. In 1975 it was purchased by the present owner, Victor C. Anderson. Though in a somewhat deteriorated condition, Mr. Anderson is currently working to restore and preserve the Blakely House.

The Blakely House carries the family name of one of Hot Spring County's first settlers, and is among the oldest structures still standing in the area. Originating as a dog-trot-style log structure, Blakely House typifies the changes made when a farmer's family and income increased.

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For both its historic and architectural significance, this century-old structure is an important landmark in Hot Spring County.

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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 497640 3799120  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C         

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

DIANNA KIRK, HISTORIAN  
ORGANIZATION

DATE

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM  
STREET & NUMBER

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975  
TELEPHONE

300 WEST MARKHAM

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

LITTLE ROCK

ARKANSAS

## STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL ✓

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE ANNE BARTLEY

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CITY, TOWN SOCIAL HILL

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE  
ARKANSAS

COUNTY  
HOT SPRING

## 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT DIANNA KIRK

DATE OF PHOTO SUMMER, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

## 4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH

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INTERIOR OF WEST FRONT ROOM, NOTE DETAIL OF MANTLEPIECE  
AND WINDOW TRIM.

PHOTO NO.  
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HOT SPRING

STATE  
ARKANSAS

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DE ROCHE QUADRANGLE

SCALE

1:24000

DATE

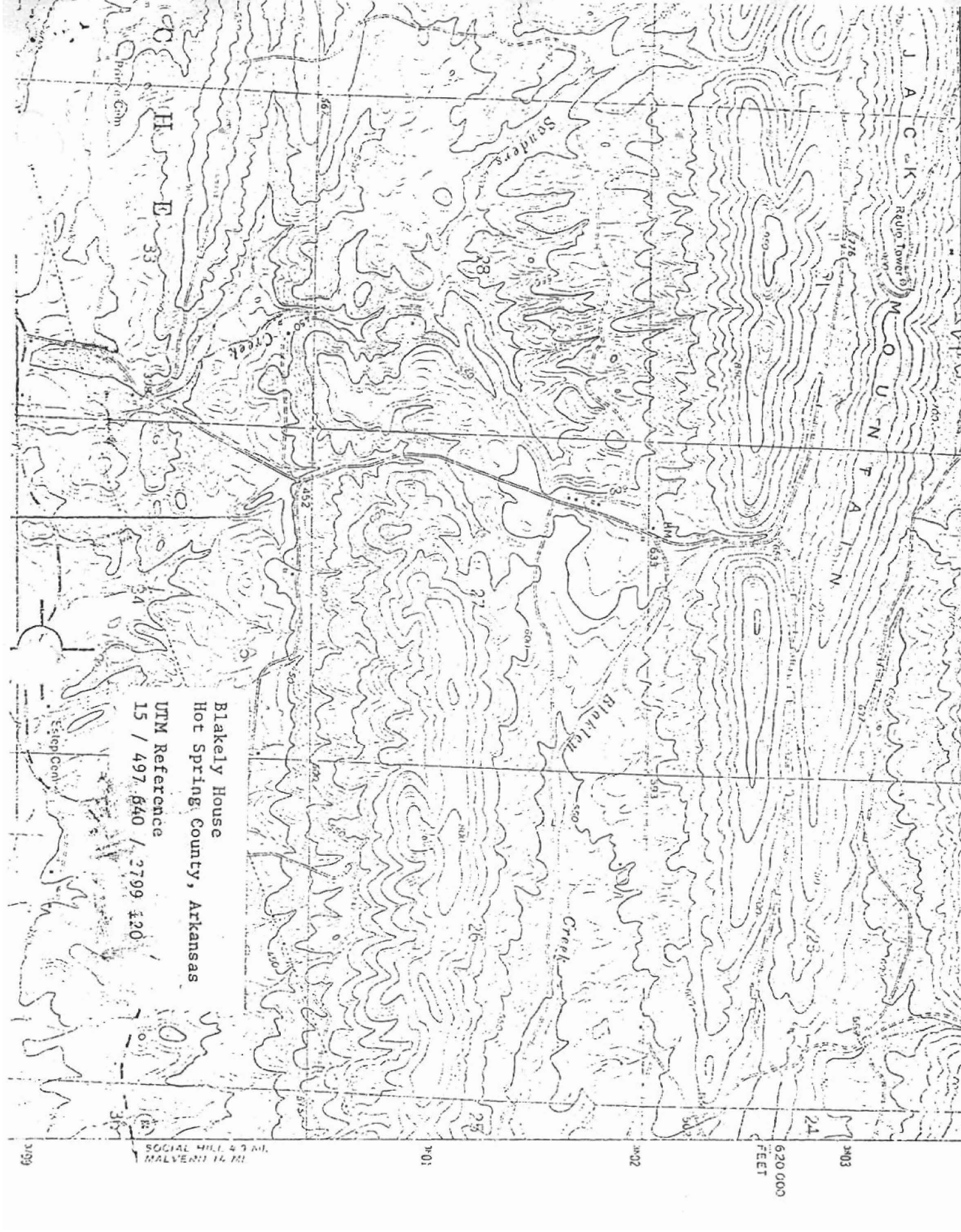
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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Blakely House  
Hot Spring County, Arkansas  
UTM Reference  
15 / 497.640 / 2799.420

SOCIAL HILL 4.3 MI.  
MALVERN 14 MI.



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2

Blakely 182  
HOT SPRING

