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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF EVENING SHADE  
HARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ES-12  
Property Name John McCaleb House  
Location Main Street, Evening Shade  
Significant Date/s ca. 1900

Owner Clara Carpenter  
Address Main Street  
Evening Shade, AR 72532

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The John McCaleb House is located on a corner lot at Main Street and Sidney Road in the west part of town. The house is basically a rectangular shaped one-and one-half story wood frame structure with a steep hipped roof containing cross gables and dormers.

The west side of the front (north) elevation contains a cross gabled projection with a double hung one-over-one window with cathedral lights on the perimeter of the top light and a double hung one-over-one window in each of two chamfered corners of the projecting bay. The gable, supported by corner brackets with pendants, contains a pair of double hung twenty-eight over one windows and decorative wood shingles. A similar window with a multi-paned light over one light penetrates th gable roofed attic porch that protrudes from the center of the main roof. The attic porch contains a geometric balustrade and vergeboards which create a round arch. Projecting from this east side of the roof is an octagonal tower with an octagonal domed roof carried on brackets. The tower contains three double hung six-over-six windows and one double hung one-over-one window with cathedral lights on the perimeter of the top pane. A shed-roofed porch supported by turned posts and jig saw cut brackets covers two-thirds of the front and east facades. A triangular pediment projecting from the shed roof exists over the main entry. The entry consists of a single door and a one light moveable transom.

The main doorway opens into an entry containing vertical pine paneling and a simple staircase with massive balusters and newel posts. The entry window and door facings are fluted with bull's eye corner blocks, a treatment used throughout the house. A set of double pocket doors separate the entry from the west study. Separating a central hall from the entry is a spindled frieze. Rooms flanking the hall still contain their original fabric including wallpaper and Eastlake influenced mantels. The attic story also contains a central hall beyond the stairwell. Rooms on this floor also contain their original fabric including wallpaper over horizontal boards, vertical pine paneling, or plaster or combinations thereof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John McCaleb House is of outstanding architectural significance in Evening Shade. The house was constructed ca. 1900 by John McCaleb, an associate owner of Evening Shade Roller Mill. The mill, Evening Shade's major historic manufacturer, supplied the lumber used in the construction of the house. The John McCaleb House, with its projecting bays, multi-paned windows and tower is unique in scale, plan, and eclectic Victorian esthetic in Evening Shade.

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Verbal Boundary Description 4-16-6, Town Lot 82

Acreage less than one

Quadrangle Name Evening Shade Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 623720 Northing 3992455