

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-251

Owner Mrs. Artie Douthett

Property Name Joe Guffey House

Address Route 4, Box 230

Location Old Lexington

Clinton, AR 72031

Significant Date/s c.1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Joe Guffey House is located along Highway 110 at Old Lexington in the southwest corner of Stone County. Built c. 1900, the Guffey House reflects a T-shaped plan made of two components. The primary section of the house is a double pen plan that faces south towards the highway. A central rear ell completes the T-plan. Sitting on stone piers, the frame weatherboard house, trimmed with simple classical corner pilasters, is one and one-half stories high and covered by a cross gable roof configuration. A wide cornice board is applied under the roof's boxed eaves.

The principal facade faces south and is dominated by a single bay porch with an oversized pediment. The porch is supported by four square posts. An imbricated diamond shingle pattern framed in wide boards make up the facade of the pediment. A leaf-like design bargeboard is also displayed on the pediment. The double pen facade has a window-door-door-window pattern. The windows are two-over-two double-hung and framed in simple classical surrounds. Recessed under the porch is a unique arrangement of the doors. The door to each pen is located in splay entry space.

The gable ends of the double pen section of the house define the east and west elevations. The position of windows are the same in each gable. A two-over-two window, with simple classical facing, is set in the first floor and a smaller four pane window capped by an oversized hood moulding marks the upper half story.

The centered rear ell defines the north elevation. An interior stone flue projects from the north end of the ell. A first story two-over-two window and a small four-pane window, both with simple surrounds are set in the ell's gable end. The west and east sides of the ell are identical in design. Both have hip-roofed porches covering a two-over-two window and door arrangement.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Joe Guffey built his house in the early 1900's at Old Lexington, one mile south of Arlsburg, which soon become Stone County's only railroad town. The weatherboard house is "T" shaped, with a double pen and centered rear ell. The house features a dominant pedimented porch roof with a decorative bargeboard and imbricated shingles. Recessed under the porch is a unique splay area in which the door of each pen is located.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of S31, R13W, T13N, is bounded on the south by Highway 10,

and on the north, east and west by lines running parallel to and 100' from the three major facades of the house.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Old Lexington

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 553420

Northing: 3952850

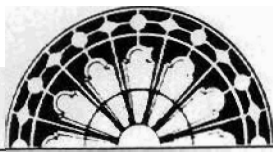


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