

Most Endangered Properties 2006

Bannister Log Dog Trot House, Bannister Road, near Coolidge

History: This house is significant for its architecture and association with one of the areas oldest families. It is one of a few surviving log houses on their original location in Thomas County. Its form is that of a dog trot, which has a covered open passageway between two rooms, and chimneys on each end. In the South, houses such as these also have full-width porches. This house is a notable example of the type and form.

Threat: The house sits abandoned on a country road. It is being demolished through neglect. It is open to the elements, increasing its rate of deterioration.

Solution: Landmarks urges the owner to consider stabilizing or rehabilitating the house. If that is not feasible, Landmarks recommends that the house be sold and moved to a location where it can be preserved.



Left: The Bannister Log Dog Trot is a prime example of a house of its type. The porch roof obscures the beauty of its form, but the structure of the main part is intact.



Left: The dog trot open passageway in the center of the house shows the construction technique of round and hewn logs with chinking.