

# Opened at Dedication

Rock as Louisiana's longtime Governor Huey P. Long had been at Baton Rouge. "But I told them I wanted to be buried in the hills that I love."

After the usual introductions, Miss Izard County (Miss Barbara Southard of Melbourne) was introduced and said a few words. Faubus was then introduced and gave the dedicatory address. Following his thrilling talk he and the Highway officials attended Miss Izard County while she cut the ribbon officially opening the bridge to the public.

Those at the dedication came from at least six counties; Izard, Marion, Baxter, Stone, Independence and Fulton.

The bridge, which is 813

feet long and cost \$428,000, replaced a current-powered ferry boat which runs on a cable across the river. Mr. E.C. Rodman, Calico Rock banker and master of ceremonies for the dedication commented, "many thousands now will cross the bridge going to the Blanchard Spring area." He said the span will be "of great benefit" for towns all the way from Mountain View to Mountain Home.

The next project for the area will be the hard surfacing of 17 miles of Highway 5 south from the bridge through the National Forest to Mountain View.

The entire community and three counties have given excellent cooperation in the work of securing this much

needed bridge. Our thanks especially go to the editorials written by the Mountain Home, Izard County and Stone County newspapers.

It is a supreme pleasure to drive through the Forest south of the river and look through

the timbered hills, valleys and streams as one travels this Alice of Wonderland on his way toward Blanchard Springs with its resort accommodations and great Caverns it boasts. Come lift your eyes to the hills, there find rest.

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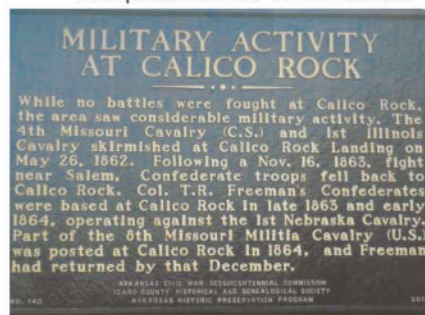
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## 1854 Trimble House

Built by John Newton Trimble, son of James and Phoebe Walker Trimble, early settlers in the area. The house was located 15 miles North of Calico Rock on the original Trimble homestead. Donated by the Claude Russell family, the cabin was moved and restored by the Izard County Historical Society to a new location at 655 Arkansas Hwy. 56 in Calico Rock.

Located across the highway from the Calico Rock Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the interpretative signage at the site tells some of the story of the Trimble family bringing the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination from Tennessee to North Arkansas. The signage also shows some of the details about the process of dismantling the building, moving the logs, and the ultimate restoration process as well as a list of the original donors to the project. Also shown is the process of dating the logs through tree ring dating (dendrochronology) by Dr. David Stahle of the University of Arkansas. He determined the logs were cut in 1853-54 of virgin pine timber, hand hewed and double dovetail notched for the corners. The house is furnished in period pieces, some of which were donated by descendants of the Trimble family. Also on the site is a Civil War marker describing the military maneuvers around Calico Rock during and after the Civil War. Placed by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.



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