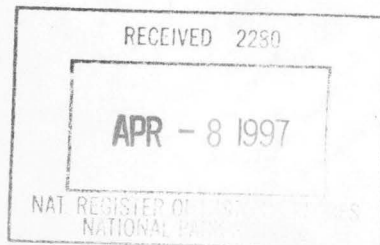


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Camp Methodist Church

Other Name/Site Number: FU 0067

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2. Location

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Street & Number: Arkansas Highway 9

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Camp

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Fulton Code: AR 049 Zip Code: 72520

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Sater  
Signature of certifying official  
Date 3-27-97

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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Barry Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

Current : Religion Sub: Religious Facility

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Other: Plain Traditional  
Gothic Revival

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal  
walls Weatherboard other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**Summary**

Constructed c. 1878, the Camp Methodist Church is a single-story frame building resting upon a new continuous stone foundation and covered by a steeply pitched, metal-clad gable roof. The roof is adorned by a bell tower, which also is capped by a metal gable roof. There are no extant chimneys. A classroom addition was added to the rear of the building in 1959. The interior has been altered by the application of modern wood panelling on the walls and the sloped sections of the tray ceiling. Located on Arkansas Highway 9 in Camp, the church is in good condition.

**Elaboration**

Constructed c. 1878, the Camp Methodist Church is a single-story frame building resting upon a new continuous stone foundation and covered by a steeply pitched, metal-clad gable roof. The roof is adorned by a bell tower which projects from the center of the front facade and is capped by a metal end gable roof. Exterior walls are sheathed with white-painted weatherboard. There are no extant chimneys.

The front, or north, elevation contains a double-leaf entrance with five-panelled wood doors centered in the bell tower and shielded by a small metal

shed roof. No windows are present on this elevation, however the facade profits from two well-placed pointed-arch vents in the bell tower. One of the wood-louvered vents is positioned near the center of the pediment area of the background gable end while the second vent is placed at the peak of the bell tower. Two smaller rectangular wood vents are used on the side elevation of the bell tower and are located just under the eaves.

The side elevations are identically fenestrated with three symmetrically placed, one-over-one, double-hung, pointed arch, wood windows.

Originally a rectangular-plan, one-room structure, the Camp Methodist Church was enlarged in 1959 with the addition of a classroom to the rear of the building. Although this wood-frame, drop-sided addition is covered primarily by a shed roof across the rear of the church, it presents a saltbox appearance when viewed from the side elevations due to its mass extending beyond the width of the church. Both side elevations contain a single six-over-six, double-hung wood window and an inset porch supported by a single wood post. Both porches are oriented to the north with a single-leaf entrance. A concrete handicapped-accessible ramp has been added to the southern porch. The rear elevation of the addition is fenestrated by five of the six-over-six windows with two of them paired in the center of the facade.

The interior of the church has been altered by the application of modern wood panelling over the walls and the two sloped sections of the tray ceiling. A photograph from the early 1980's reveals white-painted walls of unknown composition (perhaps gypsum board) with stained beaded-board wainscoting. The wainscoting is still intact under the current panelling. The original wood flooring remains after being leveled and refinished during the 1980s renovation. A raised stage with pulpit is located at the southern end of the sanctuary. A single-leaf door in the center of the rear wall accesses the classroom addition.

Located on Arkansas Highway 9 in Camp, the church is in good condition. There are no associated outbuildings, and the adjacent cemetery, though historic, is not included in the nomination at this time.



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### 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

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Period(s) of Significance: c. 1878

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

#### Summary

The Camp Methodist Church is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of a rural vernacular frame church with some Gothic Revival-style detailing and as the best example of this type in the Camp community.

#### Elaboration

According to *The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas*, Enos C. Hunter, the first judge of the county court, settled at Indian Camp in 1840. During this period, the Indian Camp community included land along Camp Creek and that part of the South Fork of Spring River that was nearest to present-day Camp. The current community of Camp, which is located six miles northeast of Salem, the Fulton County seat, on Arkansas Highway 9, consolidated in the 1870s with the arrival of the Sutherland family.

B. F. Sutherland moved to the Camp after leaving Tennessee and living in Jackson County, Arkansas for a few years. When his father, Wesley Sutherland, moved to Camp, they obtained farm land, a mercantile store, a grist mill and a cotton gin, all of which were described by Goodspeed in the 1889 publication. A post office was obtained on February 12, 1884. B. F. Sutherland's son, J. N. Sutherland, continued the store, post office and farming until his death in 1960.

As there was no place to worship, B. F. Sutherland and his neighbors cleaned a portion of the gin building and built some seats and started a church. Later a building (pre-dating the nominated property) was purchased and moved to a place near the cemetery and used as a church. It is not the building that stands there today. W. S. Southworth, who was admitted to the Methodist Conference in 1874 was the first Methodist preacher to preach for the Camp Methodist Congregation.

A cemetery was also started sometime during this period. According to local historian Vester Williams in a 1961 newspaper article, "[the cemetery] was used as a public burying ground before 1878, when the church was built there." The church referenced is the current Camp Methodist Church being nominated. Constructed by local carpenters, the new church building also housed school classes until a new facility was built in 1914.

Initially in the Paragould District of the North Arkansas Conference, the Camp Methodist Church was later placed under the jurisdiction of the Mammoth Spring District and finally the Batesville District. By the 1980s, the membership declined to the point that services were discontinued; however, in the summer and fall of 1983, a group of former members gathered at the dilapidated church and decided to renovate the historic structure. Upon completion of the repairs, church services resumed.

The Camp Methodist Church is locally significant under Criterion C as one of the last remaining examples in Fulton County of a rural, one-room, frame church of Plain Traditional construction enhanced with Gothic Revival-style elements.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Information and history submitted by Bess Northcutt, President, Fulton County Historical Society, including information from the following sources:

Personal interviews with Mrs. Herbert Burk and Mrs. Sid Faulconer.

*The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas.*  
Chicago, Nashville, and St. Louis: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889.

Williams, Vester. "Camp, A Very Old Settlement." *Salem Headlight*. November 9, 1961.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other -- Specify Repository: Fulton County Historical Society

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point created by the intersection of the eastern/southeastern curb of Arkansas Highway 9 and a line formed by, yet five feet from, the western elevation of the church, proceed south along said line to its intersection with a line formed by, yet five feet from, the southern elevation of the church; then proceed east along this line to its intersection with a line formed by, yet twenty feet from, the eastern elevation of the church; then proceed north along said line to its intersection with Arkansas Highway 9; then proceed southwesterly along the curb to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes the historic church and surrounding property but excludes the adjacent historic cemetery which has yet to be surveyed.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, National Register Coordinator

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: March 24, 1997

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Camp Methodist Church  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Fulton

DATE RECEIVED: 4/08/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/22/97  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/08/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/23/97  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000402

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5/9/97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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Fulton Co., Arkansas  
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February 1996  
Negative on file at AHPP  
View from the northwest







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View from the northeast



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View from the Southeast







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View from the southwest



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View of window from  
the west







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View of bell tower from  
the northwest



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View of interior from  
the north





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View of church pews



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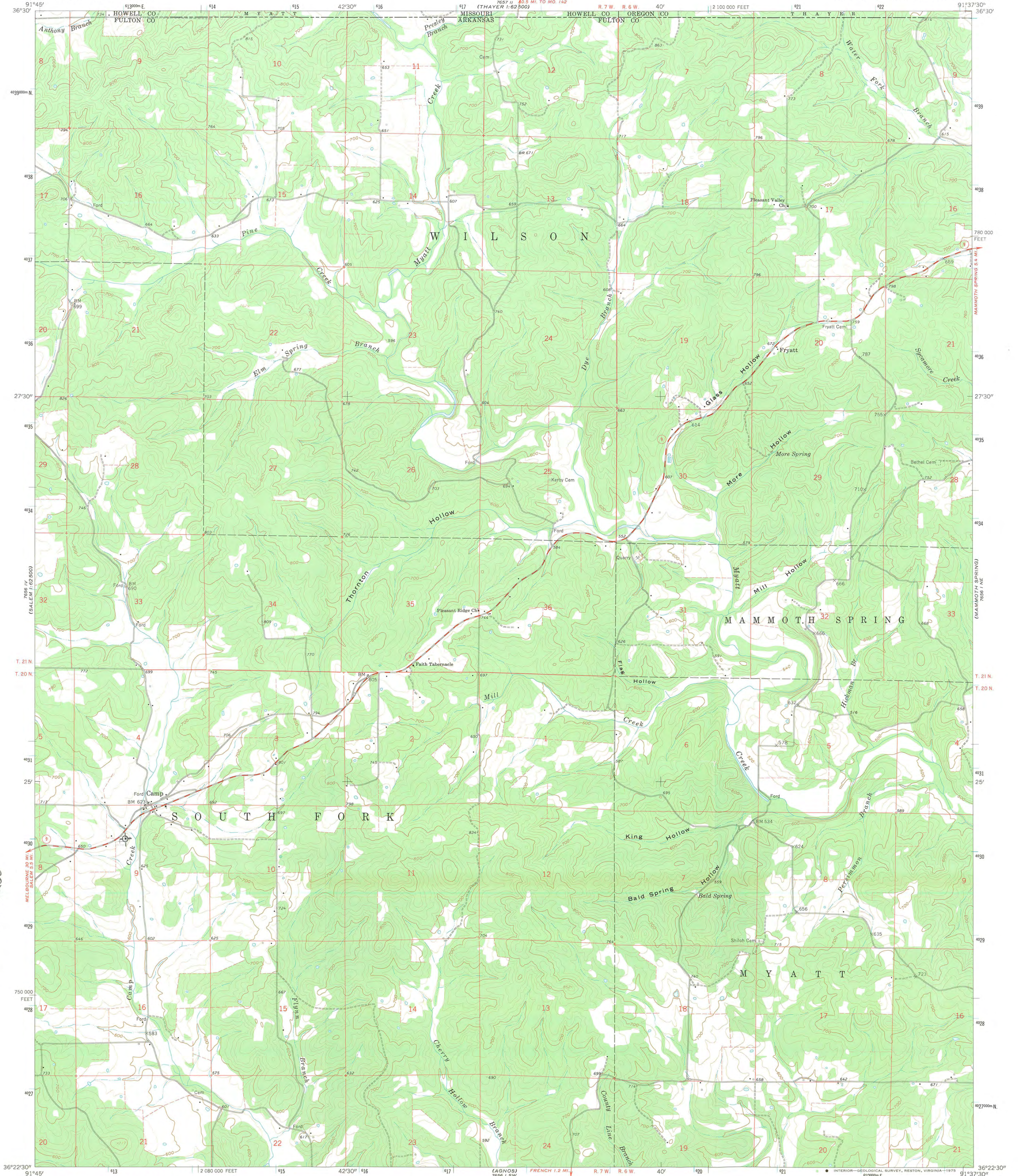
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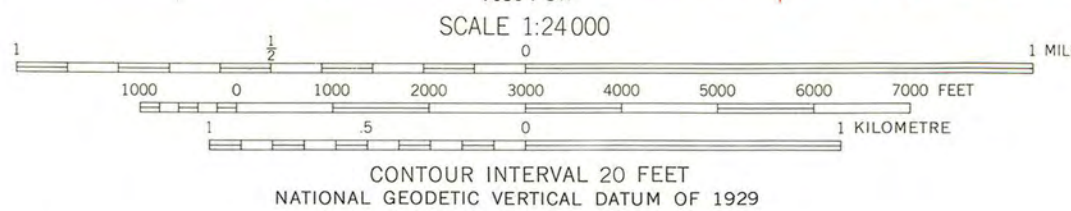
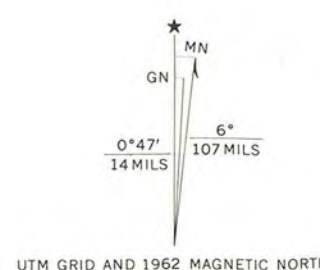


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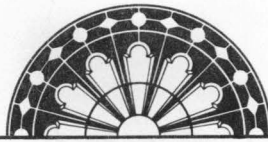
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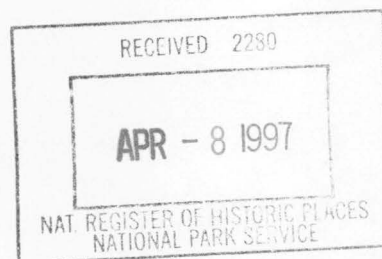




ARKANSAS  
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March 27, 1997

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United State Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, D.C. 20002



RE: Camp Methodist Church  
Fulton County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

