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SEP 17 1985

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY  
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-23  
Property Name ✓ Marcella Church & School  
Location ✓ Marcella AR14  
Significant Date/s c.1900

Owner Church of Christ  
Address c/o Jim Kemp  
Pleasant Grove, AR 72560

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Set back from Highway 14 in eastern Stone County, the Marcella Church and School, built c. 1900, represents the traditional small village church/school building type. Resting on a continuous stone foundation, the structure reflects a symmetrical mass. Rectangular in plan, the building is frame and covered with weatherboard. Its gable roof projects over a wide board cornice. The east and west elevations (non-gable) received identical fenestration treatments. Each consists of five two-over-two double hung windows faced with simple classical surrounds. The same type and treatment applies to the two windows placed in the south (rear) elevation. A central double door entry with simple classical surrounds distinguishes the principal facade (north) in what is otherwise a non-descript solid mass gable end. The double doors and the structure's shingle, pyramid-roofed bell tower are not original.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the turn of the twentieth century, Stone County was divided into 75 school districts. The people in each district were responsible for providing an educational facility. The Marcella Church and School, built around 1900, housed not only the district school, but also the local church. The frame rectangular building is covered with weatherboard and contains a single entry in the front gable facade. It is representative of the rural traditional church and school building.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of S6, R8W, T13N, bounded on the east by Highway 14, on the north by the Thomas E. Hess Homestead, and on the west and south by lines running parallel to and 50 ft. from the two major facades of the church.

Acreage: less than 1  
Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:  
Zone: 15

Easting: 600850

Northing: 3960800

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Stone County MRA  
State ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Dew Drop Inn

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/17/85

32. Dougherty, H. J., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/17/85

33. Lackey General Merchandise and Warehouse

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/17/85

34. Clark-King House

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/17/85

35. Lancaster, John L., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

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Delores Byers 9/17/85

36. Mabry, H. S., Barn

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National Register

for  
Keeper

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37. Marcella Church & School

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National Register

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Keeper

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38. McCarn, Noah, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

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39. Pruitt, Pinky, Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

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40. Roasting Ear Church and School

Entered in the  
National Register

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Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ref #  
85002237

Marcella Church & School (Stone County MRA)  
Stone County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86  
Date Due: 9/2/85 9/28/85  
Action: ACCEPT 9-17-85  
Entered in the RETURN  
National Register REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

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## 8. Significance

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

ARKANSAS  
HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
PROGRAM



Historic Resources of Stone County  
Marcella Church and School, ST-23  
Marcella  
Don Brown, photographer  
1983  
Negative on file at the AHPP  
Viewed from the east





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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031