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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Gravel Hill Baptist Church  
other names/site number Resource #WHO943

2. Location

street & number Gravel Hill Road  not for publication N/A  
city, town Gravel Hill  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72136

3. Classification

<p>Ownership of Property</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<p>Category of Property</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	<p>Number of Resources within Property</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Contributing</td> <td>Noncontributing</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u></td> <td><u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sites</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>structures</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>objects</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u></td> <td><u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> </tr> </table>	Contributing	Noncontributing	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		buildings		sites		structures		objects	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		Total
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Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*Clayton H. Boyd* 5-17-90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

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:)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: NPS Rustic Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls sandstone

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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### Description

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church is a single story, wood frame Rustic or Park style ecclesiastical building. Its gable roof shelters its front gable plan. Its roof is covered with composition shingles, its walls are clad with fieldstone, and its continuous foundation is cast concrete.

The eastern or front elevation features a central arched, gable roof entrance porch with the entrance door behind. The gable roof sanctuary is virtually symmetrical around the ridge line with the exception of a side entry near the rear or eastern end of the southern elevation. The entire structure is lighted with one-over-one wood sash windows.

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church is in a poor state of repair but has not been altered.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1935

Significant Dates

1935

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

See continuation sheet

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church (Part E, Historic Context #4) is the best example in Gravel Hill of an ecclesiastical structure designed in the "stone" style indigenous to northern Arkansas and which heralded the arrival of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration and the Rustic or "Park" style which they would embrace for their building designs. The exposed rafters reveal the lingering influence of the Craftsman style on such local building, but increasingly the emphasis shifts to the massive and earthbound qualities of the stone itself and away from such distracting detail.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data** *maps*

Acreege of property \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References**

A     
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B     
 Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 18 December, 1989

street & number 225 East Markham, Suite 200 telephone 501-324-9346

city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/593000/3900940

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the western edge of County Road 35 with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the building, proceed westerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the building; thence proceed northerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of County Road 35; thence proceed southerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gravel Hill Baptist Church

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001323

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:  NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA Return

REVIEWER Harper

DISCIPLINE Historian

DATE 9/13/91

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



CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed Patricia Andrus      Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 9/13/91

Gravel Hill Baptist Church  
White County MPS  
White County, ARKANSAS

Reviewer's Comments

The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms, states that "the boundaries of buildings should include the land surrounding the building, unless the lot occupied by the building contains no surrounding land as in the central business district of most cities."

Please revise the boundaries to include the property historically associated with the resource. If a portion of the original setting has lost its integrity, please explain.

Marilyn Harper  
Historian  
Sept. 16, 1991

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vicinity N/A

state Arkansas code AR county White

code 145 zip code 72136

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
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*Cathryn H. Boyd*  
Signature of certifying official  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5-17-90  
Date

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- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

*Ma J m. Wynn*

7/21/92

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Significant Dates  
1935

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- Other

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\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data** *maps*

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

**UTM References**

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description  
\_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification  
\_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/593000/3900940

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of County Road 35 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of County Road 35; thence proceed southerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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White County MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

91001189	Edie, James W., House	9-5-91
91001303	El Paso Bank	9-5-91
91001269	Elm Street House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001327*	Emmer, Joe, House	7/12/92
91001198✓	First Christian Church	7/12/92
91001206↓	First United Methodist Church	7/12/92
91001324✓	Floyd Cotton Gin <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/12/92
91001267✓	Fox Motel House	7/12/92
91001185	Freeman, Wood, House No. 1	9-5-91
91001181	Freeman, Wood, House No. 2	9-5-91
91001318✓	Frizell, Dr., House	7/12/92
91001263	Garrard, Lizzie, House	9-5-91
91001281✓	Gooden, Milt, House	7/12/92
91001311✓	Gordon, Leonard, Homestead, Hexagonal Grain Crib	7/21/92
91001323✓	Gravel Hill Baptist Church	7/21/92
91001334✓	Gray House	7/21/92
91001194✓	Gray, Louis, Homestead, Barn	7/21/92
91001294	Gray, Rufus, House	9-5-91
91001335✓	Gray--Kincaid House	7/21/92
91001357✓	Griffithville School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001358✓	Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store	7/21/92
91001222	Hall, Fred, House	9-5-91
91001204✓	Hammond, Mary Alice, House	7/21/92
91001304✓	Harper, Roy, House	7/21/92
91001340	Hartsell, Morris, Farmstead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001205	Hassell House	9-5-91
91001312	Hays, Brady, Homestead <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91
91001348	Herring Building	9-5-91
91001317✓	Hickmon, Marshall, Homestead	7/21/92
91001316	Hickmon, U. L., Hardware Store	9-5-91
91001180	Hicks, Ida, House	9-5-91
91001191✓	Hilger, Louis N., Homestead, Livestock Barn	7/21/92
91001258✓	Hill Farm	7/21/92
91001236✓	Hoag House	7/21/92
91001309✓	Holly Grove School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001352✓	Honey Hill Christian Union Church	7/21/92
91001188✓	Hoofman Farmstead Barn	7/22/92
91001184✓	Hoofman, Arthur W., House	7/22/92
91001238✓	Hoofman, Tobe, Farmstead	7/22/92
91001283✓	Hopewell District No. 45 School <del>Substantive Review</del>	7/13/92
91001207	Hunt House <del>Substantive Review</del>	9-13-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Gravel Hill Baptist Church

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 6/23/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

8/07/92

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001323

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 7/21/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This small stone church building illustrates the influence of WPA/CCC construction in the "Rustic" style on non-WPA projects.

Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C  
REVIEWER Harper  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 7/21/92

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

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
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\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Gravel Hill Baptist Church *writes*  
Gravel Hill vicinity, Arkansas  
Photograph by Steve Mitchell  
March, 1987  
Negative on file at AHPP  
Southeast elevation



Gravel Hill Baptist Church      white

Gravel Hill vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1987

Negative on file at AHPP

North elevation





Gravel Hill Baptist Church *white*

Gravel Hill vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1987

Negative on file at AHPP

Northwest elevation



Gravel Hill Baptist Church *whiteco*

Gravel Hill vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1987

Negative on file at AHPP

Southwest elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033