

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

*Wash. Co.
Canehill*HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-9Owner Ray Hadley Brown✓ Property Name Methodist Manse (C.M.R.A.)
Main Street (Highway 45)Address Box 72✓ Location at Spring StreetCanehill, AR 72717Construction Date 1834

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Originally the town's Methodist Church building, this structure was converted to a residence before the Civil War (c. 1850's) and it remains highly visible in the Canehill townscape on its elevated Main Street site defined by a stone retaining wall. The one-story hip-roofed symmetrical square structure has a one-story addition to the rear (northwest corner). Distinctive details include an overhanging wood cornice with paired brackets and articulated brick flattened arches that define its regular fenestration.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As an important component of Canehill's pre-Civil War built environment, the Methodist Manse contributes greatly to Canehill's architectural and historical significance. The building served as the town's first Methodist Church until the congregation constructed a frame church circa. 1850's. At that time, the structure was converted to a residence (manse). During the Civil War, the building served as a Union headquarters as well as a hospital. After the war, the house was the residence of Professor Harrison M. Welch, who reorganized and directed Canehill's second female seminary until its merger with Canehill College in 1875. During the twentieth century, the manse was the home of Mary Pyeatte, granddaughter of Canehill founder John Rankin Pyeatte. Architecturally the building is unique for its brick construction at this early date in the town's development. Its brick facades, rigid symmetry and proportions, and its simple cornice give the building a near Federal style appearance.

Verbal Boundary Description Block 1, Original Plat, North ½ Lot 9Acreage Less than one acreQuadrangle Name Lincoln, AR. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference 511000 372000 Northing 3974 440

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Moore House

Substantive Review

Keeper

11/17/82 Ann Lee Boyd

Attest

11/16/82 Patrick Anders

2. Methodist Manse

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

11/17/82 Delora Byers

Attest

3. Edmiston, D. N., House

Entered in the
National Register

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Keeper

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4. Canehill Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper

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11/16/82 Patrick Anders

5. Canehill College Building

Entered in the
National Register

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Keeper

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6. Edmiston, John, House

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National Register

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Keeper

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7. Welch, William, House

Substantive Review

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8. Edmiston, Zeb, House

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9. Blackburn House

Entered in the
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Keeper

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10. McClellan, E. W., House

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Methodist Manse (Canehill MRA)
Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/582-2739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/4/82 - 11/19/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/17/82

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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USRT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Methodist Manse
Historic Resources of Canehill
Canehill, AR
Don Brown, photographer
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation
Program
View from the Northeast
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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