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REGISTERNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Richard's Catholic Church
other names/site number Resource #WHO640

2. Location

street & number Hickory and Cleveland Streets ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town Bald Knob ☐ vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72010

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
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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.

Signature of certifying official

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Date

5-13-90

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 sandstone

walls sandstone

roof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

St. Richards Catholic Church in Bald Knob is a single story, structural stone ecclesiastical structure designed in what became known as the Rustic or Park style. The gable roof completely covers the front gable plan with the exception of the gabled front porch or vestibule and the parallel, gable roof rear wing. The roof is covered with composition shingles, the walls are constructed of field stone, and a continuous stone foundation supports the structure throughout.

The eastern or front elevation features a central gable roof vestibule with fixed wood side windows and pair entrance doors. A rose window lights the peak of the gable end of the sanctuary above. The four wall buttresses on each side of the sanctuary slope outward toward the ground and lend the design an organic, indigenous aspect. The sanctuary is lighted on both the northern and southern elevations with three pairs of nine-pane casement windows, and the western elevation terminates with a gable roof vestry wing placed flush with the northern wall. The vestry is lighted with a pair of casement windows on both its northern and western sides and is punctuated with a door in its southern wall.

A stone cross atop the eastern gable end is the only other decoration.

St. Richards Catholic Church is intact and unaltered. It is in good condition.

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

1939

Significant Dates

N/A

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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**United States Department of the Interior
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Continuation Sheet**Section number 8 Page 1Significance

Criterion C, local significance

St. Richards Catholic Church (Part E, Historic Context #4) survives as the best example in Bald Knob of an ecclesiastical building designed with clear if not dominant influence from the Rustic or Park style so popular with the Public Works organizations of the Depression era. The curved, sloping buttresses, the random-cut stone and the enclosure of the entire composition under one roofline recalls many of the structures designed by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration throughout Arkansas and the southeastern United States in the 1930's.

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
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- ☐ 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 *map 6*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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☒ 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 15/629940/3908360

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of Cleveland Street with the western edge of Hickory Street, proceed southerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of Cleveland Street; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: St. Richard's Catholic 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: 91001274

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 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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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 Patrick Andrews Phone _____
Date 9/13/91

St. Richard's Catholic 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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Christy M. Boyd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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Maig M. Boyd 7/20/93

Maig M. Boyd
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

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Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current 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

91001246✓	Smith--Moore House	7/20/92
91001336✓	Smyrna Methodist Church	7/20/92
91001243	Snipes, Dr. Emmett, House	9-5-91
91001274✓	St. Richard's Catholic Church	7/20/92
91001250	Staggs--Huffaker Building	9-5-91
91001248	Stipe Cotton Gin	7/20/92
91001295✓	Storm Cellar, William Howell House	7/20/92
91001326✓	Thomas House	7/23/92
91001341✓	Thompson House	7/23/92
91001362✓	Thrasher, John, Homestead	7/23/92
91001240	Titus House	9-5-91
91001199✓	Trinity Episcopal Church	7/27/92
91001233	Van Meter, R. L., House	9-5-91
91001351	Walker Homestead Historic District	7/20/92
91001354✓	Walker, Otha, Homestead	7/23/92
91001313	Ward--Stout House	9-5-91
91001182	Watkins House	9-5-91
91001183	Watkins, Tom, House	9-5-91
91001308✓	Watson, William Henry, Homestead	7/20/92
91001272	Weber House	9-5-91
91001260✓	Westbrooke, Lopsy, House	7/23/92
91001297✓	Whisinant, Albert, House	7/23/92
91001177	Wilburn House	9-5-91
91001353✓	Williams House	7/23/92
91001321✓	Williams, Arthur, Homestead, Feed Storage Shed	7/20/92
91001211	Woodson, Arthur W., House	9-5-91
91001212	Woodson, Dalton, House	9-5-91
91001291	Wright, Avaneil, House	9-5-91
91001284	Wright, Jim, Farmstead Historic District	9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY St. Richard's Catholic Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE White County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 6/29/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/13/92

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001274

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/20/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Small, well-designed stone church showing
the influence of CCC/WPA Depression era
~~a~~ Rustic architectural style on non-Federal
building. Constructed in 1939.

Concerns raised in earlier return have
been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 7/20/92

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
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



St. Richard's Catholic Church ~~white~~co

Bald Knob, Arkansas

Photographed by Michael Swanda

December, 1986

Negative on file at AHPP

Northeast elevation



St. Richard's Catholic Church ~~outside~~
Bald Knob, Arkansas
Photographed by Michael Swanda
December, 1986
Negative on file at AHPP
Southwest elevation



St. Richard's Catholic Church whiteco
Bald Knob, Arkansas

Photographed by Michael Swanda

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Negative on file at AMPP

East elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033