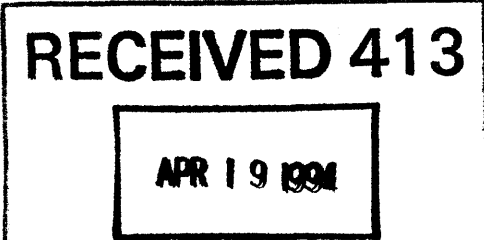


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property, mark "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

historic name Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South  
other names/site number Shubuta United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number High Street N/A not for publication  
city or town Shubuta N/A vicinity  
state Mississippi code MS county Clarke code 023 zip code 39360

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
Kenneth H. P. DeR APRIL 14, 1994  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action 5-20-94

Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South  
Name of Property

Clarke County, MS  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources in Clarke County, MS

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion: religious facility

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion: religious facility

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Carpenter Gothic

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick & Concrete

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt: shingles

other N/A

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1891

**Significant Dates**

1891

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Clarke County, MS

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization N/A date 15 August 1993

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Shubuta United Methodist Church

street & number High Street telephone unknown

city or town Shubuta state MS zip code 39360

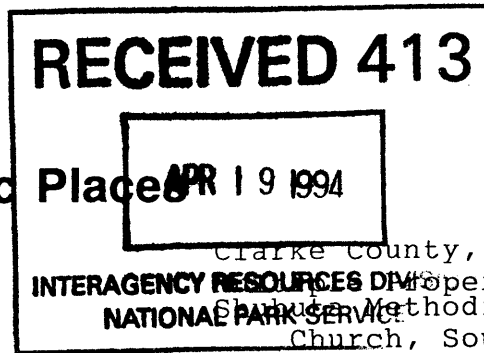
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INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Shubuta Methodist Episcopal  
Church, South

The Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built in 1891 of wood frame construction in an eclectic form of popularized Gothic architecture termed Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic. This gable-oriented church building is now 4 bays wide because of a 1931 addition and 10 bays long. It rests on brick piers with concrete block infill. The windows are generally stained glass. The Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South is located on High Street (State Highway 45), the main north-south artery through town. The church lies on the eastern edge of a residential area and is south/southwest of the business district. It is sited on a large lot with woods behind it. The landscaping of the property is very casual with shrubs planted in front of the church.

The front facade has towers on both front corners, flush with the exterior walls. The north tower is slightly taller and more ornate than the south tower. The north tower is comprised of three distinct tiers. The lowest tier contains a double-leaf, panelled door with a Gothic arched fanlight above it. A quatrefoil window appears above the fanlight. The narrow middle tier is delineated by heavy, molded beltcourses. The upper tier is clad with diagonal clapboard. It features a peaked attic vent on each of its four sides. The cornice is supported by long, slender brackets and its design repeats the pointed arches of the attic vents. Finally, the tower is crowned by a steep, pyramidal roof with gablets. The south tower's lowest tier has the same treatment as the north tower's. A pent roof visually divides the lowest tier from the second tier. The second tier features round arched attic vents on three sides and a pyramidal roof. Between the two towers, the gabled section of the front facade features a quatrefoil window above a pair of long, narrow lancet windows. All three windows are contained within a panel of diagonal clapboard laid in a chevron pattern. Above, the main gable is clad in board-and-batten and its peak is accented by a jigsaw gable ornament.

The north (side) elevation features pointed arch windows. At the rear of this elevation is a tower that is similar in design to the south front tower. A handicap access ramp leads to the tower's double-leafed, five-panelled doors which are crowned by a stained glass fanlight. The access ramp is well designed and does not have a dramatic negative impact on the church's architecture. The main roof on the north elevation is punctuated by a small gable with a triangular attic vent.

On the south (side) elevation a 1931 frame addition extends almost the entire length of the building. The front elevation of this addition has a clapboard

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parapet wall. Its double-leaf doors are shaded by an overdoor that is supported by struts. Along the side of this addition are five 3/3 double hung sash windows. A small, shed-roofed wing is located on the rear elevation of this addition.

Originally, the rear elevation had a semi-hexagonal apse which is still clearly discernible on the interior of the church today. In 1913 a large rear addition was put on the church, encasing the apse. The roof ridge of this gabled addition is set perpendicular to the main roof ridge. Pointed arch windows and triangular attic vents accent the gable ends. The side tower on the north elevation was probably added at the same time as the rear addition (Dr. Gaddy interview, 25 June 1993 & Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 1912, 1926).

The interior of the Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South features beaded board walls and ceilings. The pews and communion rail appear to be original. The windows on the south elevation of the church have been remodelled into doorways leading into the 1931 addition but retain their pointed arches with stained glass.

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The Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1891) is a locally important work in the Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic style of architecture. Despite some additions and a wheelchair ramp, the church retains a high degree of architectural integrity and is one of only two Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic style buildings that were identified in Clarke County, the other being the Shubuta Baptist Church. The Shubuta Methodist Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The twin-towered church was built in 1891. Its windows were imported from Belgium. Consecrated by Bishop Charles Betts Galloway, this was the second church building for Shubuta's Methodist congregation which had been organized in 1840. A rear addition and a tower on the north elevation were added in 1913. In 1931 a frame addition, the fellowship hall, was added to the south elevation (Dr. Gaddy interview, 25 June 1993).

The Shubuta Methodist Church is one of the more sophisticated of Mississippi's Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic style churches, of which relatively few are still extant. The building's exterior wall treatment displays a refined and creative use of wood frame construction. The wall treatment consists of clapboard laid horizontally and diagonally plus board-and-batten. The church's other Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic design features include Gothic arched windows and doors and quatrefoil windows. Overall, the Shubuta Methodist Church is a well-preserved and notable expression of the Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic as interpreted by Clarke County carpenters.

This Late Victorian Carpenter Gothic style church retains a high degree of architectural integrity and its congregation is committed to preserving the building.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Parcel No. 193-043-008-06; Lot 38 of G. M.  
& O. Railroad Survey

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: These are the boundaries presently associated  
with the property. It is believed that these are also the historic boundaries for the  
church.