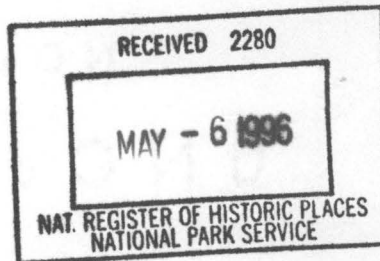


United States Department of the Interior
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: First Presbyterian Church

other name/site number: LA0040

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2. Location

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street & number: Southwest corner of Market and Church Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Stamps

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lafayette code: AR 073 zip code: 71860

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
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<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

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater

Signature of certifying official

4-15-96

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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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): _____

B. R. Lugin

Signature of Keeper

6/20/96

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: RELIGION

Sub: Religious facility

Current: RELIGION

Sub: Religious facility

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Gothic Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>BRICK</u>	roof	<u>ASPHALT</u>
	walls	<u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	other	<u>N/A</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Located at the southwest corner of Market and Church Streets in Stamps, the First Presbyterian Church is a single-story, wood frame church building designed in the Gothic Revival style.

Elaboration

Located at the southwest corner of Market and Church Streets in Stamps, the First Presbyterian Church is a single-story, wood frame church building designed in the Gothic Revival style. Its irregular plan is formed by the main east-west gable roof section sheltering the sanctuary, an intersecting gable that forms the front elevation, a rear shed roof section, and the tall Gothic Revival tower that dominates the northeast corner. The wood and asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

The corner site qualifies both the eastern and northern elevations as the principal facades; however, the bell tower entrance faces north, toward Church Street. The eastern, northern and western gable ends are dominated by their central, monumental multi-pane stained glass windows; these elevations are otherwise fenestrated with tall, narrow lancet windows and entrances. The main tower entrance is of the double-leaf variety and capped with a stained glass transom window containing the words "Presbyterian Church." The tower contains four louvered openings in the belfry itself and is capped with a tall, hipped roof that has recently been resheathed with wood shingles. The southern or rear elevation is fenestrated with square-headed windows as it shelters the church's anterooms.

The significant exterior details consist of the stained glass windows, the tall Gothic Revival tower, the lancet door and window openings found throughout, and the various moldings.

The interior is in remarkably good condition. Original stained oak door and window trim, an oak beaded-board ceiling, and the original wood pews.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1905-1945 _____

Significant Dates: 1905 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: 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.

Summary

Built in 1905, the First Presbyterian Church is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Stamps as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County.

Elaboration

Built in 1905, the First Presbyterian Church was constructed to shelter one of the earlier congregations established in the fledgling lumber town of Stamps. As such the First Presbyterian Church is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Stamps as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving churches in Lafayette County constructed during the boom in the timber industry brought on by the arrival of the railroad years before; it is also significant under Criterion C as it remains the finest extant wood-frame example of the Gothic Revival style in Lafayette County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945, Section H.*

___ See continuation sheet.

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>454000</u>	<u>3691290</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of Church Street with the western edge of Market Street, proceed southerly along said edge for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line to its intersection with the southern edge of Church Street; thence proceed easterly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 03/29/96

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000640

Date Listed: 6/20/96

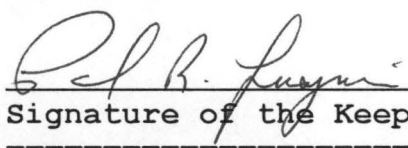
First Presbyterian Church
Property Name

Lafayette
County

AR
State

Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

6/20/96
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Consideration:

The building is a religious property that derives its primary significance from architectural and historical themes unrelated to its religious associations (Community Development, Architecture). The property therefore meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration A. [The justification of criteria considerations should be an explicit part of the nomination documentation. 16A-pp.44-46]

This information was confirmed with the Arkansas SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY First Presbyterian Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lafayette

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/21/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/06/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000640

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 _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

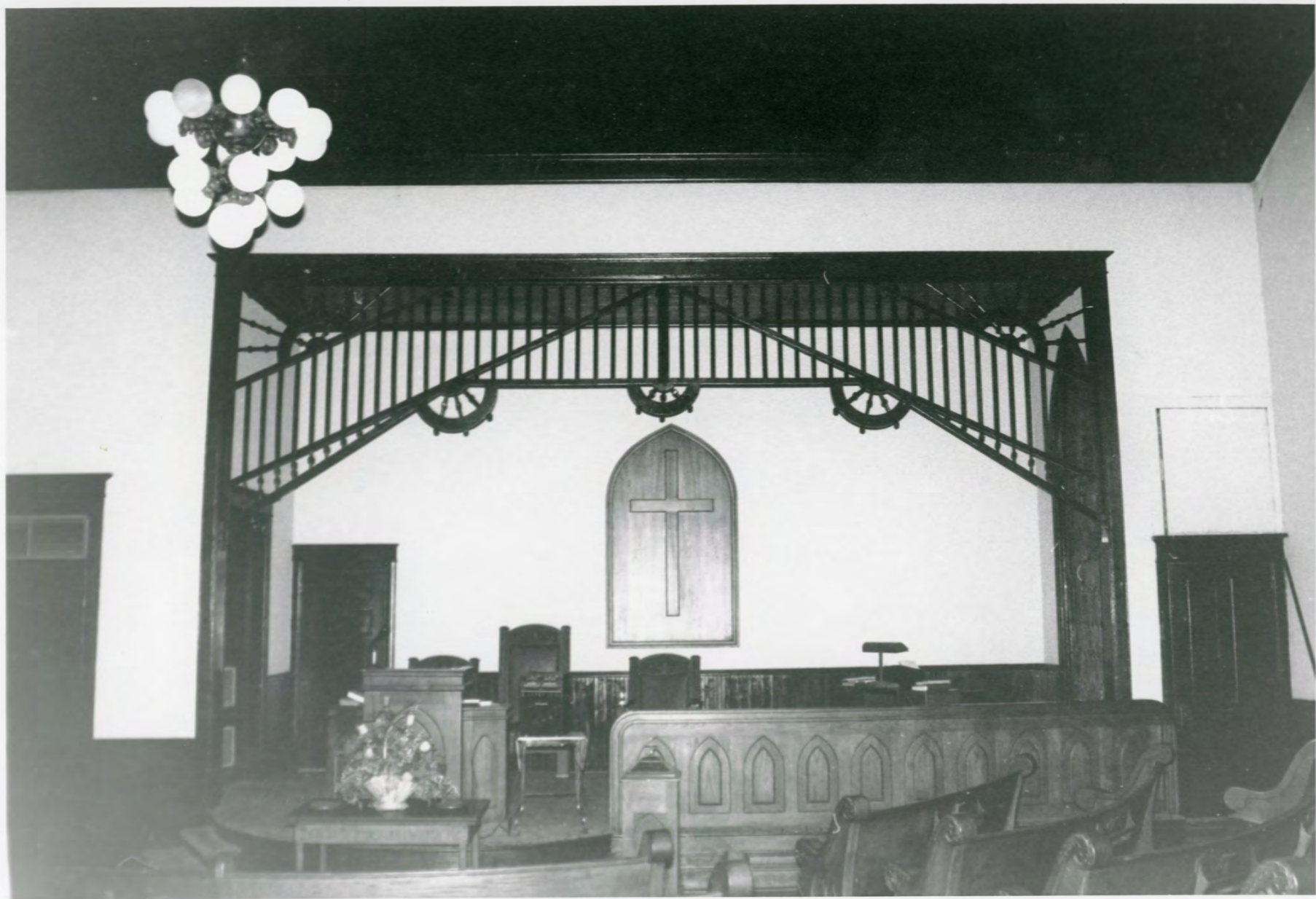
The First Presbyterian Church is significant at the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Architecture and Community Planning and Development. The impressive Gothic-Revival building is a good representative example of the first substantial wave of "community building" and civic development that followed completion of local rail access to Stamps and the subsequent establishment of a thriving local lumber industry. Based on a comprehensive survey of the community, the building reflects the best visual evidence of the large-scale community building programs and cultural/civic development efforts that occurred in town in the wake of turn-of-the-century railroad expansion. The property reflects the typical pattern of growth of commercial, industrial, and cultural amenities, which arose in response to the expanding economic vitality of railroad communities in the region. Architecturally, the building is an excellent representative example of Gothic Revival-influenced ecclesiastical design.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criteria A+C

REVIEWER Paul Lusignan DISCIPLINE Historia

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/20/96

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



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STAMPS, LAFAYETTE CO., AR
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INTERIOR DETAIL

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STAINED-GLASS WINDOW DETAIL

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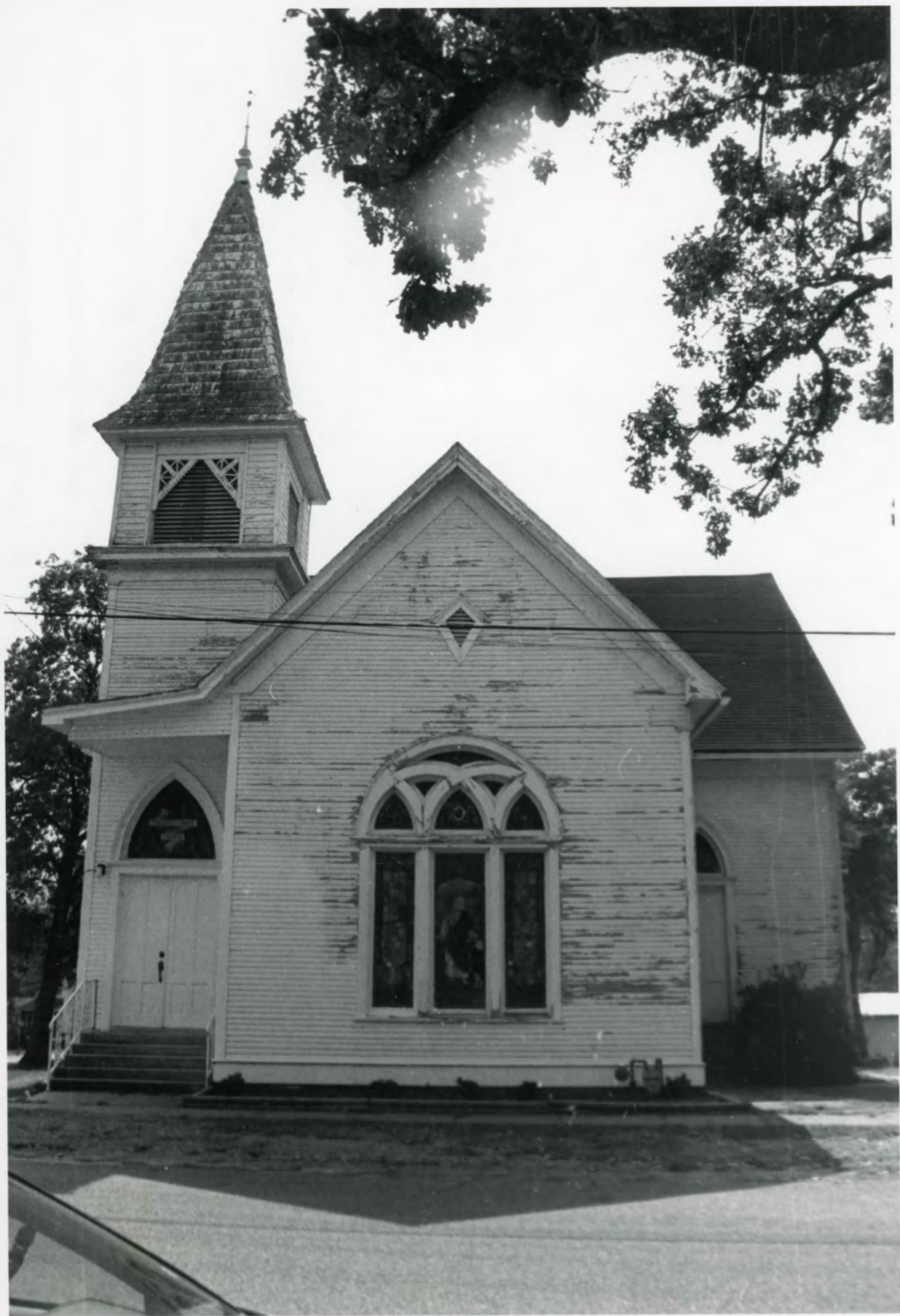
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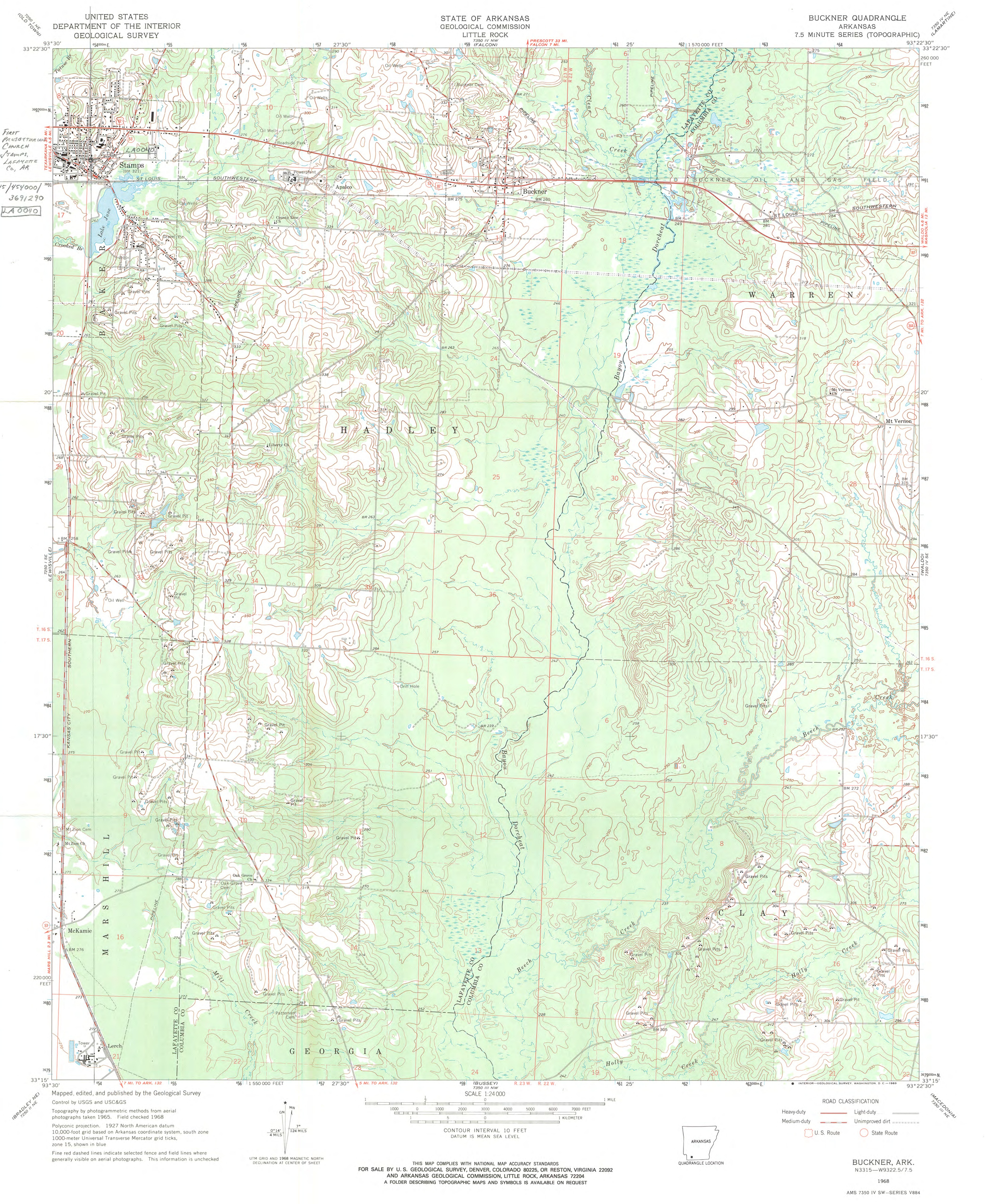
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