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The County Line School and Lodge is a two-storey frame structure built circa 1879. The basic floor plan is rectangular and measures approximately 40 feet by 25 feet. White clapboard walls and a gable roof of shingles enclose the structure. Though quite steep when originally constructed, the ridge line was lowered about four feet when the roof was rebuilt in 1972.

Pine trees cut from a nearby lot were handplaned to use in construction of the building. The original schoolroom furnishings were also made from handplaned lumber.

The simple exterior lines of the structure are broken only by window and door openings, all of which have overhead trim suggestive of a pediment. Aluminum storm doors now cover the double-door entry and the three window openings along the east and west elevations of the first floor. Six-light double hung sash windows are located on the second floor.

A fourteen-inch wide sill cover surrounds the exterior, resting above the cast stone foundation fill added about 1920. Other alterations of that decade include a concrete porch at the entry, and a brick flue and chimney added to the northwest interior corner.

The simplicity of the exterior is repeated in the interior. The original floor on the first storey has been twice covered by new flooring, but the original hand-planed flooring on the second storey remains. The first floor consists of a single open room with no interior walls dividing the space. Lying across the east wall is a sixinch high, five-foot wide platform. The original school benches, with the writing surfaces removed from the back of each, now serve the church congregation which meets weekly in the building. The only new furnishings are a speaker's podium and a piano, both used during religious services.

An enclosed stairway rises along the west interior wall to a hallway on the second floor. The main room on this floor is still used as the meeting place for the County Line Masonic Lodge. Its purpose is reflected in the furnishings used in Masonic meetings and ceremonies. A three-foot wide, six-inch high platform lies across the east wall of this floor.

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7. Description (County Line School and Lodge - Page 2)

The simple features of this late 19th century structure reflect its utilitarian purpose. The community's need for a school and lodge was met in this one building. The County Line School and Lodge remains intact and much the same today as when first constructed almost 100 years ago.



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The County Line School and Lodge was built almost one hundred years ago to serve a rural area of the north Arkansas Ozarks. Built with a tri-fold purpose it represents one of Arkansas' earliest community buildings.

The County Line School and Lodge, built circa 1879, originally housed on its lower floor a one-room school for students from a two county area. The second floor of the building was designed to serve as a meeting place for the local Masonic Lodge. Decendants of the early Lodge members report that the building was also used for Sunday worship services by the Oak Hill Baptist Church congregation.

Construction of the County Line School and Lodge was completed by November, 1879. The two-storey frame structure was functionally designed, and, except for trim above the windows and door, was deviod of ornamentation.

It was originally intended that the school and lodge lie squarely on the Baxter-Fulton County line, thereby serving both counties. However, a later survey showed that the structure lies entirely in Fulton County, missing the county line by a few feet.

The building was constructed by local citizens, primarily John Milton Durham and Thomas Benton Caldwell. According to his son, John Durham arrived in Fulton County about 1867. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Durham was a skilled carpenter, and reputedly built a number of structures in the area.

Thomas Benton Caldwell, also reported to have been one of the builders, was born in 1840 in Fulton County, Missouri. As an artillery sergeant with the Missouri Confederate Volunteers, Caldwell was captured by Union forces in the spring of 1862. Later that year he was freed as part of

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8. Significance (County Line School and Lodge - Page 2)

a prisoner exchange. Following the Civil War, Caldwell moved to Fulton County Arkansas, where he made his living by farming and educated his five children at the County Line Academy.

Across the front of the first floor school room was a lecture platform raised about six inches off the floor. Hand-made benches served as desks for the students. A board extended behind the top of each bench and served as a writing surface for the student on the bench behind. Other than the removal of this rear extension, the benches remain much the same today as when used by 19th century students.

Professor G. W Tomkins, whose name appears on a school certificate issued in 1881, was probably the first principal of the County Line Academy. In 1887 James H. Caldwell, eldest son of Thomas B. Caldwell, became principal of the school in which he had been a student just a few years before.

The County Line School was operated continually until 1948. By that time improved roads and methods of transportation made possible the creation of consolidated school systems which replaced one-room neighborhood schools. The County Line School is representative of the effects of consolidation on rural schools.

The fraternal purpose for which the County Line School and Lodge was built is still being fulfilled. Since it was chartered on November 28, 1879, Masonic Lodge #373 has continually met on the second floor of the County Line School and Lodge. John M. Durham, who built the structure, was a charter member and first Master of the County Line Lodge. Another of the sixteen charter members was Thomas Benton Caldwell.

Though children no longer learn to read and write within its walls, the old building continues to house its original Masonic Lodge, and to serve as a Sunday meeting place for a small Baptist congregation. Other than the loss of its educational role, very little of its purpose or appearance has changed in the almost 100 years since the County Line School and Lodge was first constructed.

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8. Significance (County Line School and Lodge - Page 3)

This multi-purpose building which served early settlers in two counties of the Arkansas Ozarks, is still needed and used today. Its preservation and upkeep will continue because of both sentimental attachment and the continuing need for such a structure.



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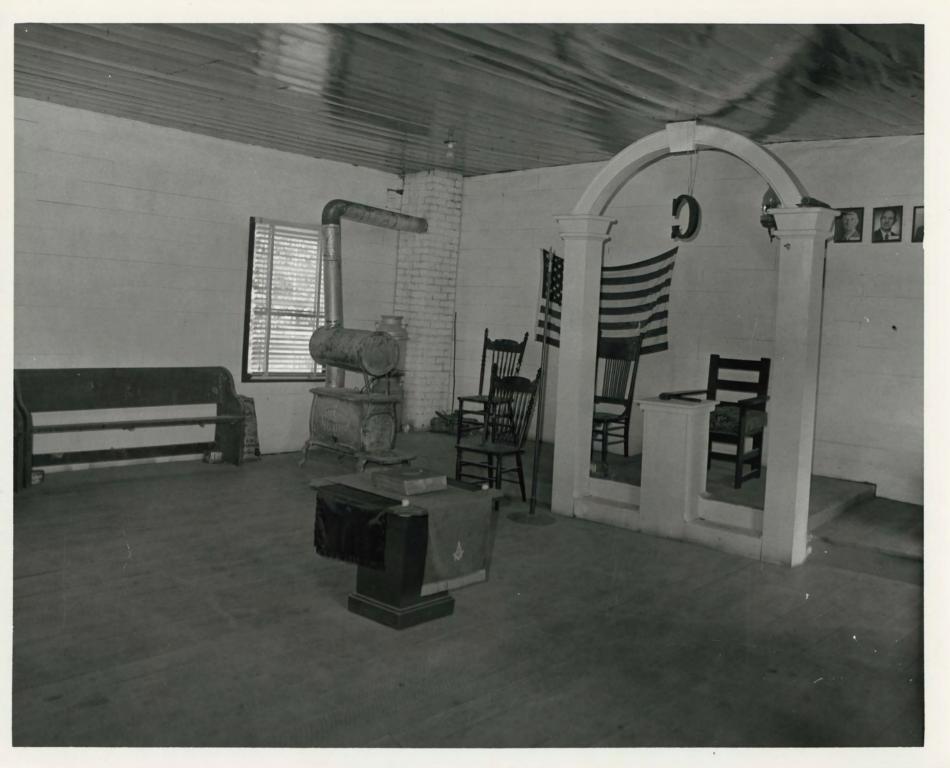
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November 18, 1974

Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell 3413 Thornapple Street Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

We are happy to inform you that the State Review Committee of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has approved the nomination of the County Line School and Lodge to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now be forwarded to the National Register office in Washington, D. C. where it will be evaluated by their professional staff. If they concur with the judgment of the State Review Committee it will soon be included on the National Register.

We appreciate your assistance in preparing this nomination and your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely,

Gene Richardson, Administrator

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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WM. V. (BILL) ALEXANDER
1ST DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 26, 1975

Mr. Gary Everhardt
Director
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Everhardt:

In January the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program nominated the <u>County Line School</u> and <u>Lodge Building</u> to be placed in the National Register of Historic Places. This building is rare among old buildings in the Ozark Country of America. In use as both a school and a Masonic Lodge since about 1879, it is a remarkably well-preserved link with our history. I hope your professional staff will agree with this nomination and the School can soon be placed on the National Register.

Will you please provide me with a report on the status of this nomination at your convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

BILL ALEXANDER
Member of Congress

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Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell 3413 Thornapple Street Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I will be pleased to be in touch with the Department of the Interior concerning the status of the application which was approved by the Arkansas State Review Committee of the Arkansas Historic Commission last November.

I am today contacting the Secretary; and it is a pleasure to make this inquiry in behalf of you, Dr. and Mrs. Moe, and Mr. and Mrs. Bacherl.

As soon as I have a response to my inquiry, I will be in touch.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bacherl Dr. and Mrs. Harold Moe

bc: Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton

Honorable Bill Alexander House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter concerning the County Line School and Lodge Building and their nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt Director

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Honorable Bill Alexander House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

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Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the County Line School and Lodge in Fulton County, Arkansas, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to advise you that the County Line School and Lodge were entered in the National Register on March 27. Enclosed are a leaflet and fact sheet which describe the National Register program.

We appreciate your concern for historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally

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Enclosures

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(9) EXISTING SURVEYS □HABS □ HAER □ NHL (10) FUNDED? □YES □MO	(1) CONGRESS. DIST	RICT 4+ 12 SOUR	CE of NOMINATION	HATE FEDERAL	
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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric - 2 COMMERCE - 6 ENTERTAINMENT - 26 ARCHEOLOGY - historic - 1 COMMUNICATIONS - 7 EXPLORATION - 12 AGRICULTURE - 3 CONSERVATION - 8 HEALTH - 27 ARCHITECTURE - 4 ECONOMICS - 9 INDUSTRY - 13 ART - 5 EDUCATION - 10 INVENTION - 14	LANDSCAPE ARCH LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20	- 15	SETTLEMENT-28 URBAN PLANNING-31 N-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)	CLAIMS: 'first' 'oldest' 'only'	explain
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Fraternal hall & school currently: diffo & church	@	dates of initial construction major alterations: historic events:	n: 1849		ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION
architectural style(s):	architect	1	master builder:	@ e	ngineer:
andscape architect/garden designer:	lecorator:	artist:	artisan:	@builder/	contractor:
NAMES give role & date PERSONAL:					
EVENTS:					
INSTITUTIONAL:					
gable end double-door entrance, slightly simple interior. Vernacular. One of standard School building.	y pedimented	window & door	surrounds, corr	ver board	miney, front center is, wide frieze board; Fraternal meeting

5. NW of Gepp on E side of Baxter-Fulton county line, 2 mi. S of state line