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1. Name of Property				
nistoric name Kiblah				
other names/site number	Sulphur Townsh	nip Community Actio	on Council	
2. Location				
street & number Rt. 1	, Box 82			not for publication N/A
city, town Doddridge				X vicinity
state Arkansas	code AR	county Miller	code Al	R 091 zip code 71834
3. Classification				
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	foundation Brick
Late 19th and early 20th Century American Movements: Craftsman	walls Wood/Weatherboard
	roof Asphalt
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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Kiblah School - Doddridge, Miller County, Arkansas

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The floors are finished hardwood over most of the open area; however, one classroom has a tile floor.

8. Statement of Significance	DEC 20 19
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:	
Applicable National Register Criteria XA B C D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Community Planning & Development Period of Significance 1927	Significant Dates 1927
Education	
Entertainment/Recreation	
Ethnic Heritage/Black	
Exploration/Settlement Cultural Affiliation	
Social History Black African-American	ean
Significant Person Architect/Builder N/A N/A	

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Kiblah School - Doddridge, Miller County, Arkansas

SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY. Kiblah School is nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A because of association with the history of this Black community.

ELABORATION. In 1866, after the Emancipation Proclamation, the East Kiblah community was homesteaded in Arkansas by former slaves from the plantation of Richard Blanton. Representative surnames of the homesteaders who established the community of Kiblah between 1853 and 1880 were Nelson, Holmes, Mothershead, Williams, Spearman and Simington. Blanton purchased his "slaves" on October 18, 1841, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The name Kiblah has a religious meaning and is a derivative of the word "Ka'aba," or "Caaba," which means the cubical, stone structure in the center of the mosque enclosure in Mecca, toward which all Moslems in the world turn their faces in ritual prayer. The Ka'aba is Also known as the House of Allah. Kiblah means the direction of the Ka'aba Shrine in Mecca. The Ka'aba holds the Black Stone of Mecca that Gabriel was said to have given to Abraham.

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In 1970 the district consolidated with the Bright Star District and the building was then purchased for use as a community center. The building has changed little since its construction in 1927. During World War II, the community population declined due to economic conditions and many citizens left Kiblah for jobs elsewhere.

Predominantly a Black community since its beginning, Kiblah's residents are proud of their religious heritage. Kiblah today is inhabited solely by descendants of its founders, and those who left for jobs elsewhere in the 1940s have returned to the community in their retirement years.

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9. Major Bibliographical References	
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Smith, Charlie, President of Sulphu (constituent history).	r Township Community Action Council
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11. Form Prepared By name/title Mary Ann Anderson, Historian
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
street & number 225 E. Markham, Suite 200 date September 7, 1988 telephone (501) 371-2763

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Kiblah School - Doddridge, Miller County, Arkansas

BOUNDARIES

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This conveyance is made and accepted subject to all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, rights of way and easements now of record, if any, in Miller County, Arkansas, affecting the above described property, and in addition thereto, the Grantor reserves all oil, gas and other minerals.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION	
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REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003210	
NOMINATOR: STATE	
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December 15, 1988

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NATIONAL BEGISTER

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Kiblah School

Doddridge, Miller County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Kiblah School. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures





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Kiblah School - Doddridge, Miller County, Arkansas - Description (Section 7)

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Kiblah School - Doddridge, Miller County, Arkansas - Significance (Section 8)

SUMMARY. Kiblah School is nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A because of its association with the history and development of this Black community.

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name/title Mary Ann Anderson, Historian	date August 8, 1989
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program street & number 225 E. Markham, Suite 200	dateAugust 8, 1989 telephone _(501) 371-2763
city or town Little Rock	state Arkansas zip code 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION Kiblah School PROPERTY NAME: MULTIPLE NAME: STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Miller DATE RECEIVED: 8/11/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/25/89 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003210 NOMINATOR: STATE DETAILED EVALUATION: ACCEPT RETURN ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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OTHER COMMENTS
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to
Phone
Signed Any Federman Date 9/21/89

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Reviewer's Comments

We understand that the comments from the first return were carefully considered in the resubmission. Those comments focused on the fact that 6 areas of significance were noted in the original submission, but 3 of them were not discussed within the text, and a fourth predated the construction of this particular building. The resubmission eliminated 5 of the 6 categories, leaving education as the primary area of significance for this property (It is not clear why Ethnic Heritage-Black was dropped; the nomination does contain some information about the role of this building in black heritage).

The period of significance, however, was extended into modern times, when the building was closed (1970). Bringing the period of significance into this very modern period is a problem because the significance of the building must be justified as exceptional throughout events in the period less than 50 years ago. We understand that the use for which this building was built continued until that time, and so therefore chosing a closing date for the period of significance appears rather arbitrary. Our regulations require, however, that properties which have achieved significance in the very recent past received special justification of their modern significance. Therefore, we suggest that you review this history of the building and any available additional documentation to either 1) document the character of events and other activities at the school since the era of World War II, when it appeared that there was some changes which affected the community and the building; or 2) close out the period of significance at that point of somewhere around 1940, when the changes in Kiblah occurred.

Please contact our staff should you have any additional questions.



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

August 8, 1989

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Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20240

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Doddridge Vic., Miller County

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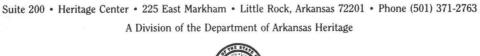
Sincerely,

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SUMMARY. Kiblah School is a single-story, rear ell, wood frame, novelty sided, bungalow style, Craftsman school building in the vicinity of the town of Doddridge in Miller County. The building is roofed with composition shingle on a gable-on-hip roof shape. It has a one-story, one bay, central front porch and is an interesting blend of styles that includes Greek Revival accents.

ELABORATION. Kiblah School is an example of a Craftsman style school with Greek Revival influences built in a rural area in 1927. The front facade is on the north elevation and is very plain in appearance. Symmetrical pairs of six-over-six double-hung windows flank the one bay, central front porch, which protrudes from the building approximately eight feet. A centered double-door entrance, which is also covered by a hipped roof, also shows the influence of Greek Revival style blended with Craftsman style, in that the door and transom are typically the focal point of the front facade. Craftsman style columns adorn the porch simply, and wide concrete stairs with three risers lead to the entrance. A poured concrete ramp also leads to the porch. The foundation piers are brick and the chimney is a brick interior-end chimney.

The west elevation forms an L-shape on the side of the school building and provides two side entrances. The front of the gable that creates a ridge on top of the hipped roof ends on this side of the building without decoration. One interior-end chimney protrudes from the hipped roof above a set of five, nine-over-nine, double hung windows and a wooden door. An exterior-end chimney protrudes above the roof line on the south ell of the west elevation. Another wooden door and a set of three, nine-over-nine windows make up the northwest ell of the west elevation. The northwest ell entrance is served by wooden stairs with three risers. The southwest ell entrance is served by a poured concrete porch with four risers.

The south elevation reveals a drop in the roof line, which causes the southwest ell of the west elevation to appear like an addition. The hipped roof over the western portion of the south elevation shields four windows-two, three-over-three fixed windows, one of each on either side of a pair of six-over-six, double-hung windows. All windows on the building are trimmed with window ledges and are painted white, in contrast to the gray novelty siding of the building.

The east elevation forms the longest element of the rectangular L-shape that returns to the front facade. Two sets of five double-hung, nine-over-nine windows break the plainness of the east elevation, and an interior-end chimney marks the center of the wall. Three windows in each set of five have been covered with plywood. The front-gable of the ridged, hipped-roof line also adds interest to this rather plain elevation.

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The interior walls are covered with beaded board. The classrooms and auditorium are divided on the interior by tall (approximately eight feet tall), hinged doors that extend the width of the building. An elevated stage is at one end of the long building, which becomes an auditorium when the doors are folded back.

The floors are finished hardwood over most of the open area; however, one classroom has a tile floor. There are no significant alterations to the either the interior or exterior building.

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<u>Summary</u>. The Kiblah School is being nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A by virtue of its associations with both education and the general development of the historic Black community of Kiblah.

<u>Elaboration</u>. In 1866, after the Emancipation Proclamation, the East Kiblah community was homesteaded in Arkansas by former slaves (purchased on October 18, 1841, in New Orleans, Louisiana) from the plantation of Richard Blanton. Representative surnames of the founders of Kiblah between 1853 and 1880 were Nelson, Ilolmes, Mothershead, Williams, Spearman and Simington.

The name Kiblah has a religious meaning and is a derivative of the word "Ka'aba," or "Caaba," which means the cubical stone structure in the center of the mosque enclosure in Mecca, toward which all Moslems turn their faces in ritual prayer. The Ka'aba is also known as the llouse of Allah. Kiblah means the direction of the Ka'aba Shrine in Mecca. The Ka'aba holds the Black Stone of Mecca that Gabriel was said to have given to Abraham.

During the Civil War the Kiblah community was referred to as "The Bend," as in the bend of the Red River (the east boundary of Kiblah). According to local legend, both Confederate and Union soldiers took refuge at the river's bend. Once established as a community, log houses were build as well as three churches (two Baptist and one Methodist), c. 1868. Kiblah continued to operate as a primarily agricultural community after the war, with a high percentage of small, row-crop farms mixed with an active timbering and milling industry.

In 1870, school was held in one of the churches three months of each year. The State of Arkansas then established two districts (north and south) and approved schools for the community in each district. In 1905 the two school districts consolidated under the administration of a Mr. Forehand. In 1927 Kiblah School was bonded and three school buildings were constructed at the Kiblah School site: an elementary school building, a homemaking building and junior/senior high school building. The school board members elected that year were all from the Kiblah community. These facilities, which included the Kiblah School, served the student population from the Kiblah, Doddridge and Caney communities until 1970, when the school district consolidated with the Bright Star District. The original Kiblah School building was thereafter sold for use as a community center, a purpose it continues to serve today.

The Kiblah School was constructed for the purpose of providing a centrally-located building relative to the surrounding population so that the students would cease attending classes in their churches, as had been the practice, and have an opportunity to attend school longer in the year. In addition to its educational functions the building also served as a meeting place for both local youth and adult groups. The Kiblah community sponsored an active 4-II club for

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many years and this building served as their central meeting place. The population of the Kiblah community declined during and after World War II due to stagnant economic conditions as many residents sought jobs elsewhere in the nation. This necessarily precipitated a decline in both the student enrollments and community activities. Thus the Kiblah School declined in use from this time forward.

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

October 10, 1989

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United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 "L" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Kiblah School

Doddridge - Miller County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination for the Kiblah School. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Summary

Since the Kiblah School was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on November 20, 1989, additional information has surfaced indicating that the School is a Rosenwald School. As a result, the School is also significant as a part of Rosenwald's legacy as the foremost benefactor of negro education in the South.

Elaboration

Contrary to common belief, the education of many southern black Americans took place on southern plantations while many were slaves. Some masters allowed a few of their slaves to become skilled workers or artisans by permitting them to be apprentices or employees of craftsmen outside the plantation. In fact, it was quite profitable for the plantation to have a number of skilled slaves in order to avoid having to hire expensive mechanics, craftsmen, machinists, seamstresses, etc. Education was also taking place among the children, often without the master's knowledge. Many of the children of the masters thought it quite amusing to play "school" and teach the slave children how to read and do math. To the children it was a game, but in actuality it was part of the beginning of the black education movement in the South after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. In fact, many slaves were able to use their talents and skills to gain their manumission, or to do enough work outside the plantation to buy their way out of slavery.

After the Emancipation Proclamation and the flight of the blacks to northern cities, many religious organizations and education-oriented groups realized the need for education among the black refugees. Plantation life had left many blacks unable to cope with life in the city or with finding jobs. Benevolent societies sprang up in cities such as Boston, Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia in 1862-1863. Together with church organizations, they provided food, clothing, religious leaders, money, and teachers for the newcomers. Church organizations were the leaders in the freedman's school system in its beginning stages. At the forefront of the religious groups was the American Missionary Association, organized in 1849 to operate Christian missions and educational institutions at home and abroad. Other religious groups included The Baptist Church, North (or Home Mission Society), the Freedman's Aid Society, and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; a great deal of the money and supplies these groups provided were dispensed through the Union Army. In March 1862, the New England Freedman's Society, along with General Edward L. Pierce and numerous other educators, initiated the Port Royal Experiment. The Experiment involved developing the economy, directing blacks to economic independence, and organizing schools.

In 1863 the Freedman's Inquiry Commission suggested the creation of a government agency to deal specifically with the care of the freedmen. In 1865 Congress passed an act creating the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, otherwise known as the Freedmen's Bureau. The Bureau was useful because it committed the United States to the task of caring for the freedmen, and because it made that care a part of the official structure by which the South was being controlled. Even though the Freedmen's Bureau was able to remedy many of the flaws of the relief programs for the freedmen, it was the strongly motivated

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individuals of the religious groups and benevolent organizations that were mainly responsible for the education of the blacks. These individuals were for the most part devout Christians and well-trained teachers from New England.

One of the zealous individuals that became one of the most significant figures in southern black education was Julius Rosenwald. Rosenwald was quite successful as a businessman, but his philanthropic work has always overshadowed his financial success. He entered the clothing business in New York in 1878. In 1895 he invested \$35,000 in the stock of Sears, Roebuck, and Company, and in less than thirty years it grew into \$150,000,000. He became president of the mail-order firm in 1910 and then chairman in 1925. During the years Rosenwald was most active as a philanthropist, Sears and Roebuck expanded into the retail chain-store business, and he was actually absent from the company from 1916 to 1919. As early as 1910, Rosenwald was a trustee of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and made gifts on behalf of the rural school movement to the Institute, primarily through close contact with Booker T. Washington. His funds made possible the erection f sixteen YMCA buildings and one YMCA building for blacks. This stimulated gifts from others for similar projects in many cities in both the North and South, including the financial support for a large black housing project in Chicago. Rosenwald was active in a number of Jewish organizations and granted substantial financial support to the National Urban League. Also, he was appointed a member of the Council on National Defense and served as chairman of its committee on supplies.

In 1917 Rosenwald established the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This fund was destined to attract more money to the benefit of black education than any other philanthropic undertaking to this date. The fund's broad purpose was for the betterment of mankind irrespective of race, but it was aimed more specifically at creating more equitable opportunities for black Americans. Unlike many charity organizations, the Rosenwald Fund was to only help a school if the community, blacks and whites alike, had raised some of the money themselves; however, the black community usually provided the labor. Rosenwald and the directors of his trust first directed their attention toward building rural schools (such as the Kiblah School), later toward high schools and colleges, and finally toward the providing of grants and fellowships to enable outstanding blacks and whites to advance their careers. Not only did the Rosenwald Fund help to build rural schools, it was also responsible for a number of buildings and libraries on college campuses. The directors of the trust were also involved to a certain extent in the direction of the curriculum at all levels of education. Their emphasis was on the educational needs of country children. They maintained that some vocational skills were necessary, as were the ability to do some math, to read and write clearly, to have some understanding of biological processes and farming, and to understand the fundamentals of sanitation and health.

Stat records indicate that when the fund ceased activity in 1948, it had aided in the building of 389 school buildings (schools, shops, and teachers' homes) in 35 counties in Arkansas. The total amount contributed by

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the fund was \$1,952,441. The state or counties owned and maintained all of the schools, and the land was usually donated by a white landowner. In Arkansas, R. C. Childress of Little Rock was the Rosenwald Building Agent. Childress was the first degree graduate of Philander Smith College and was the second black person to work for the state Education Department. He dedicated his life to education and, consequently, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has named Childress Hall for him, and the high schools in Wynne and Nashville were named for him.

The Kiblah School is one of seven Rosenwald Schools that were constructed in Miller County between 1917 and 1929, and it was one of forty-five total projects (thirty-four schools, three teachers' homes, seven vocational shops, and one school addition) built with the 1927-1928 Rosenwald budget for Arkansas. Of the thirty-four school buildings built in Arkansas during the 1927-1928 budget cycle, five of them, including Kiblah School, had three classrooms.

The plan of the Kiblah School does not appear to have used a standard plan offered by the Rosenwald Fund. The school's plan is similar in form and detailing to Design No. 12 for a one-story five room school found in <u>Rural Negro School Plans</u>. However, schools built using Rosenwald funds were not required to use the standard plans. The only requirement was that whatever plan was used had to be approved by the Fund.

The total cost of construction for the Kiblah School was \$4,347. Of that cost, \$100 came from white contributions, \$3,547 came from public contributions, and \$700 came from the Rosenwald Fund. Ironically, there was no negro cash contribution. The cost to build the Kiblah School was slightly below the average cost of construction for a three-room school in the 1927-1928 budget, which was \$4,697.

Although thirteen years have passed since the school was listed on the National Register, the integrity of the building is still remarkably high, based on a March 27, 2002, resurvey of the building by Sandra Taylor Smith. The Kiblah School remains as an increasingly rare and tangible reminder of the legacy of Julius Rosenwald and his contributions to black education throughout the South.

Significance

Since the Kiblah School was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on November 20, 1989, additional information has surfaced indicating that the School is a Rosenwald School. As a result, the School is also significant as a part of Rosenwald's legacy as the foremost benefactor of negro education in the South.

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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION PROPERTY Kiblah School NAME: MULTIPLE NAME: STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Miller DATE RECEIVED: 11/26/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/10/03 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003210 NOMINATOR: STATE REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N OTHER: REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N COMMENT WAIVER: N RETURN ACCEPT ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: Additional Documentation Accepted

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RE: Additional Documentation, Kiblah School – Doddridge vic., Miller County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing additional documentation for the above-referenced property. The additional documentation focuses on the School's history as a Rosenwald School. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable procedures and requirements in the process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews

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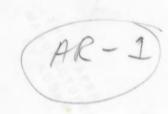
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