

✓ ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
*Wash. Co.
Canehill*

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-5

Owner Canehill College Board of Trustees

✓ Property Name Canehill College Building (C.M.R.A.), Address c/o Conrad Russell

Location McClellan ~~Street~~ ^{and} College Street Box 32, Canehill, AR 72717

Construction Date 1887

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The last of four buildings to house the Canehill College is situated on a hilltop site just west of Main Street (Highway 45). It is a massive brick-veneered masonry structure, two-stories in height. The building is constructed on a "T"-shaped plan consisting of a three-bays deep, five-bays-wide pile with a two-bays-deep, three-bays-wide wing projecting to the east to form the stem of the "T". Each section of the building is capped with a gable roof. Originally pairs of chimneys appeared in each gable end of the building; only three of these chimneys remain. The fenestration of the building has been considerably altered. Rectangular windows of various dimensions now pierce the elevations where round-arched windows were originally featured; the infill of the round arches as well as the bricking-in of some windows and doors is evident on the building. A round-arched opening also originally articulated the principal entrance to the building. The only decorative features of the building that remain are the strong vertical and horizontal bands of raised bricks that relieve the otherwise severe elevations. The building has not been utilized since the 1950's. A simple woodframe belltower holding the school's bell is located to the northwest of the building. Situated to the southwest is a 1940's concrete block building which served as a cafeteria.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Founded by Cumberland Presbyterians to prepare men for the ministry, the Canehill College evolved into one of the state's first four-year colleges. As a result of the school's prominence in the history of education of the state and its parallel influence on the development of the town, the college building is of great historic significance. Originally the school was known as the Canehill School (1834-35); in 1850 it began to grant two-year degrees and was renamed the Canehill Collegiate Institute; and in 1852 the institution received a charter to grant four-year degrees, the second such school established in Arkansas. Although the school was forced to close its doors during the Civil War, it continued to function until 1891 when a lack of financial support from outside the community brought about the school's demise. This structure is the only extant building associated with the development of the college. In its original condition, the design of the building exhibited some vague references, particularly in its round and segmental arched door and window opening, to the Victorian Italianate style. Constructed of locally fabricated bricks, the building is also significant in connection with Northwest Arkansas' traditional brick architecture.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"

Acreage more or less 2 5/8 acres

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone <u>15</u>	(A) Easting <u>373865</u>	Northing <u>3974820</u>	(B) Easting <u>373960</u>	Northing <u>3974790</u>
	(C) Easting <u>373930</u>	Northing <u>3974675</u>	(D) Easting <u>373840</u>	Northing <u>3974730</u>

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Verbal Boundary Description E1/2 of NW1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4, of Section 8, T14N,
R32W. Beginning 9 chains 57 links west from a point of a section line between
Section 8 & 9 and 13 chains 43 links north of the 1/4 section corner of said
line, thence N 14 degrees, east 5 chains 79 links , thence N 76 degrees, west
5 chains, thence S 64 degrees east to the beginning point.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 13 | 1. Moore House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | | Attest | <u>11/16/82</u> <u>Patrick Andrus</u> |
| | 2. Methodist Manse | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| | 3. Edmiston, D. N., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 14 | 4. Canehill Cemetery | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | | Attest | <u>11/16/82</u> <u>Patrick Andrus</u> |
| | 5. Canehill College Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| | 6. Edmiston, John, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 15 | 7. Welch, William, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | | Attest | <u>11/16/82</u> <u>Patrick Andrus</u> |
| | 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| | 9. Blackburn House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 16 | 10. McClellan, E. W., House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82</u> <u>Ann Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | | Attest | <u>11/16/82</u> <u>Patrick Andrus</u> |

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Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2759
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 11/4/82 - 11/19/82
Action: ACCEPT 11/17/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
 Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition deteriorated Check one Check one
 excellent ruins unaltered original site
 good unexposed altered moved date _____
 fair

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Historic Resources of Canehill
Canehill, AR
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Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation
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Canehill College Bell Tower
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000023