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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: GA-026

*(Thompson, ... 712)*  
Congressional District: Third

✓ Name: First Presbyterian Church

Current Owner: First Presbyterian Church

✓ Address: 213 Whittington

✓ Hot Springs, Arkansas

Address: 213 Whittington

✓ County: Garland

Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: 1907

Stylistic Influence: Gothic Revival

Original Use: Church

Present Use: Church

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 494560/3819190

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Hot Springs Reservation  
Block 132, Lot 1

Condition

☒ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated  
☐ Ruins  
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered  
☐ Altered

EXP. 12/31/84

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Code: GA-026 (213 Whittington, Hot Springs, AR)Physical Description

This large church rises directly from the sidewalk and occupies its entire narrow lot which is defined by two diagonally intersecting streets in downtown Hot Springs. The facade of this dignified limestone structure is glimpsed across a small triangular park formed by the intersecting streets. The Gothic Revival church, designed by Charles Thompson around 1907, features little ornamentation, its rich appearance being derived from one of the architect's most inspired uses of masonry. Blocks of rock-faced limestone are laid in alternating wide and narrow courses; the round arch windows and entrance feature prominent voussiors. Projecting from a gable end auditorium block, the traditional tri-partite facade features a central triangular cross gable flanked by two projecting towers of unequal height with castellated parapets. Each tower corner is framed by two setback buttresses with smooth stone copings. Framing the double leaf paneled oak door is a round arch opening with smooth stone coping forming a triangular pediment above the voussiors and keystone. A large, round-arch, stained-glass window is the focal point of the central section. Stained glass fills the tympanum of the entrance portal. Round arch, stained glass windows flank the door and appear in the towers as well. A huge stained glass window set into a round arch opening is the focal point of both side elevations.

Statement of Significance

Charles Thompson's design for the First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs reflects the Gothic Revival influence he so often used in church designs. Built in 1907 this church features an unusual and very effective use of masonry in its rock faced limestone construction. Blocks of the limestone are laid in alternating wide and narrow courses. The entrance features prominent voussiors and a round arch opening with smooth stone coping. The facade is marked by a large, round arched, stained glass window in the central section of the building. The First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs is an important part of the interesting streetscape in the resort town which is noted for its eclectic collection of buildings.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources  
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Baptist Church

Entered in the  
National Registerfor  
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

22. Fraunthal House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

23. Wade Building

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

Return PWA 12/13/82

24. Park Hotel

Entered in the  
National Registerfor  
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

25. First Presbyterian Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

26. Fordyce House

Entered in the  
National Registerfor  
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

27. St. Luke's Episcopal  
ChurchEntered in the  
National Registerfor  
Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

28. Riviera Hotel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

29. May-Marlar Grocery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

30. Swaim House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 12/22/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

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Substantive Review

First Presbyterian Church (Thompson, Charles L.,  
Design Collection TR)  
Garland County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/22/82☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria c/acceptReviewer Mac BuzgDiscipline A.H.Date 1/22/82☐ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic name \_\_\_\_\_

USPT 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

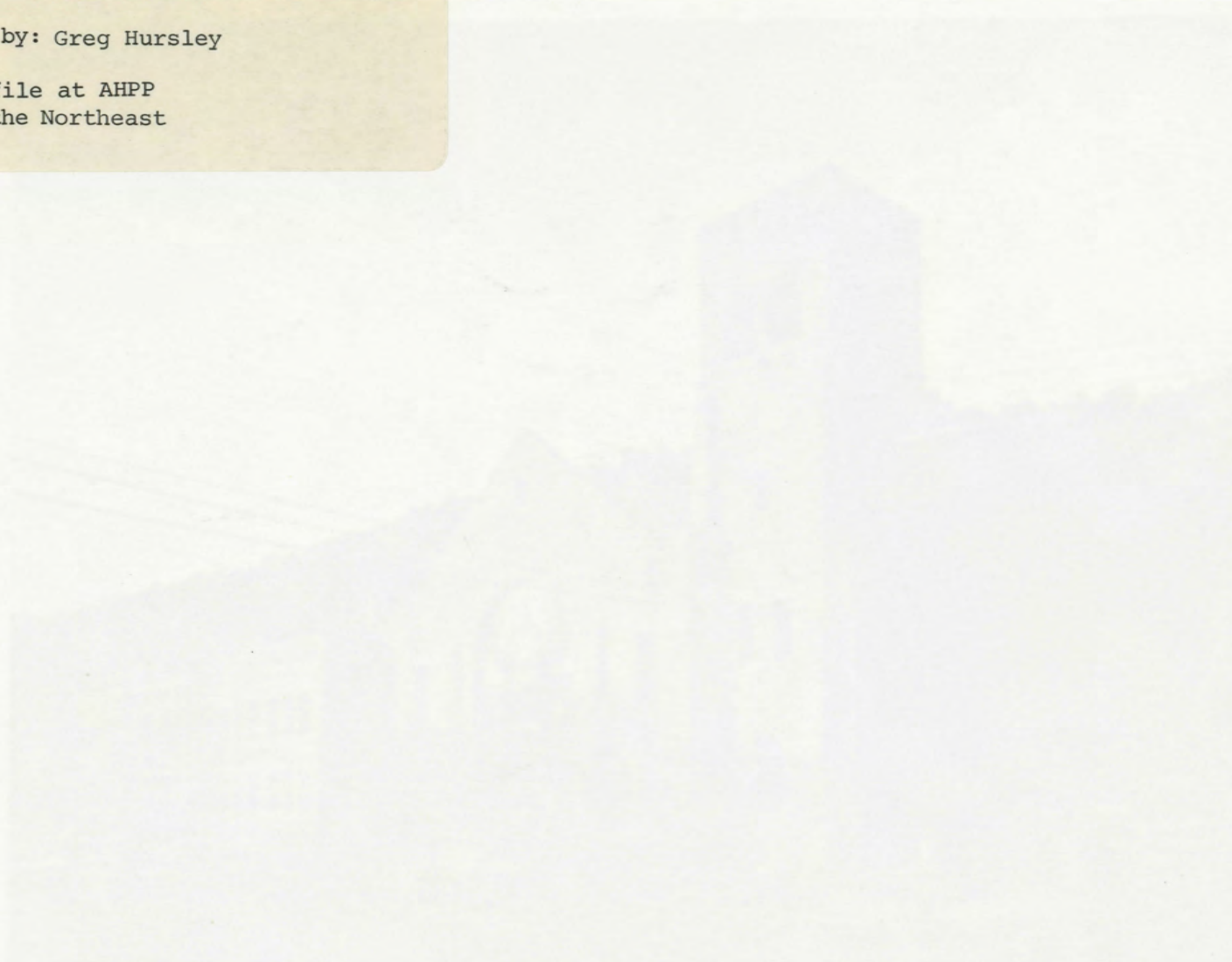


STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE  
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -  
A THEMATIC GROUP

Code Number: GA-026 (Presbyterian Church)  
213 Whittington, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Photographed by: Greg Hursley  
May, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP  
Viewed from the Northeast





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	GA-025	15	495290/3819360
	GA-026	15	494560/3819190
	GA-027	15	495465/3820640
	GA-028	15	495230/3818560
	GA-029	15	495040/3818400



ARKANSAS

QUADRANGLE LOCATION