

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Union Chapel School and Shop Building

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing:

Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & number: 298 Union Chapel Road and 28 Acker Lane

City or town: Springfield State: AR County: Conway

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

	<p>11-2-15</p>
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b> <u>Arkansas Historic Preservation Program</u>	<b>Date</b>
<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Title :</b>	<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

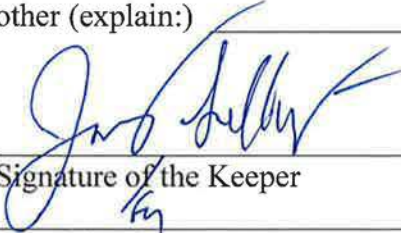
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register *on 1-26-2016 due to weather-related govt closure*
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

  
Signature of the Keeper

*1-27-2016*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>          </u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>          </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Education/School  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other/Community Center  
Vacant/Not in use  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Plain/Traditional

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Stone, Asphalt

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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#### Summary Paragraph

The Union Chapel School is located near Springfield in Conway County, Arkansas. The campus is South of Springfield, near the eastern edge of Conway County. The campus consists of approximately 1.6 acres, bounded by Union Chapel Road on the north and Acker Lane on the west. Currently the campus has three buildings, a classroom, a pump house and a shop building. The classroom building was built in the early 1930s and replaced the previous building built in the 1920s, and the shop building is from the 1920s. The pump house was also likely built in the 1930s. The buildings rest on continuous stone foundations and have fieldstone walls. The shop building and the pump house have hipped roofs covered in asphalt shingles, while the school has a gable roof, also covered in asphalt shingles. The area around the school is a rural area composed of a mixture of wooded areas and open fields.

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## Narrative Description

### Main Building (Contributing)

#### Front/West Façade

The west side of the main building is made of stonework and is symmetrical in appearance. At the center of the façade is the main entrance, which consists of a pair of solid doors and is approached by a concrete walkway and rails. Above the doors is a four-pane fanlight. Above the fanlight is a squared off parapet. On either side of the doorway are two vinyl double-hung windows that are one over one (fake muntins make the windows appear nine over nine). Further from those windows on either side are six one-over-one windows. At the north corner of the façade is a wood sign that says "Union Chapel Community Center". Underneath the sign is the cornerstone which reads

1937-38 W.P.A. Project  
State Dept. R.C. Childress  
Union Chapel School Board  
R.F. McKindra Pres. S. H. Knox  
R.W. Jamison Sect. Bud Hoyle  
P.D. Williamson  
County Examiner  
Christina Van Marion  
State Dept. of Education  
Nolen M. Irby

#### Side/South Façade

The south side of the front section of the main building is stonework, and the window openings are covered with white vinyl siding. The window openings are on either side of a recessed porch with double entrance into the building. The entrance has concrete stairs and a railing and is sheltered by an awning covered in asphalt shingles. Above the porch is an attic vent covered in vinyl siding.

The south side of the rear wing has five windows on the left side. The windows are vinyl double-hung windows that are one over one (fake muntins make the windows appear nine over nine). To the right of the windows is an entrance with a single door with a rectangular window. The entrance is approached by a set of concrete steps and is sheltered by an awning covered in asphalt shingles. To the right of the entrance is a blank stone wall.

#### Rear/East Façade

The east side of the building is divided into three sections. The two sections of the building that are the rear of the front section are each fenestrated with six windows. The windows are vinyl double-hung windows that are one over one (fake muntins make the windows appear nine over nine). The east side of the rear wing has two groups of three windows. The windows are vinyl double-hung windows that are one over one (fake muntins make the windows appear nine over nine). Above the windows is an attic vent covered in vinyl siding.

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### **Side/North Façade**

The north side of the front section of the building is identical to the south side. The north side of the front section of the main building is stonework, and the window openings are covered with white vinyl siding. The window openings are on either side of a recessed porch with double entrance into the building. The entrance has concrete stairs and a railing and is sheltered by an awning covered in asphalt shingles. Above the porch is an attic vent covered in vinyl siding.

The north side of the rear wing has five windows on the right side. The windows are vinyl double-hung windows that are one over one (fake muntins make the windows appear nine over nine). To the left of the windows is a blank wall space followed by a pair of small vinyl double-hung windows (fake muntins make the windows appear six over six).

### **Pump House (Contributing)**

The pump house is a small square stone building located to the southeast of the main school. It is topped by a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles. A central entrance with a solid door is on the west side. Above the door is a boarded up transom window. All of the other sides have no fenestration. To the south of the pump house is a concrete water trough.

### **Shop Building (Contributing)**

#### **Side/North Façade**

The shop building is located to the south of the school and it is a stone building with a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles. The north side of the shop building is stonework, with three pairs of metal frame double hung two-over-two windows. Above the windows are wood panels that fill the space that was occupied by the original windows.

#### **Front/West Façade**

The west side of the shop building is stonework, with the northernmost feature being a doorway with porch and stairs. The entrance is sheltered by an awning that is an extension of the main roof. To the south of the entrance is a small metal-framed, two-over-two, double-hung window. Next to the small window are three metal-framed, double-hung, two-over-two windows. Above the windows are wood panels that fill the space that was occupied by the original windows.

#### **Side/South Façade**

The south side of the shop building is stonework, with three pairs of metal-frame, double-hung two-over-two windows. Above the windows are wood panels that fill the space that was occupied by the original windows.

#### **Rear/East Façade**

The east side of the shop building is stonework, with a doorway on the southernmost end. The door is surrounded by wood novelty siding that fills in the original garage door space. To the north of the door is a metal-framed, double-hung, two-over-two window, followed by small window openings that are boarded up. To the north of the boarded up window openings are three metal-framed, double-hung, two-over-two windows. All of the large windows have wood panels that fill the space that was occupied by the original windows.

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**Integrity**

Overall, the Union Chapel School has good integrity. The largest change to the building outside of the period of significance has been the replacement of the original windows. Although the windows have been replaced, they exhibit the same pane arrangement as the original windows, and they do maintain the original size of the window openings, helping the exterior to convey its original design. The other exterior changes, which include the installation of the wheelchair ramps and the installation of vinyl siding have been minor in scale.

With respect to the shop building, the largest changes to the building include replacing the windows and enclosing the garage door space. Even though the windows are a different size, the original size of the window openings is still apparent. Likewise, the original location of the garage door is also still apparent.

The neighborhood around the Union Chapel School retains its rural character, reflecting the time of its construction during the 1930s. As a result, the Union Chapel School and its setting would be easily recognizable today by students or staff who attended or worked there.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years



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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Education

Ethnic Heritage/Black

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1929-1966

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1929-1930

1937-1938

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Works Progress Administration, Builder

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

When it was built in 1929-1930 and 1937-38, the Union Chapel School and Shop Building became an important component of the education system for African-Americans in the Union Chapel and Springfield area. The school and shop remained an important part of the African-American community until its closure circa 1970. Due to the school's importance to the African-American community and in the educational history of Conway County, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A**. The Union Chapel School and Shop Building are also being nominated under the multiple property listing "Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940", and the associated historic context "The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940."

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

#### **HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY**

Conway County was created in October 20, 1825, from land previously belonging to Pulaski County. The earliest iteration of Conway County was 2,500 square miles, and included the present counties of Faulkner, Van Buren, Pope, Perry and some of Yell.<sup>1</sup>

European settlement in the Springfield area began in the early nineteenth century and grew up through 1840 when a post office was established southwest of current Springfield for the community known as "Georgia Settlement."<sup>2</sup> As of June 29, 1850, Springfield was the county seat, moved from the city of Lewisburg; this ended in 1873, when it was returned to Lewisburg.<sup>3</sup> Tragically, the Springfield courthouse had just been rebuilt in 1869, having been burned down by Union soldiers in the Civil War.<sup>4</sup>

Springfield was located geographically between subsistence farmers and plantation owners, and so was the natural choice for major gatherings of the Agricultural Wheel. A large amount of African-Americans migrated to Springfield in the Reconstruction period and made several communities. One of these communities was called Union Chapel. Springfield was a market center for these communities as well as the white communities. The town thrived in this manner until the Great Depression, where automobiles and radio allowed mobility, which meant that town squares such as Springfield was no longer needed as political centers.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, 11.

<sup>2</sup> Taylor, Larry. "Springfield(Conway County)." *The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. Found at: <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=6416>

<sup>3</sup> Goodspeed, 12-13.

<sup>4</sup> Taylor.

<sup>5</sup> Taylor.

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The first school in Conway County was a small log building constructed at Lewisburg sometime before 1836.<sup>6</sup> The earliest date in Conway County regarding Black education is the State Constitution of 1868 which provided school privileges to white and blacks alike. Until the State Board of Education came up with a plan for schools for black and white children, there was much protesting, and the area was under martial law from October 1868 to February 1869. The rule from the 1868 Constitution that provided separate schools for blacks and whites remained in place until desegregation in 1965. The first free public black school in Conway County was built in 1895.<sup>7</sup>

Springfield's school was one of several schools created by the Rosenwald program in Arkansas. In total, the Rosenwald program built 338 schools in the state of Arkansas, and enrolled 46,980 students and employed 1,044 teachers, representing a \$1,952,441 investment.<sup>8</sup> People were, in the beginning, understandably suspicious, said Arkansas Rosenwald agent Percy Dorman: "It was hard to convince some that there was a man on earth actually willing to give...so much money for their benefit, and to use the common expression, 'there was a bug under the chip somewhere.'"<sup>9</sup> Women played an important role in getting the construction started, serving dinner for the workers and pitching in financial incentive to the community's men to begin building the schools.<sup>10</sup> Building was a community effort, with "men, women and children" in Jonesboro cleaning and using the "donated" bricks of a salvaged auditorium "by the thousands" in constructing their school.<sup>11</sup> The black community had had a long time to develop ways around white resistance to their education, and instances like the "new" Rosenwald school replacing classes in Mount Pleasant Church in Cotton Plant, Arkansas, was not uncommon. In fact, it was a boon to local communities that teachers and preachers no longer had to fight for the same space.<sup>12</sup>

In the space currently occupied by the WPA school, the Rosenwald program built a three-teacher type school in 1922 and 1923 as well a shop building in 1929 and 1930. The shop building is still there. For the school, \$1,170 came from the Black community, \$730 from public funds and \$900 from the Rosenwald Foundation for a total of \$2,800. For the Shop, \$500 came from the Black community, \$500 came from the public and \$300 came from the Rosenwald Foundation, for a total of \$1,300.<sup>13</sup>

One of the buildings on the Rosenwald site, the shop building, was part of an initiative known as industrial curriculum, designed to teach children trade knowledge and agricultural knowledge in addition to the standard curriculum. Industrial curriculum in general, however, was widely derided for its agricultural training program, and many teachers ignored the industrial curriculum

<sup>6</sup> Brents, Mary Ellen Guffey. "Conway County". The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture. Found at: <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=759>

<sup>7</sup> Conway Historical Society, 119.

<sup>8</sup> Hoffschwelle, Mary. *The Rosenwald Schools of the American South*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2006, 283.

<sup>9</sup> Hoffschwelle, 239.

<sup>10</sup> Hoffschwelle, 235.

<sup>11</sup> Hoffschwelle, 236.

<sup>12</sup> Hoffschwelle, 247.

<sup>13</sup> Rosenwald Database.

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and used spaces set aside for it for activities they were more equipped to handle. Many wanted to see their children go to college and considered the trade school the implication that they could not, which they found insulting. While some saw it as keeping blacks in the cotton fields, however, some did point out that white educators also had industrial education and that even if they opposed it blacks should be given that opportunity as well.<sup>14</sup> Industrial schools, while generally a failure in the south, did find some measure of success in Little Rock, one of the first built. Community leaders on both sides of the color line had misgivings about an industrial school, fearing it would give them few skills with which to make it to college. Nevertheless, the Little Rock school lasted until 1955.<sup>15</sup>

There is not much evidence of resistance from the White community in Springfield, but in other towns with Rosenwald Schools across the state there was considerable resistance. One of the most famous cases was in in the town of Wilson, Arkansas. Wilson had donated the lion's share of the proceeds for the building, and so when the building burned down hours before its dedication he considered it a personal attack. Black community leaders suspect its similarity to the white school had enraged local extremists, but Wilson vowed to rebuild it in exact duplication, except with inflammable brick and tile this time. This building was more luxurious than the previous one, and it did not burn down.<sup>16</sup>

The current building was built by the Works Progress Administration, or WPA, after the previous building was destroyed by fire. There were two WPA camps in Conway County, building structures such as the first state park in Arkansas and also helping in agricultural work.<sup>17</sup> The WPA completed 11,000 miles of country roads as well as many local school improvements, and supervisor Sharp said that rural citizens were displaying an interest in investing in their community that had been lacking before.<sup>18</sup> Another New Deal labor organization was the National Youth Administration, or the NYA, a group that employed and educated children and teenagers. The NYA had completed 87 school buildings along with 44 shop buildings, 67 vocational agriculture buildings, 50 home economics cottages, 15 teacherages and 36 gymnasiums.<sup>19</sup> In 1939, total new schools built numbered 297, with the erections of 81 gymnasiums and 34 stadiums, grandstands and bleachers.<sup>20</sup> The school was constructed out of rocks that were taken from the land. Mr. Powell was a well-known brick mason in the community; his signature was the joints raised about half an inch. He was considered one of the best stone masons in the area. At its height the school educated children from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and housed a daycare. Near its time of closing in 1971 it educated children through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.<sup>21</sup> As of summer 1970 the school was still open, as Union Chapel had a closing program.<sup>22</sup> In the summer of 1970 there were still events advertised as being in the

<sup>14</sup> Hoffschwelle, 255.

<sup>15</sup> (Hoffschwelle, 2006) 133-136

<sup>16</sup> Hoffschwelle, 262.

<sup>17</sup> Brents, Mary Ellen Guffey.

<sup>18</sup> Holly Hope. *An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943*. 34.

<sup>19</sup> Hope, 31.

<sup>20</sup> Hope, 26.

<sup>21</sup> Information on the Union Chapel School in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

<sup>22</sup> V. Etter Brewer. "Union Chapel". *Morrilton Democrat*, Thursday, May 21, 1970.

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Union Chapel school building, such as a picnic sponsored by the Union Chapel School PTA and the painting of the Union Chapel School building by the parents of students of Union Chapel and the workers of the Union Chapel community.<sup>23</sup> By summer 1971 it was referred to in the local newspaper as a community center.<sup>24</sup>

The *Petit Jean Headlight*, one of the oldest newspapers in the city of Morrilton cited the “Annual Union Chapel Public School Picnic.” This tradition continues today with descendants to the community hosting annual picnics on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Union Chapel School became a place of pride for the students and families of the community. It was a place not only for learning; it was also a place for basketball games, socials, dances, picnics and baseball games. The Union Chapel School also serves as of this time as the town community center hosting public events for the community of Union Chapel and residents of surrounding communities. Since 1970, the facility property was deeded to the community.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPERTY

From the time of its completion c.1937 until 1938, Union Chapel School was the only school for African-Americans in the Union Chapel and Springfield area. Union Chapel School was not only a significant part of Union Chapel’s African-American community when it came to education, but it was also an important aspect of the community’s social life. As with churches, schools were often an important part of the African-American community not just during the week, but on the weekends as well, and Union Chapel was no exception. News of events at the school was often reported in the *Morrilton Democrat* under the Union Chapel heading. For example, on July 23, 1970, it was reported that “Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26 will be the annual 2-day picnic, sponsored by the P.T.A. of Union Chapel School. Come all of you and enjoy two big days of fun.”<sup>25</sup>

The importance of the School to the local community is also illustrated by the fact that the local residents played an important part in the school’s maintenance. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1970, the *Morrilton Democrat* reported, “The Union Chapel School Building is being painted by the Union Chapel parents and the N.Y.C. workers of the Union Chapel community.”<sup>26</sup>

The Union Chapel School was an important component of the education system for African Americans in the Union Chapel and Springfield area from the 1930s until its closing circa 1970. The school’s importance stretched beyond Union Chapel to include the surrounding area. The school was not only a place where African-Americans were educated, but also a place where they held special events. Due to the school’s importance to the African-American community and in the educational history of Conway County, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A**. The Union Chapel School is also being nominated under the multiple property listing “Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940” and the associated historic context “The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940.”

<sup>23</sup> *Morrilton Democrat*, July 23, 1970; August 6, 1970.

<sup>24</sup> *Morrilton Democrat*, 1971.

<sup>25</sup> “Union Chapel”. *Morrilton Democrat*, July 23, 1970, pg. 7.

<sup>26</sup> “Union Chapel”. *Morrilton Democrat*, August 6<sup>th</sup> 1970. Pg. 7.

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### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** CN0161(School), CN0164(Shop)

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acree of Property** 1.6 acres approximately

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

- |             |                 |                   |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Zone: 15 | Easting: 540396 | Northing: 3898812 |
| 2. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 3. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 4. Zone:    | Easting :       | Northing:         |

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Union Chapel Road and Acker Lane at UTM point 15/540372/3898901, proceed southerly along the east side of Acker Lane for 550 feet to UTM point 15/540370/3898739, then proceed easterly perpendicular to Acker Lane 125 feet to UTM point 15/540406/3898736, then proceed northerly for 175 feet to the north edge of the driveway at UTM point 15/540409/3898792, then proceed easterly along the north edge of the driveway for 120 feet to UTM point 15/540441/3898806, then proceed northerly along the west edge of the driveway for 220 feet to the south edge of Union Chapel Road at UTM point 15/540428/3898874, then proceed northwesterly along the south edge of Union Chapel Road for 220 feet to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This boundary includes both the historic resources and all the surrounding property known to have been historically associated to retain its integrity.

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)



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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Union Chapel School and Shop Building

City or Vicinity: Springfield

County: Conway

State: Arkansas

Photographer: Travis Ratermann

Date Photographed: December 23, 2013

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 14 West façade of the school, looking east.
- 2 of 14 Cornerstone of the school, looking east.
- 3 of 14 South façade of the school, looking northeast.
- 4 of 14 South façade of the school, looking north.
- 5 of 14 South and West facades of the pump house, looking northeast.
- 6 of 14 Water fountain at the pump house, looking north.
- 7 of 14 North and East facades of the pump house, looking southwest.
- 8 of 14 East façade of the school, looking west.
- 9 of 14 North and East facades of the school, looking southwest.
- 10 of 14 North façade of the school, looking south.
- 11 of 14 North façade of the shop building, looking south.

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12 of 14 West façade of the shop building, looking northeast.

13 of 14 South façade of the shop building, looking north.

14 of 14 East façade of the shop building, looking southwest.

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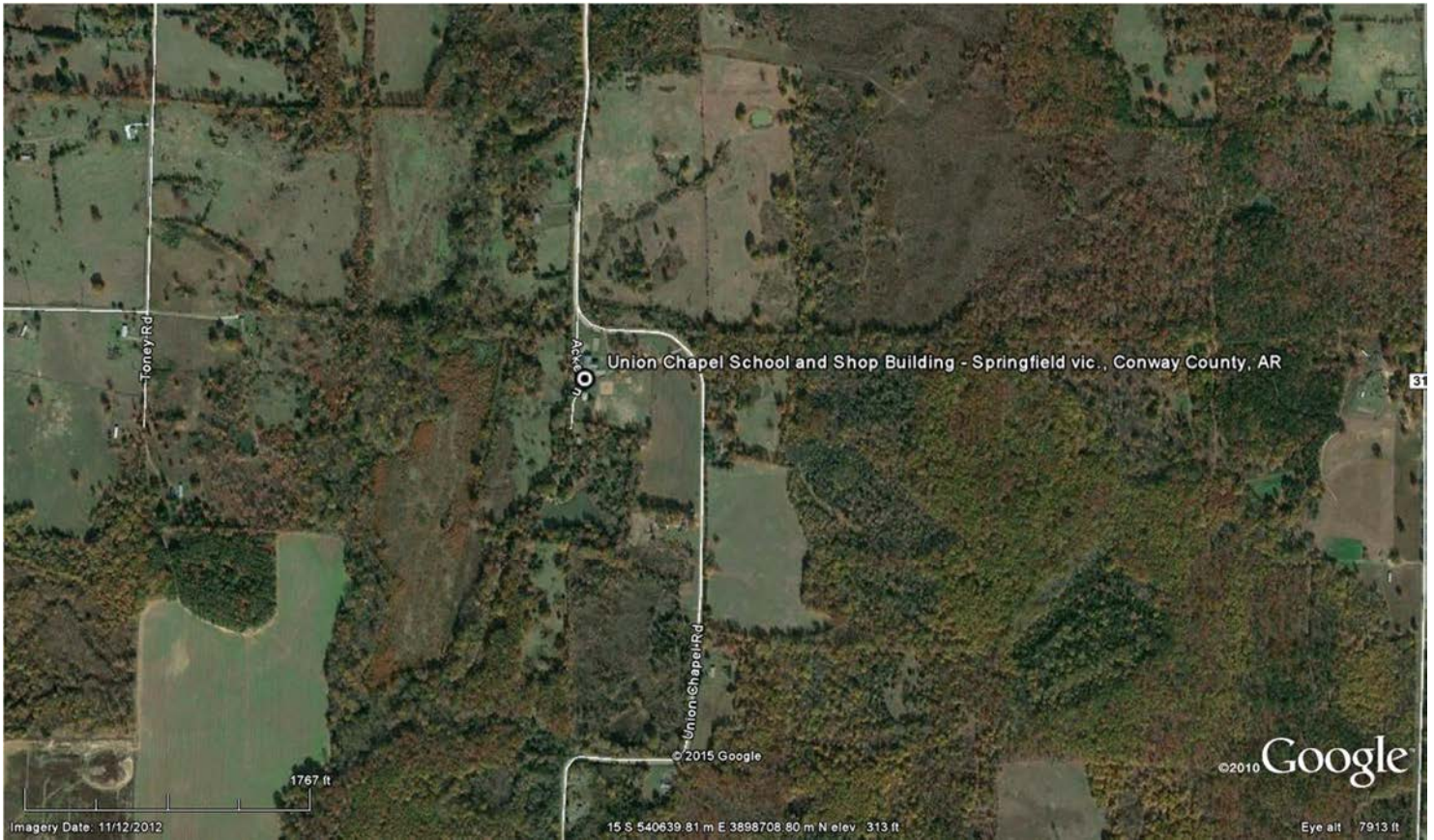
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Springfield vic., Conway County, Arkansas

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North



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Union Chapel School and Shop, Conway County, Arkansas  
Number = Photo Location

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TOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Union Chapel School and Shop Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Conway

DATE RECEIVED: 12/11/15      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/08/16  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/16      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/26/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000993

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: Y    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT 1-27-2016    DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Due to weather-related govt shutdown on Jan 25 & 26, this property was automatically listed on 1-26-2016. The nomination had been reviewed and is acceptable

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER J. Lubert

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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December 2, 2015

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RE: Union Chapel School and Shop Building – Springfield vic.,  
Conway County, Arkansas

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- Arkansas Arts Council
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  - Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
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  - Delta Cultural Center
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  - Historic Arkansas Museum
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  - Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
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  - Old State House Museum
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Dear Mr. Loether:

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

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

Sincerely,

Stacy Hurst  
State Historic Preservation Officer

SH:rsw

Enclosure



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