

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Shiloh Church

AND/OR COMMON

Oddfellows Lodge

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Huntsville and Main Streets

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Springdale

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

143

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: fraternal**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

New Era Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge, #36

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Huntsville and Main Streets

CITY, TOWN

Springdale

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

STATE

Arkansas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Shiloh Church, intended for use as a church, but since the 1930's used as a fraternal meeting hall, is a two-storey frame building constructed in 1870. The floor plan is rectangular and measures 45 feet by 35 feet. White clapboard walls and a gable roof enclose the 40 foot tall structure. Exterior trim consists of a boxed cornice with returns over a wide plain entablature at each gable end, and wood pilasters at each corner of the building.

The north and south elevations are divided into equal bays by four double hung sash, six-over-six light windows at both the first and second storey levels. The western-most bay on the south elevation, ground floor, contains a panelled wood door with transom. Dressed field stone was used in the original foundation, but has been covered with cement and faced with fourteen inch wide boards.

The facade (west) elevation is symmetrical, with a pair of panelled doors with transoms on the ground floor level, and windows identical to those on the north and south elevations at the second storey level. The belfry centered above the ridge line at the west end of the roof, has been reconstructed at least three times. However, earlier belfrys were quite similar in shape and scale to the present belfry. The original bell is still in use.

Except for an enclosed space in the northwest corner, the interior of the ground floor remains open as when originally constructed in 1870. The first floor ceiling has not been lowered and remains at its original 15 1/2 foot height. An enclosed stairway in the southwest corner leads to a hallway on the west end of the second floor. Doors on the east side of the upstairs hall lead to the large open room which covers almost all of the second floor. The building's original floors, walls and second storey ceiling have been covered with contemporary materials in recent years (plywood panelling, acoustical tile, etc.)

The simple Greek Revival touches and impressive dimensions combine to make the Shiloh Church a most architecturally pleasing structure. As Springdale's oldest surviving building, Shiloh Church is the community's most visible link with its early history.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shiloh Church is the most historically significant structure in the northwest Arkansas community of Springdale. Built in 1870, it has been used for over one hundred years as both a church and a fraternal lodge hall. It is the only structure surviving from the community's early years, and serves as the most important visible reminder of the town's history.

On the same block as Shiloh Church (Block One, original town plat of Springdale) and just northwest of the building is the site of Springdale's first two churches. Circa 1840 a log church was moved to the site donated by William D. Quinton. During the Civil War this first church building was burned, and was replaced in 1868. Two years later a third structure, the present Shiloh Church, was built just southeast of the original church site.

Until 1878 when the town was incorporated, Springdale had been known as Shiloh. The name "Springdale" was taken from the natural spring which lies just northeast of the Shiloh Church. The community's first graveyard lay just north of the present church, but was moved about 1894 to open a street across the site.

Shiloh Church was built on land belonging to Reverend John Holcombe, a pioneer settler in the area and one of the earliest pastors of Shiloh Church (c. 1843). In 1872 Reverend Holcombe gave the land on which the church was built to the three churches which shared in its construction costs: Shiloh Regular Baptist Church, Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Controlling interest was given to the Shiloh Church.

The local Masonic lodge used and paid for upkeep of the building's upper room, and also shared half the expense of roof repairs. Lumber used in the construction of Shiloh Church came from the Van Winkle Mill near War Eagle, another early community in the area. The lumber was seasoned and hand dressed at the construction site.

For over fifty years the church was in continual use by both church groups and the Masonic Lodge. However, as the community grew church members gradually dispersed to other churches. The Shiloh Baptist Church was the last congregation to hold regular services in the building. Except for



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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3/4  
UTM REFERENCES

UTM OK  
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A 11.5 39.8 30.0 40.5 20.0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
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B                 
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D               

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

DATE

3-11-75

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

STATE

Arkansas

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE William E. Henderson



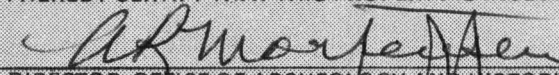
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State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3-11-75

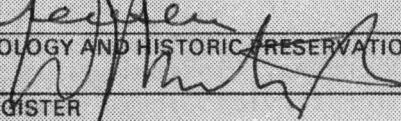
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:



KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6/5/75

DATE

JUN 4 1975



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occasional meetings, the building was abandoned by both the churches and the Masons in the late 1920's.

In 1932 Springdale's Water and Sewer District took possession of the church and property because of delinquent taxes. Three years later the Oddfellows paid the back taxes and became the owners. Since that time the Oddfellows have used the old church as their lodge hall. The preservation of the building is due solely to their efforts.

The minutes from the meetings of the Shiloh Baptist Church are intact, except for the first book, 1840-1845. Now in the possession of the Shiloh Museum of Springdale, these early church records document the history of the church. During the nineteenth century the growth of Shiloh Church preceeded but paralleled the growth of the Springdale community.

The town of Springdale grew up around Shiloh Church, a structure which represents the importance of religion to the early settlers in the region. Surrounded by the most historic sites in the city, Shiloh Church stands as the most important historic landmark in Springdale.

Property

*Shiloh Church*

Washington Co.

75000418

State

*Arkansas*

Working Number

*4.21.75 738*

TECHNICAL

Photos   /  

Maps   /  

CONTROL

*cm*

OK *4.23.75*

HISTORIAN

*Accept*

*E. Smith*

*5-12-75*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*ACCEPT*

*H. W. Ford*

*5/5/75*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory           

Review           

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept*

*Cole*

*5.12.75*

BRANCH CHIEF

*accept*

*H. W. Ford*

*6.3.75*

KEEPER

*W. H. Ford*

*JUN 4 1975*

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

*8-5-75*

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\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Washington

STATE

Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Cy Sutherland

DATE OF PHOTO

1974

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Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

facade and south elevation, viewed from the southwest

PHOTO NO.

1 (only)

#101

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Shiloh Church - 1005 Lodge  
Springdale  
Washington Co.  
Arkansas  
facade and south elevation  
viewed from the

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HISTORIC Shiloh Church

AND/OR COMMON

Oddfellows Lodge

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Springdale

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Washington

STATE Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

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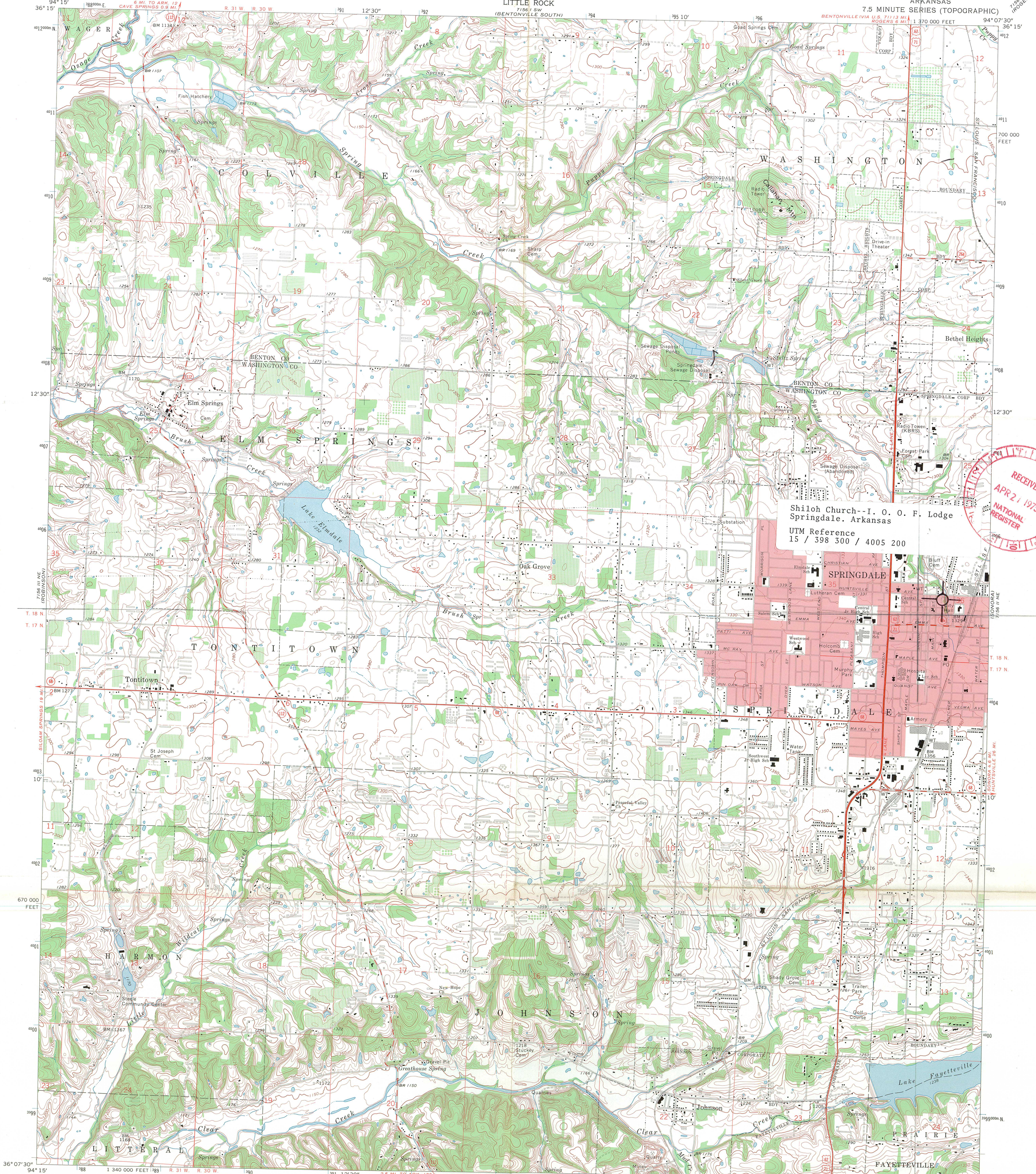
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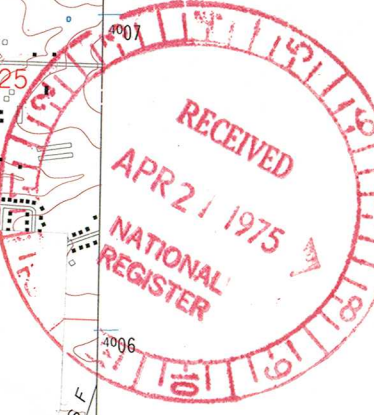
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2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

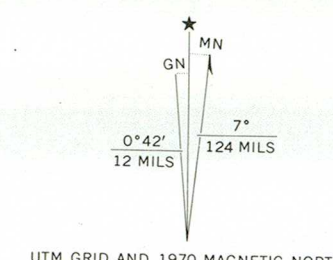




Shiloh Church--I. O. O. F. Lodge  
Springdale, Arkansas  
UTM Reference  
15 / 398 300 / 4005 200



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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface. Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface.  
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface. Unimproved road, fair or dry weather.  
U.S. Route State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Steamboat House	Dardanelle Yell County
Yeas, Colonel Jacob, Building	Chester Crawford County
Knox, R. M., House	Pine Bluff Jefferson County
Plum Bayou Homesteads (Wright Plantation)	Wright Jefferson County
Shiloh Church	Springdale Washington County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Dale Bumpers	Mr. William E. Henderson
Hon. John P. Hannerschmidt	Director, Arkansas Dept. of Parks and
Hon. Ray Thornton	Tourism
	State Capitol
Regional Director, Southwest	Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Region	

PR MMOTT: pl 6/9/75

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Shiloh Church** 2 OTHER NAMES: **Oddfellows Lodge - sec.** 3 date of entry: **6-5-75** 4 county code: **143**

5 LOCATION street & number: **Huntsville and Main Sts.** city / town: **Springdale** vicinity of: **AR** state: **Washington** county: **Scw** 6 NPS REGION:

7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name): 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL 10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO 11 CONGRESS, DISTRICT: **3rd** 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form?

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME: **NO** 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME: **NO** 15 ACREAGE: **.75** ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☒ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated ☒ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown 17 features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONMENTAL ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS ☒ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE ☒ YES ☐ NO 20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☒ AGRICULTURE-3 ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ART-5 ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **church** CURRENTLY: **Fraternal Hall** 24 dates of initial construction: **1870** major alterations: historic events: 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): **Greek Revival** 27 architect: 28 master builder: 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer: 31 interior decorator: 32 artist: 33 artisan: 34 builder / contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof with small front open belfry, twin off-center paneled entrances each with transom, corner pilasters, boxed cornice with partial end returns; interior alterations. Greek Revival. Oldest extant structure in town; replaced earlier log church.**