

Survey Number DA-20

Owner Reverend Nolan Brown

Property Name Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Address 203 Highland Drive
AR 9

Location Jacinto

Fordyce, AR 71742

Significant Date/s c. 1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, classic and serene in its simplicity, is located in a clearing with two other small frame churches located nearby. The entire grouping is ringed by pine forests. This traditional rectangular structure with gable roof is sheathed with novelty siding and is elevated on wooden piers. A hint of Greek Revival style influence is evident in the shallow pitch of the roof and simple frieze, cornice prominent gable returns and cornerboards. The north gable end contains the main entry composed of double doors with four panels each are surmounted by a two-light transom and a simple cornice. Above the entry is a small square window with simple surround. The outstanding architectural feature of this church, setting it off from its plainer neighbors, is the Gothic Revival effect created through the use of the simple, but picturesque pointed arch windows. Augmenting this Gothic Revival effect are the slightly projecting window cornices which resemble small triangular pediments. These cornices enliven the otherwise flat, planar surfaces of the side elevations. The east facade contains four symmetrically arranged windows. The west facade also has four windows and an additional single door entry similar to the main entry in the north gable end. The interior arrangement consists simply of the rectangular auditorium and the small Sunday School room in the southeast corner. Tongue-and-groove panelling and a simple wainscot line the interior walls. The rather plain panelled pulpit and the simple slat-back wooden pews appear to be original.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt. Carmel Methodist Church with its simple rectangular plan and single entrance in the gable end is a traditional building type which was prevalent among Dallas County's religious architecture. Mt. Carmel is a plain, functional church which quite adequately served the needs of its Methodist congregation. Its builder felt a need, however, to embellish its simple lines by adding distinctive Gothic influenced window detailing, thereby setting it apart from its counterparts in the county. Mt. Carmel Methodist Church is truly a finely crafted example of a rural turn of the century religious structure.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Princeton West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 15 533520/3751330

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, T9S R15W, is bounded by lines running parallel to and 100' from the north, south, east, and west facades of the church.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review		for	Date/Signature
11. Garrison Place	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
12. Goodgame, Capt., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
13. Hampton Springs Cemetery (Black Section)	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
14. Knight, Ed, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
15. Koonce Building	Substantive Review	Keeper	Beth Groves 10/28/83
		Attest	
16. Mallett, George W., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
17. Mt. Carmel Methodist Church	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
18. Mt. Zion Methodist Church	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
19. Old Fordyce Post Office	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 10/28/83
		Attest	
20. Princeton Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	Keeper	Melvin Byers 3/27/84
		Attest	

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Mt. Carmel Methodist Church (Dallas County
MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ACCEPT 10/28/83
 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		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 _____ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

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 _____

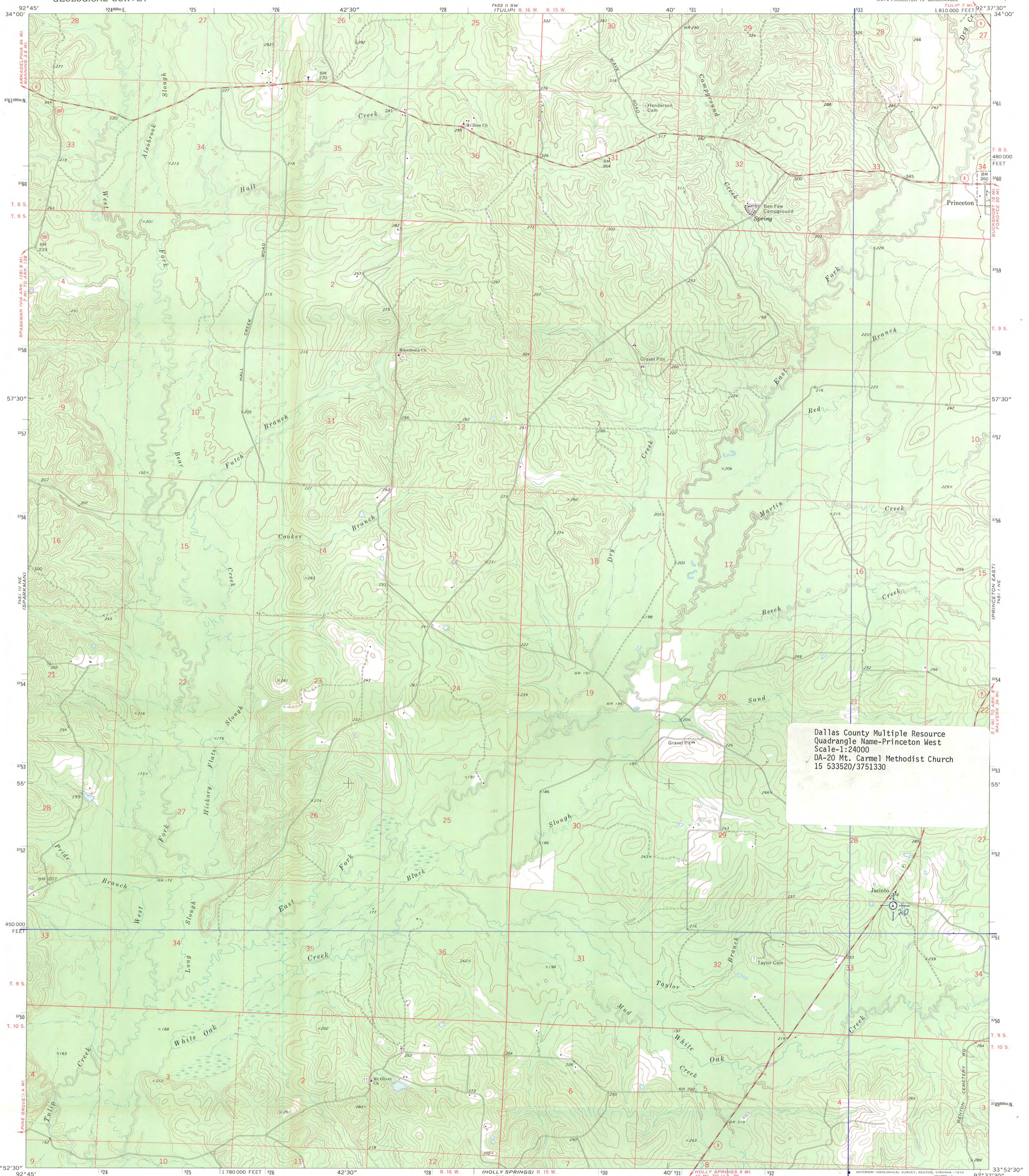
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Mount Carmel Methodist Church
Sarah Brown, photographer
May 28, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northeast

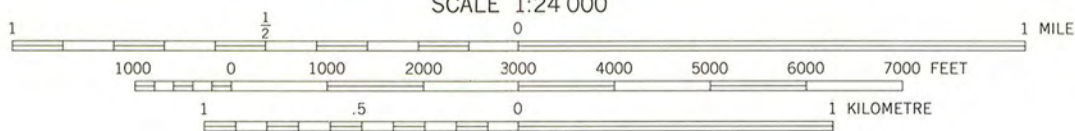
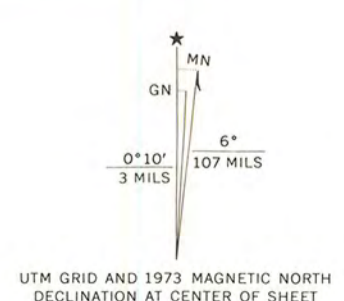


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system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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

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