

Survey Number CL-12 Owner Clarendon United Methodist Church
Clarendon Methodist-
Property Name Episcopal Church South Address 121 Third
Address 121 Third St Clarendon, AR 72029
City Clarendon, AR
Significant Date/s 1912

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Clarendon Methodist-Episcopal Church South was designed in 1912 by John Gaisford of Memphis. Gaisford specialized in building churches for the Methodist - Episcopal Church South from 1905-1918 in different parts of the south. Most of his buildings also featured the same Classical Revival style used in the Clarendon Church. The large brick structure features a prominent two-story sanctuary mass surrounded by one-story classroom spaces. The large sanctuary mass has a clay tile roof of four intersecting gables, upon which rests a large dome which is crowned with a decorative spire. The building's main entry is at the east gable and features an elaborately decorative form supported by two large Ionic columns which rest upon a flight of steps. The gabled form's pediment area has a large semi-circular stained glass window with decorative concrete mouldings at the eave point. The landing at the top of the steps is decorative terrazzo. The double wood entry doors have stained glass panels with stained glass side lights. The north, south, and west walls all contain three bays, a central two-story gabled mass flanked by one-story masses.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1912 Clarendon Methodist-Episcopal Church South is one of the most impressive structures and one of the oldest churches in the town. The Clarendon Methodist Church was organized in 1845 at Shady Grove Campground two miles east of Clarendon. They moved into town during the 1850's, and held services at various locations. Their first building in Clarendon was built on Second Street in 1885. This building burned in 1911, and the present lot was purchased on Third Street from Parker C. Ewan in 1912. The present church was completed later in 1912 using two local contractors named Graham and Boyles. The architect was John Gaisford from Memphis. Gaisford was an English immigrant who arrived in America in 1901, and worked out of Memphis from 1905 until his death in 1918. In 1911, Gaisford published a book for the Methodist - Episcopal Church South entitled How to Build the Church. In the book, Gaisford emphasized the Classical Revival style. He used this same style to design Methodist Churches throughout the South, as well as the Mississippi County Courthouse in Osceola, Arkansas in 1912. The interior of the church was damaged in the 1927 flood, but the exterior remains intact and largely unaltered.

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Verbal Boundary Description: Ewans Addition Lots 7, 8, 9 Block F

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone: 15

Easting: 654160

Northing: 3840660

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 10/3/84
date entered 11/1/84

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area
State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Cover _____ 11/1/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Anderson Boarding House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 10/1/84

Attest _____

2. Bank of Clarendon

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

3. Bateman-Griffith House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

4. Bondi Brothers Store

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

5. Bounds Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

6. Clarendon Methodist-
Episcopal Church South

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

7. Ewan Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

8. Goldman and Son Store

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

9. Highway 79 Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

10. Jefferies Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Clarendon Methodist-Episcopal Church South
(Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84
Action: ACCEPT 11/1/84
 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 <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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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

Clarendon Methodist Episcopal Church South
(Clarendon M.E.A.)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

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: _____



CL-12 Clarendon Methodist-Episcopal Church
South

121 Third Street
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000024