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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Boxlike in massing and detail, Elizabeth Hall survives as one of the last remaining examples of the simple, rural architecture built in Arkansas during the nineteenth century.

The main block of the frame building is a two-story rectilinear mass measuring 30 feet by 60 feet. A small one-story addition attached to the north elevation of the lodge in 1960 gives the building its present ell shape. Aside from this small addition, the only major alteration to the exterior is the placement of fireproof asbestos siding on the exterior wall surfaces. Low, gabled roofing and a stone foundation complete the basic structural elements of the building.

The broad, flat surfaces of the north and south wall-facings are broken only by a uniform window fenestration composed of a row of four identical windows placed along each floor of the two elevations. The more narrow facades of the east and west elevations are windowless and contain the doorways. The west door is constructed of vertical boarding tied with battens. The rustic appearance of the doorway is accentuated by a simple, planed architrave, surrounding the door. The main entranceway on the east elevation is a more impressive arrangement of five-panel, double-leaf doors surmounted by trabeated transom. The only truly decorative embellishment found on the entire building is a bracketted hood-dormer set over the double-leaf doorway.

The interior arrangement equals the simplicity and sparseness of the exterior. The entire first floor forms a large hall, while the small addition to the north elevation serves as a family room. The second floor contains two small ancillary rooms and a large main room, which acts as the meeting hall for the Freemasons. A striking, embossed metal ceiling gives the main room an air of plushness and superfluity, lacking in the rest of the structure.

The interior walls were originally sheathed with hand-planed lumber. However, the room walls have recently been panelled. Huge wooden beams can still be found in the attic, giving structural strength to the upper portion of the building.

Elizabeth Hall is set in the middle of picturesque Elizabeth Cemetary. Its serene aspect has prompted a feature writer for the Fort Smith newspaper, the Southwest American, to call Elizabeth Cemetary one of the most beautiful rural cemetaries in Arkansas.

While certain original features of Elizabeth Hall are hidden behind alterations, the integrity of its original, extraordinary simplicity remains. Placed in its authentic setting of Elizabeth Cemetary, Elizabeth Hall remains a fine example of nineteenth-century rural architecture.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed for use as a Masonic lodge in 1867, Elizabeth Hall still houses the Freemasons of the New Blaine area. In addition to its major purpose the lodge has served as a school, a church, and a funeral chapel. Today it stands as one of the finest remaining rural structures erected in nineteenth-century Arkansas.

Both the site of construction and the lumber used were donations by the Freemasons of New Blaine. The site was located next to Elizabeth Cemetary, a cemetary named in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Cravens Reel, who in 1868 became the first person to be buried in the new cemetary. Construction was carried out under the supervision of the New Blaine sheriff, E. N. Griffeth, and the lodge was officially chartered November, 1868.

In the succeeding years the upper floor constituted the Masonic lodge and the bottom floor was used as a church and school. The school was discontinued fifty years ago, and currently the hall on the first floor is used exclusively for funerals, but the second floor continues to serve as the Masonic lodge. The building is currently maintained by volunteers.

The architectural appearance of Elizabeth Hall reflects the simplicity of rural life in Arkansas during the nineteenth century. The boxlike main mass is covered with a low-pitched, gable roof. The walls are faced with recently applied, fire-proof, asbestos siding. However, the new siding retains the austere character of the original white wooden walls. Windows appear only on the broader north and south elevations. The fenestration is uniform, featuring a row of four identical sash windows per floor on each elevation. The doorways are located on the narrow east and west elevations. The lone decorative touch applied to the structure is the bracketted dormer hood placed over the main entranceway on the east elevation.

In 1960 a small one-story addition, housing a family room, was attached to the north elevation, giving the lodge an ell shape.

The bottom floor of the interior forms a single, large room. The top floor is subdivided into a meeting hall and two small ancillary rooms. The hand-planed wooden walls of the interior have been panelled.

Elizabeth Hall rests in its original setting, the Elizabeth Cemetary, which one feature writer has described as being one of the most beautiful rural cemetaries in Arkansas.

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While alterations have hidden some of the original components of the lodge, its original, simple character remains unchanged. With its original setting providing an authentic backdrop, Elizabeth Hall is one of Arkansas' best nineteenth-century rural landmarks.

Elizabeth Hall's significance thus lies in three areas. First, it is an outstanding example of the architecture of a nineteenth-century Arkansas meeting hall. Second, it symbolizes over a century's history of Freemasonry in Arkansas. And last, it is a solid reminder of New Blaine's past. As school, church, funeral hall and Masonic lodge, Elizabeth Hall has been the focus of life in New Blaine since Reconstruction times. The building's historic relationship to this community is certain and very significant.

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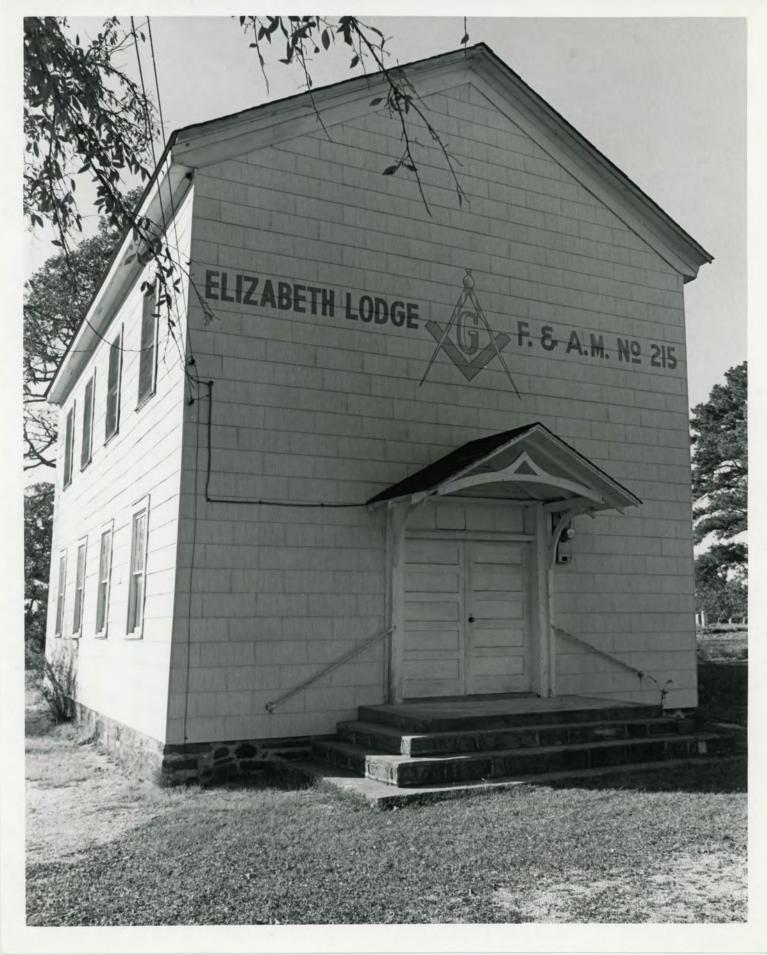
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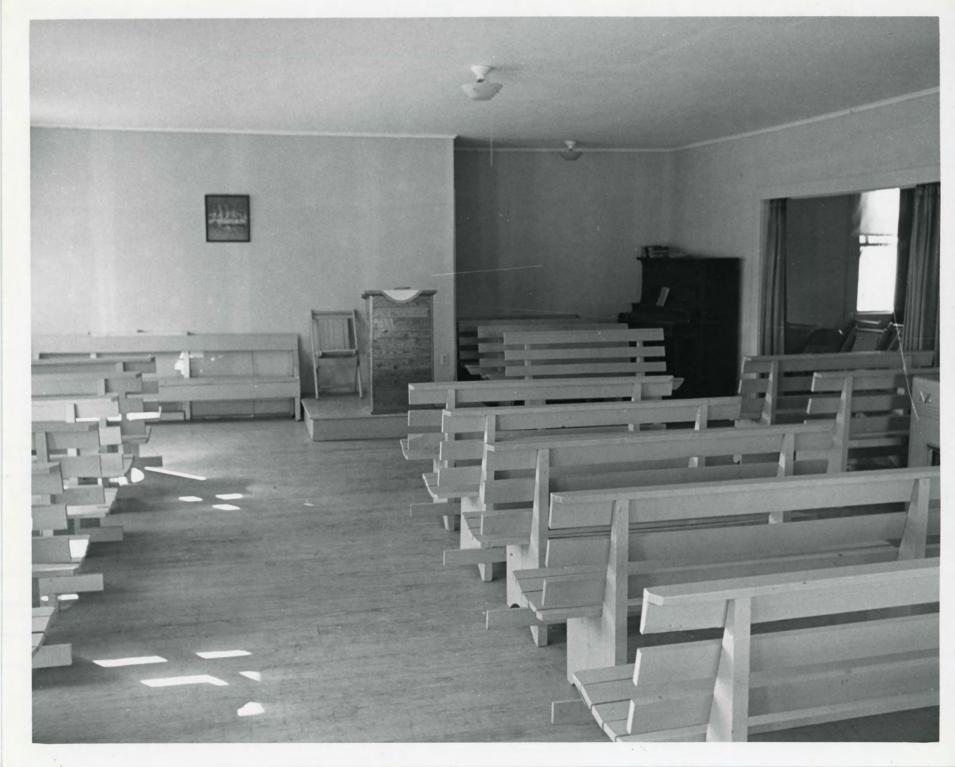
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Palmer House

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First Presbyterian Church

Dunn House

Elizabeth Hall

Russey House

Location

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