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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-215

Owner Missionary Baptist Church

Property Name Bluff Springs
Church and School

Address c/o Mrs. Elma Morrison

Location vic. of Onia

Alco General Delivery

Significant Date/s 1900

Alco, AR 72610

2.5 miles W of Onia

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Situated along the Bluff Springs Creek, the 1900 Bluff Spring Church and School is located in the northwestern section of Stone County. Resting on a continuous stone foundation, the building is box constructed on a rectangular plan and covered with a gable roof. A wood louver bell tower, with gable roof, surmounts the south end of the roofline. Originally a board and batten exterior, the existing weatherboard was applied in the 1930's. The weatherboard covering of the vertical boards provides more structural stability and creates a more air-tight building.

The principal facade (south) is essentially a solid mass with two single leaf openings arranged symmetrically in its gable end. The doors placed in the openings are not original to the building. The structure's east and west elevations have identical fenestration treatments. Each consists of three two-over-two double-hung windows placed within plain surrounds. The north elevation (rear) is identified by a room addition that is slightly recessed behind the original block. The room has single lights on its east and west elevations and is covered with a shallow gable roof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1900, the Bluff Springs Church and School is one of the earliest structures representing early public education at the turn of the 20th century in Stone County. It is box constructed and originally covered with board and batten siding. In the 1930's, the batten was removed and weatherboard applied to vertical boards to create a more stable building.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S20, R13W, T15N, is bounded on the south by an improved road and on the north, east and west by lines running parallel to and 100' from the three major facades of the structure.

Acreage: less than 1

Quadrangle Name: Landis

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 554610

Northing: 3975570

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Stone County MRA
State ARKANSASCOVER

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Martin, Owen, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/25/85

Attest

2. Turkey Creek School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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3. Brown, Samuel, House

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National Register

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4. West Richwoods Church & School

Entered in the
National Register

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5. Ford, Zachariah, House

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6. Taylor-Stokes House

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7. Copeland, Wesley, House

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8. Morris, Jim, Barn

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9. Bluff Springs Church and School

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10. Guffey, Joe, House

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REF #
85002210

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bluff Springs Church and School (Stone County
MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86

Date Due: 9/12/85 9/28/85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-17-85

Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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: _____



RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
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Historic Resources of Stone County
Bluff Springs Church & School, ST-215
Landis vicinity
Don Brown, photographer
1983
Negative on file at the AHPP
Viewed from the southwest

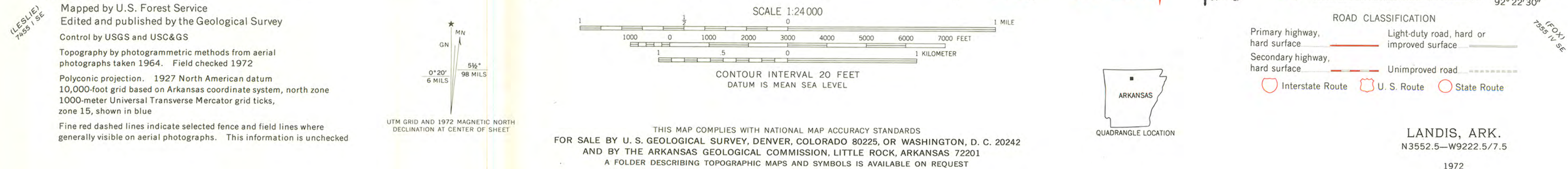


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UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH



LANDIS, ARK.
N3552.5—W9222.5/7.5

AMS 7555 IV NW—SERIES V884