

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC *Wm* Ebenezer Camp Ground  
\* \*  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *n of Center Point off AR 4*  
SE 1/4 of Sec 15, T8S, R28W  
CITY, TOWN Center Point *vic.* VICINITY OF  
STATE Arkansas CODE 05 COUNTY Howard CODE 061  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Fourth

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME W. H. Hughes  
STREET & NUMBER 100 South Main  
CITY, TOWN Nashville VICINITY OF STATE Arkansas

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Circuit Clerk's Office  
STREET & NUMBER Howard County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN Nashville STATE Arkansas

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
\_FEDERAL \_STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1854

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

The Ebenezer Camp Ground, one of the oldest surviving religious encampments in the southwestern United States, is a small forest clearing in which rough, wooden buildings are grouped about an open, central square. Six major structures currently line the perimeter of the square. These buildings are divided among three dormitory ("tent") rows found on the north, east, and south edges of the camp ground, two minister's cabins located on the southern border of the clearing, and a small ancillary structure, positioned southeast of the minister's cabins. In the center of the square clearing there rests a large, rustic tabernacle.

The number of structures to be found on the camp ground has varied throughout the past century because fire, wind and natural deterioration have destroyed a large number of buildings; and changing fashion, which has undermined the popularity of the "old-fashioned" camp meeting, has reduced the necessity for large numbers of "tent" dormitories.

Although the various structures that currently stand on the camp ground are of relatively recent construction (all have been erected since 1942), the construction principles that have been employed in rebuilding the dormitories, minister's cabins and ancillary structures have remained traditional. Some of the traditional elements are the use of hand-hewn, squared logs for upright supports, the continued presence of wide, rough, unpainted clapboard siding on the dormitories, and the adherence to traditional styles of design and massing. In fact, the existing buildings are not distinguishable from the much earlier ones described by J. J. Propps in an article on the Ebenezer Camp Ground, published in the 1974 Howard County Historical Journal. <sup>1966 fire?</sup><sub>no</sub>

The dormitories are long, rectilinear masses, composed of numerous, connected, individual units known as "tents." Each "tent" consists of four rooms divided by an open breezeway. Three of the rooms are bedrooms, while the fourth is open on two sides and serves as a dining hall. A shed room and an open cooking pavilion are attached to the rear of each tent. No doors enclose the entranceway, and the windows are merely small rectangular cuts made into the clapboard siding. Gabled, tin roofs cover the length of the dormitories, and straw is used for the interior floor covering.

The small, "squarish", one-room cabins which house the ministers during the camp meetings differ from the other structures in that vertical, pine-board siding is used rather than clapboarding.

The tabernacle is a large open pavilion composed of a low, hipped, tin roof set upon numerous squared-log post supports. The seating is divided into four equal sections by perpendicular aisles which bisect in the center of the pavilion.

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While the original structures of this historic camp ground have long since disappeared, the architecture has remained rustically traditional, making the existing structures replicas of those which housed previous generations of worshippers.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<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 c. 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like the chautauqua, the religious camp meeting is rapidly fading into the American past. The camp grounds on which these meetings were held each summer are also disappearing -- so much so, that only a handful of the numerous camp sites, which dotted the American southwest in the nineteenth century, survive. The Ebenezer Camp Ground is the oldest Methodist camp ground and perhaps the most famous of the few camp grounds that remain in Arkansas. It was not only a site of religious congregation, it also served as an important social and recreational center in an area where towns were few and small and families were widely scattered over the countryside.

The physical history of the Ebenezer Camp Ground is one dominated by wind and fire. Evolving out of the circuit church of John Henry, the first Methodist minister to preach in southwest Arkansas, the Ebenezer Camp Ground fulfilled the need for a permanent site of religious worship along the Arkansas frontier.

In 1837 the first buildings were erected on the camp ground, which was located at a spring near Center Point. These structures were destroyed by wind, and the camp site was moved one mile west to Red Hill, where in 1853 fire reduced the camp to ashes. Subsequently, several citizens of Center Point purchased forty acres of government land two miles north of Center Point and reestablished the Ebenezer Camp Ground at its present location. The new camp was burned during the Civil War and rebuilt in 1871. The camp has experienced two recent disasters. In 1942 the tabernacle was destroyed by wind, and in 1966 four of the other five structures were burned. All of the destroyed structures have been rebuilt in a traditional architectural mode, which utilizes square logs, rough unpainted clapboard siding, vertical pine-board siding and tin roofing. The aim and the achievement was to duplicate the rustic, frontier structures of the preceding century.

J. J. Propps in an article in the 1974 Howard County Historical Journal describes the typical camp meeting of two generations ago as being a mixture of religion, socializing and recreation. The religious program of a camp meeting consisted of regularly scheduled sermons delivered throughout the one or two weeks of the encampment and the giving of public testimony, in which individuals would verbally proclaim their religious faith before the assembled campers. The meeting was also considered a social occasion in that it facilitated courtship, family

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_ *c 4 acres*

*Lebovich  
2-5-76*

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	410	860	640	640	B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C						D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Plotted point is of central tabernacle located in middle of four acre tract.

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

Mike Shinn, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

December 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Anne Bartley*

*Anne Bartley*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-9-75

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

*John A. [Signature]*  
*Charles [Signature]*

DATE

*3/26/76*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

*3-26-76*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acty*

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reunion and the renewal of friendship among the campers. Picnics, stories and the absence of farm chores added to the recreational flavor of the camp meeting.

A number of noted religious speakers have presided over the meetings at the Ebenezer Camp Ground. Perhaps the most famous was the Methodist minister Dr. Andrew Hunter, who lectured at the camp ground in the decade following the Civil War. Dr. James Anderson, an authority on Arkansas Methodism, considers Dr. Hunter to have been the most eloquent, as well as the most influential, Arkansas Methodist minister of the nineteenth century.

Seven rustic structures currently stand upon the Ebenezer Camp Ground. Three long clapboard dormitories, two small square minister's cabins, and a small ancillary structure are ranged along the perimeter of a square forest clearing. In the center of the clearing rests a large tabernacle, which is composed of a tin gabled roof set upon squared-log support posts. A narrow, dirt road provides access to the clearing, which is set several hundred yards off the main highway. The setting and architecture appropriately represent the frontier heritage of the Ebenezer Camp Ground.

The Ebenezer Camp Ground is a reminder of America's rural past, a time when the loosely scattered nature of the population made the camp meeting an eagerly awaited event in which religion, socializing and recreation all combined to form a unique experience. As one of the oldest and best documented camp grounds still surviving in Arkansas, Ebenezer Camp Ground deserves prime consideration for its significance in the religious and social history of this state.

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Propps, J. J. "The Ebenezer Camp Ground," The Howard County Historical Journal, (an annual publication), 1974.

Howard Co.  
74000414

Property Ebenezer Camp Ground

State Arkansas Working Number 12.29.75.2260

**TECHNICAL**  
Photos 4  
Maps 1

*Acceage missing  
UTM appears incorrect*

**CONTROL**  
*pl*  
1.5.76

*Nominated as a site, and certainly eligible as such.  
(no acreage)*

**HISTORIAN**  
*Accept  
W.K. Cline  
2/5/76*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*4 acres according to Shinn*

**ACCEPT**  
*LEBMAN  
2-5-76*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**ACCEPT**  
*cole  
2/25/76*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

*Old site - mostly new  
buildings of traditional type - these  
were prob. never intended as permanent structures*

**ACCEPT**  
*Henry  
3-17-76*

**KEEPER**

*for Muntz  
3-26-76*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 5-4-76

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Ebenezer Camp Ground  
Howard Co., Ark.

one  
northeast

1

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AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Center Point

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Howard

STATE Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Claudia Morrow

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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

one of the ministers' houses viewed from the northeast

PHOTO NO.

1 of 4

Loc. One of ministers' houses  
viewed from northeast

1 of 4



*Ebenezer Camp Ground  
Howard co.  
Tabernacle with dormitory seen in the rear viewed from the north*

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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Tabernacle with dormitory seen in the rear viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

2 of 4

*no dormitory  
seen in rear viewed from  
north*  
2 of 4

HISTER



*Ebenezer Camp Ground  
Howard Co., Ark.  
North dormitory, viewed from the southeast*

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Center Point  VICINITY OF COUNTY Howard STATE Arkansas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET  
North dormitory viewed from the southeast

PHOTO NO.  
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Loc. North dormitory viewed  
from the southeast

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*Ebenezer Camp Ground  
Howard County, Ark.  
North dormitory viewed from the north*

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North dormitory viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

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*from the north.*

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Center Point       VICINITY OF      COUNTY Howard      STATE Arkansas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE Geological Survey Map, Center Point Quadrangle, Arkansas.

SCALE 1:24000      DATE 1970

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



EBENEZER CAMP GROUND  
CENTER POINT AR.  
UTM REFERENCE:  
15 / 411640 / 3768880  
410360 640

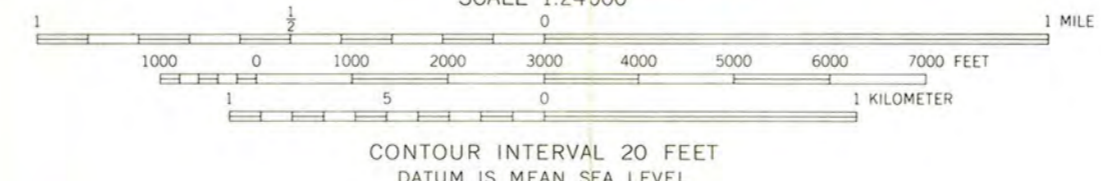


Camp Ebenezer

C E N T E R P O I N T

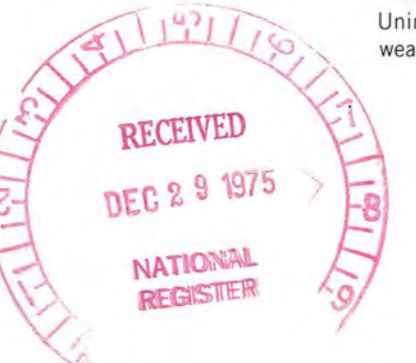
Center Point

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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, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



CENTER POINT, ARK.  
N3400—W9352.5/7.5

1970

AMS 7252 III SW—SERIES V884

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MAR 26 1976

Name

Location

Ebenezer Camp Ground

Center Point vicinity  
Howard County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan  
Hon. Dale Bumpers  
Hon. Ray Thornton

Regional Director, Southwest Region

PR

MOTT:djb

3/31/76

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director, Department of Natural  
and Cultural Heritage  
The Old State House  
300 West Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ethnicity used

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1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Ebenezer Camp Ground ← Campground  
2 OTHER NAMES:  
3 date of entry: 3-26-76  
4 county code: 061

5 LOCATION street & number: N of Center Point off AR 4  
city / town: Center Point  
vicinity of: Center Point  
state: AR  
county: Howard  
6 NPS REGION: Southwest

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)  
8 ADMINISTRATOR:  
9 EXISTING SURVEYS  NABS  HAER  NHL  FUNDED?  YES  NO  CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 4  
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: 0.4  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
17 features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  UNKNOWN-6  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  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:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'   
'oldest'  Methodist campground in AR  
'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Religious encampment  
CURRENTLY: "  
24 dates of initial construction: 6/1854  
major alterations:  ca. 1854  
historic events: 1837, 1853, 1871, 1966  
25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: Methodist

26 architectural style(s):  
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: Dr. Andrew Hunter, decade following Civil War, speaker at several encampments  
EVENTS: John Henry - 1st Methodist preacher to preach in SW AR, Ebenezer Campground evolved from his circuit church, c. 1937  
INSTITUTIONAL:

## 36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

Site of religious campground includes 6 simple 1-story, frame buildings with straw floors surrounding an open pavilion; reconstructed, post-1942, based on original ~~11~~ buildings destroyed by fire, 1942. Third site of one of state's oldest religious campgrounds; organized c. 1837 and moved, c. 1854; hosted noted ~~AR~~ minister Andrew Hunt.

ins 6 rough, wooden  
up was destroyed by  
nal center as well

ethnicity noted

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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: 4 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: 0.4 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  unexcavated  altered  unaltered  reconstructed  excavated  original site  removed  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 ENVIRONS  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 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHAEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ARCHITECTURE-4  ART-5  AGRICULTURE-3  ARCHITECTURE-4  ART-5  ARCHAEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  CONSERVATION-8  ECONOMICS-9  EDUCATION-10  ENGINEERING-11  ENTERTAINMENT-26  EXPLORATION-12  HEALTH-27  INDUSTRY-13  INVENTION-14  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'  *methodist campground in AR* 'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Religious encampment CURRENTLY: " 24 dates of initial construction: c. 1854 major alterations: ca. 1854 historic events: 1837, 1853, 1871, 1966 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: Methodist

26 architectural style(s): 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: Dr. Andrew Hunter, decade following Civil War, speaker at several encampments EVENTS: John Henry - 1st Methodist preacher to preach in SW AR, Ebenezer Campground evolved from his circuit church, c. 1837 INSTITUTIONAL:

## 36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

Site of one of oldest religious encampments in SW United States; small forest clearing contains 6 rough, wooden buildings grouped around an open, central square; all structures erected since 1942 when camp was destroyed by fire; religious camp meetings held each summer for 1-2 weeks; served as social and recreational center as well as provided noted speakers such as Methodist minister, Dr. Andrew Hunter.

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