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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC



Cumberland Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

Boy Scout Hall

Old Masonic Lodge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 Washington Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Clarendon

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Monroe

CODE

095

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: Scout Hall**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Troop Committee of Troop 28, Boy Scouts of Clarendon, Monroe County, Arkansas

STREET & NUMBER and their successors as Trustees for Troop 28, Clarendon, Monroe Co.

CITY, TOWN

Clarendon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

123 Madison

CITY, TOWN

Clarendon

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

True copy of the original platt of the Town of Clarendon

DATE

1856 ?

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Monroe County Courthouse Registry of Deeds, Book I, pages 296 & 297

CITY, TOWN

Clarendon

STATE

Arkansas

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

Construction of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was begun in 1869 and completed in July 1870. The bronze bell is thought to have been installed in 1887 and the sidewalk and approach was built in 1905 by Graham and Boardly at a cost of 12½ cents per foot.

The architectural significance lies not so much in the strict adherence to a particular style, as in the sturdiness of construction--being built to last rather than to impress.

The roof is of a low pitch, with gables at the front and rear. The generous but plain cornice is carried across the gable at the front in the Greek Revival style. The exterior walls are of white clapboards, lapped with 5" width exposed. The windows are regularly spaced with small panes, and with simple straight facings and moldings. Windows on the lower floor are covered with exterior louvered shutters.

Unadorned square posts, not freestanding, support the arched opening to the projected entrance. This projection extends out and upward beyond the second story forming the bell tower (now lowered) originally to a height of over thirty (30) feet. The tower was in 3 sections; the first with a half-circle window, the second with a round window and the third which housed the bell had louvered openings on four sides. The belfry was topped with a hip roof. The only change in the original exterior of the building was the removal of the upper section of the bell tower in about 1940. After being damaged in a storm, it was cut down to the level of the main roof.

The exterior is in need of repairs, window pane replacements and paint.

The engraved letters CPC are still plainly visible in the concrete steps leading to the entrance, although a part of the steps which at one time had the date 1869 has crumbled away.

The same spirit of simplicity is carried out in the interior. Two thirty-six (36) inch six-paneled doors, with rectangular transom above, open into a spacious vestibule. A small room is to the right and the open stairway with plain banister is on the left. The original stairs, which were much steeper, have been replaced and it can easily be determined on the wall where the first ladder-like stairway was attached.

From the vestibule, two thirty-six (36) inch glass doors (with single large pane in each) open into the sanctuary which comprises the rest of the lower floor. Four round Doric columns reach from the floor to the high ceiling, two on either side of the aisle. Only a few pews survived the 1927 flood, and were not replaced, as the building was at that time no longer used for worship services. All other fixtures were removed when the lower floor was used as a library. All of the

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interior walls are of the original plaster over wooden lathing. The floors are of irregular width boards of from four (4) inch to six (6) inch, and all appear to be the originals. Two narrow chimneys are placed in the middle of each side of the interior. Wood stoves were originally used, now replaced by gas.

The upper floor, which was used for the Masonic Hall, has the same basic floor plan. There are interior louvered shutters on the lower half of the upper windows. On a raised platform at the rear of the large room, there are two square Doric columns supporting an arch, all of which is of good workmanship.

The very best timber was used in the framework of the building. The floor sills are of twelve (12) inch square heart-cypress timbers, hewn and interlocked tightly together around the edge of the building and running down the center from front to back. The floor joists are of twelve (12) inch by about one-and-one-half (1½) inch cypress sawed boards, closely spaced, with bridging between. The foundation is of closely spaced brick piers, about two-and-one-half (2½) feet high. In the outside walls the studs are of 2 X 4's, spaced every twelve (12) inches with fire walls made of 2 X 4's between the studs every four (4) feet. Each of the four (4) foot sections are braced with crossed 2 X 4's. These sections have made a perfect home for honey bees and have never been successfully removed. This type of wall construction is also the most unusual feature of the building. The beams are of hewed heart-cypress, interlocked tightly and with the use of wooden pegs. All of the timbers are in excellent condition, with no signs of rotting, shifting or damage. The walls, floors, plumbing and electrical wiring is in need of repair.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The many ways in which this building has been used exemplifies how a small community can work together in cooperative fellowship, so that the lives of the citizens, both young and old, will be spiritually and educationally enriched. With its sturdy construction and simple but dignified style, it is a typical example of the type of church buildings that were erected during a period of hardship and struggle, by citizens who realized the importance of having a place for worship.

The town of Clarendon was completely destroyed by shelling and burning in June, 1864, forcing the evacuation of the town. The people returned after the close of the Civil War to rebuild their homes and businesses from the weeds and ashes. It is significant that during this time of struggle to return to their former way of life that the spiritual needs of the community were realized by the erection and cooperative use of this church building. The fact that it has survived through numerous floods and many years of weathering and still useful, testifies to the sturdiness of construction.

The original deed to the property, dated September 15, 1869 was to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Clarendon, and stated that the use of the church was to be freely offered to other denominations when not in use by the Cumberland Presbyterians. The July 9, 1870 minutes of the session state "it was resolved to tender the use of the new Church House now nearly completed, to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, The Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church, each a portion of the time when not used by the Cumberland Presbyterians." On July 16, 1870 the session resolved to hire a sexton and request the other denominations worshipping in the house to bear equal parts of the sexton's hire. Thus the building was completed and several congregations were using the building by this date.

Not only was the building constructed for use by several religious groups, but it is also thought that it was erected jointly by the Cumberland Presbyterians and the Cache Lodge 235 of Free Masons, whose group was organized November 20, 1869, and whose members state that they used the upper floor of the church from the time of its erection until they sold the building in 1968.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Record Books of the Clarendon Congregation, Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Charter of Cache Lodge 235 of Free Masons, Clarendon, Ark.
Scrapbooks containing newspaper articles about interviews with former members
living in Clarendon when the building was erected; articles also about
the Clarendon Library and the 1927 Flood.
Monroe County Deed Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 5 6 5 4 6 0 0 38 40 3 8 4 4 3 2 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

East half (80 feet) of lot five (5) Block two (2) Original Town of Clarendon.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jo Claire English, research historian,

ORGANIZATION

Monroe County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 206

CITY OR TOWN

Clarendon

DATE

March 18, 1976

TELEPHONE

(501) 747-3963 or 747-3311

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 Bartlev

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 6-8-76

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

DATE 7-30-76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Charles A. Jones

DATE 7-30-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The Cumberland Church had been organized in 1857, according to an entry in the record books, and records are intact from March 1869-1920. In 1920, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church united with the First Presbyterian Church of Clarendon and from that time the Masons became the sole owners of the building.

From an entry under building expense it is determined that the congregation paid \$2500.00 for the building. If the Masons shared jointly in the expense, the total cost was probably \$5000.00. This joint ownership would also explain the reason for a two-story building.

After the lower floor was vacated by the congregation, the Masons allowed the lower floor to be used for various community purposes. The Clarendon Library was housed there for about 20 years. It was operated by librarians who worked without pay, and part of this time was sponsored by Civic organizations. Nearly 4,500 volumes of books were damaged or destroyed when the lower floor was submerged during the 1927 Flood. After the break in the Clarendon Levee, the church withstood the rush of the water without structural damage.

The W.L. Boswell Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star also held their meetings in the building. At one time a kindergarten was held there, and a teen-age club met in the building for a short time. It was about the year 1960 that the Masons allowed the Boy Scouts to use the lower floor for their meeting place, which they have done since that time.

In 1968 when Cache Lodge 235 decided to tear down the building to erect a new lodge hall, Mrs. W. F. Vaughan, to prevent the destruction of the church, donated the necessary funds to the Troop Committee of the Boy Scout Troop 28, and with the funds they purchased the building. Thus the Boy Scouts are the present owners and occupy the building for their "Scout Hall".

Thus the old church, whose cornerstone was laid in 1869, which was built for service to the community's spiritual life, has served in many worthwhile areas--all of which have been for the betterment of the community. It has defied going out of service, having served continuously, as no other building in Clarendon has served to so many worthy groups. It continues to stand, amid the tall oak trees, meeting the needs of today and of our future citizens as it did for those of the past.

Property Cumberland Presbyterian Church

MORMON CO.

State Arkansas

Working Number 6.29.76.3688

76000438

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK *pl*
7.1.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Groover
7/2/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
S. Oldham
7/6/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Cole
7-6-76

KEEPER

[Signature]
7.30.76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered JUL 30 1976

Federal Register Entry

9-7-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



1. CUMBERLAND Presbyterian Church
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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Clarendon

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Monroe

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Sandra Taylor

DATE OF PHOTO April, 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

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

South and west elevations, viewed from the southwest

PHOTO NO.

1

INT: 2983-75

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2. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN Church
MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
South and east - 1/4

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South and east elevations, viewed from the southeast

PHOTO NO.

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3. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
South elevation, viewed from the south

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South elevation, viewed from the south

PHOTO NO.

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4. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN Church
MONROE County, ARKANSAS
interior, facing north
d.o.e. 7/30/76

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Interior, facing north

PHOTO NO.

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Clarendon

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Monroe

STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS, Clarendon Quadrangle

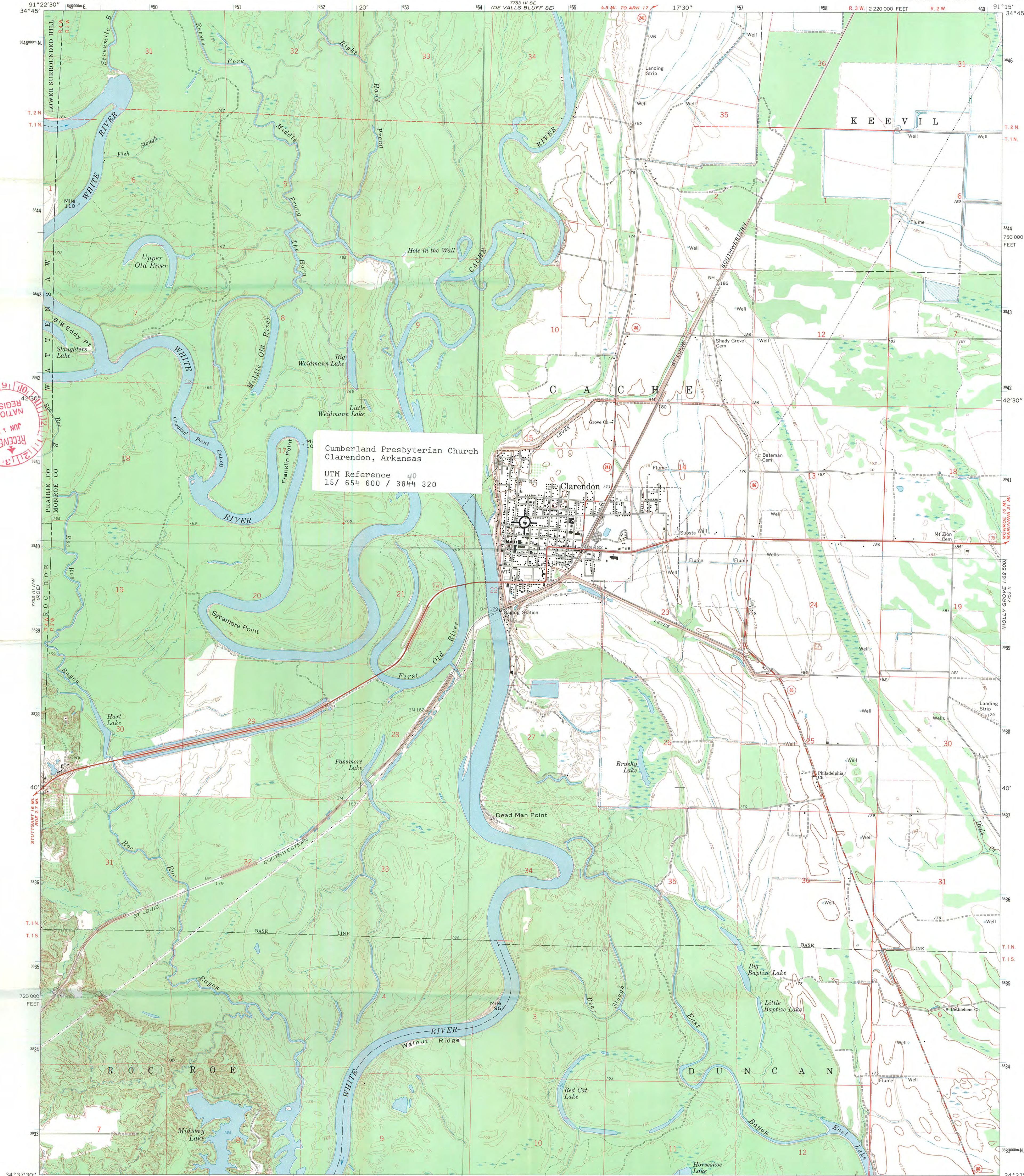
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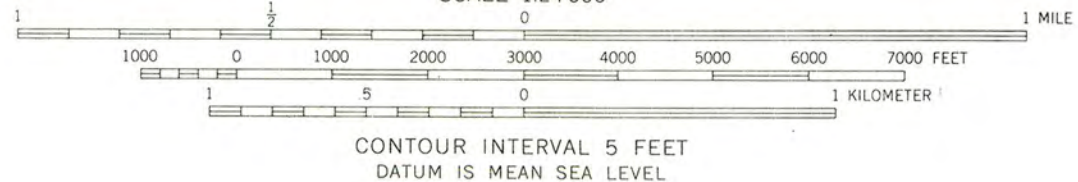
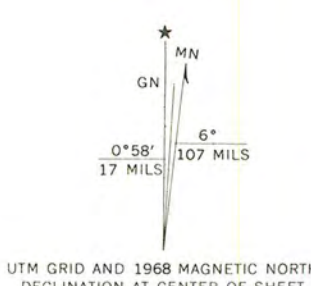
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Clarendon, Arkansas
UTM Reference 40
15/ 654 600 / 3844 320

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1966-67. Field checked 1968
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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

CLARENDON, ARK.
NE/4 CLARENDON 15' QUADRANGLE
N34375-W9115/7.5

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JUL 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Clarendon Monroe County
Logan County Courthouse, Eastern District	Paris Logan County
Mount Olive United Methodist Church	Van Buren Crawford County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Bill Alexander
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

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

PR MMott/row 8/4/76

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7/2/76
 Reviewer: INITIALS: 86
 NR DOE JUL 30 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Cumberland Presbyterian Church

OTHER NAMES: Boy Scout Hall; Old Masonic Lodge - SEC.

(list separately)

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 120 Washington St.

CITY, TOWN Clarendon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Arkansas 05

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Monroe code 095

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

☒ Substantially intact-1
☐ unknown - 4
☒ not applicable - 7
 not intact

EXTERIOR

☒ Substantially intact-2
☐ unknown - 5
☐ not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

☒ Substantially intact-3
☐ unknown - 6
☐ Not applicable-9

-Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - ☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED
☐ Unexcavated

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED
☐ Reconstructed
☐ Excavated

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED
☐ Unknown

ACCESS - ☒ Yes-restricted ☐ Yes-unrestricted ☐ No access ☐ Unknown

historic district? YES ☒ NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES ☒ NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES ☒ NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: ☒ YES ☐ NO Saved? ☒ YES ☐ NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

☒ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

☐ AGRICULTURE

☒ ARCHITECTURE

☐ ART

☐ COMMERCE

☐ COMMUNICATIONS

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ ECONOMICS

☒ EDUCATION

☐ ENGINEERING

☐ EXPLORATION

☐ INDUSTRY

☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

☐ LAW/Gov't/politics

☐ LITERATURE

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSIC

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☒ RELIGION

☐ SCIENCE

☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

☐ entertainment

☐ health

☐ recreation

☐ settlement

☒ socio/cultural

☐ urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *Eclectic*

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1869-1870*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *1940*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1869-present*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1-.9

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

projecting
front entrance tower with recessed round-arched portal and gabled bell area; *interior chimney*
double door entrance at within archway of projecting square tower, bell tower
cleared to roof level about 1890 after being damaged in a storm; unusual wall
construction, of 2x4's spaced every 2 inches with five walls of 2x4's every 4 feet, and each
4x4 section braced with angled 2x4's; interior extensively altered for variety of uses.
Eclectic with steel renewal elements.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Built after town's
~~An early building to be constructed after Clarendon's destruction during the~~
~~Civil War; the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was built of semirough sandy construction.~~
~~It has served a variety of community needs, including housing several different religious~~
~~denominations simultaneously, the Free Masons, a library, a kindergarten, various club~~
~~meetings, and the Boy Scouts.~~