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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Smyrna Methodist Church

other names/site number Resource # WH0097

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A

city, town Center Hill vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
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Total	

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources of
White County, Arkansas

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Boyd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

5-13-90
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation sandstone

walls weatherboard

roof tin

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Continuation Sheet**

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Description

The Smyrna Methodist Church is a single story, gable roof, wood frame, vernacular Greek Revival church building with an enclosed gable foyer on the southern elevation and a central, narrow red brick chimney rising through the ridge. It is sheathed in weatherboard and imbricated shingles, covered with a metal roof and supported by a fieldstone foundation.

This simple structure is one bay wide by three bays long. The southern elevation features the gable roof entrance foyer, which is decorated with imbricated shingles in the pediment and accessed by a pair of flush plank doors. Each side of the foyer is lighted with four-over-four wood sash windows. The pediment above is also decorated with imbricated shingles and jig-sawn verge details cut into various vegetal patterns. The eastern and western elevations are virtually identical, being punctuated only by three evenly-spaced nine-over-nine wood sash windows. The northern elevation is blank.

The alterations to the building are limited to the late nineteenth century replacement of the original central, side-gable entrance with the end gable foyer and the addition (at the same time) of the imbricated shingle and jig-sawn verge details on both the foyer and the gable pediments of the southern elevation. The interior features some minor improvements but is largely intact.

The Smyrna Methodist Church is in good condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance
1854-1900

Significant Dates
1854

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Smyrna Methodist Church (Part E, Historic Context #2) survives as the most intact example in White County of this simple vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival which was so popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The early settlers of the county erected these simple but elegant structures for the purpose of sheltering their religious ceremonies throughout Arkansas during this time and later, but the Smyrna Methodist Church is by far the most intact surviving example of this style and construction from this or any other period of White County's history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Srchitectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data *map*

Acreege of property _____ Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth Story, National Register Coordinator

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 18 December, 1989

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city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of State Highway 36 with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the church, proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the church; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of State Highway 36; thence proceed westerly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smyrna Methodist Church

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001336

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 9/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed Patrick Andrews Phone _____
Date 9/13/91

**Smyrna Methodist Church
White County MPS
White County, ARKANSAS**

Reviewer's Comments

The boundaries of this property are presently located along building lines. A resource listed in the National Register should include all features of the property which contribute to its significance. In almost all cases this includes its historic setting. Page 77 of National Register Bulletin 16, Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms, states that "the boundaries of buildings should include the land surrounding the building, unless the lot occupied by the building contains no surrounding land as in the central business district of most cities."

Please revise the boundaries to include the property historically associated with the resource. If a portion of the original setting has lost its integrity, please explain.

Marilyn Harper
Historian
Sept. 16, 1991

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<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
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Maq M. [Signature] 7/20/92

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Significant Dates

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Acreage of property: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of State Highway 36 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the church and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the church; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of State Highway 36; thence proceed westerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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91001336 ✓ Smyrna Methodist Church	7/20/92
91001243 Snipes, Dr. Emmett, House	9-5-91
91001274 ✓ St. Richard's Catholic Church	7/20/92
91001250 Staggs--Huffaker Building	9-5-91
91001248 Stipe Cotton Gin	7/20/92
91001295 ✓ Storm Cellar, William Howell House	7/20/92
91001326 ✓ Thomas House	7/23/92
91001341 ✓ Thompson House	7/23/92
91001362 ✓ Thrasher, John, Homestead	7/23/92
91001240 Titus House	9-5-91
91001199 ✓ Trinity Episcopal Church	7/27/92
91001233 Van Meter, R. L., House	9-5-91
91001351 Walker Homestead Historic District	7/20/92
91001354 ✓ Walker, Otha, Homestead	7/23/92
91001313 Ward--Stout House	9-5-91
91001182 Watkins House	9-5-91
91001183 Watkins, Tom, House	9-5-91
91001308 ✓ Watson, William Henry, Homestead	7/20/92
91001272 Weber House	9-5-91
91001260 ✓ Westbrooke, Lipsy, House	7/23/92
91001297 ✓ Whisinant, Albert, House	7/23/92
91001177 Wilburn House	9-5-91
91001353 ✓ Williams House	7/23/92
91001321 ✓ Williams, Arthur, Homestead, Feed Storage Shed	7/23/92
91001211 Woodson, Arthur W., House	9-5-91
91001212 Woodson, Dalton, House	9-5-91
91001291 Wright, Avanell, House	9-5-91
91001284 Wright, Jim, Farmstead Historic District	9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Smyrna Methodist Church

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 6/29/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/13/92

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001336

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7/20/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Small, very simple frame church constructed c. 1854, with vernacular folk carving added in a later modification. By far the best preserved example in White Co.

Concerns raised in earlier return have been addressed

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 7/20/92

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Smyrna Methodist Church *white &*

Center Hill vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1986

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



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Center Hill vicinity, Arkansas

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South elevation



Smyrna Methodist Church *white*

Center Hill vicinity, Arkansas

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March, 1986

Negative on file at AHPP

West elevation



Smyrna Methodist Church *white*

Center Hill vicinity, Arkansas

Photograph by Steve Mitchell

March, 1986

Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation



Smyrna Methodist Church

white

Center Hill vicinity, Arkansas

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Negative on file at AHPP

South elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033