

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-215
Property Name Bluff Springs
Church and School
Location vic. of Onia
Significant Date/s 1900

Owner Missionary Baptist Church
Address c/o Mrs. Elma Morrison
Alco General Delivery
Alco, AR 72610

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 airtight 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

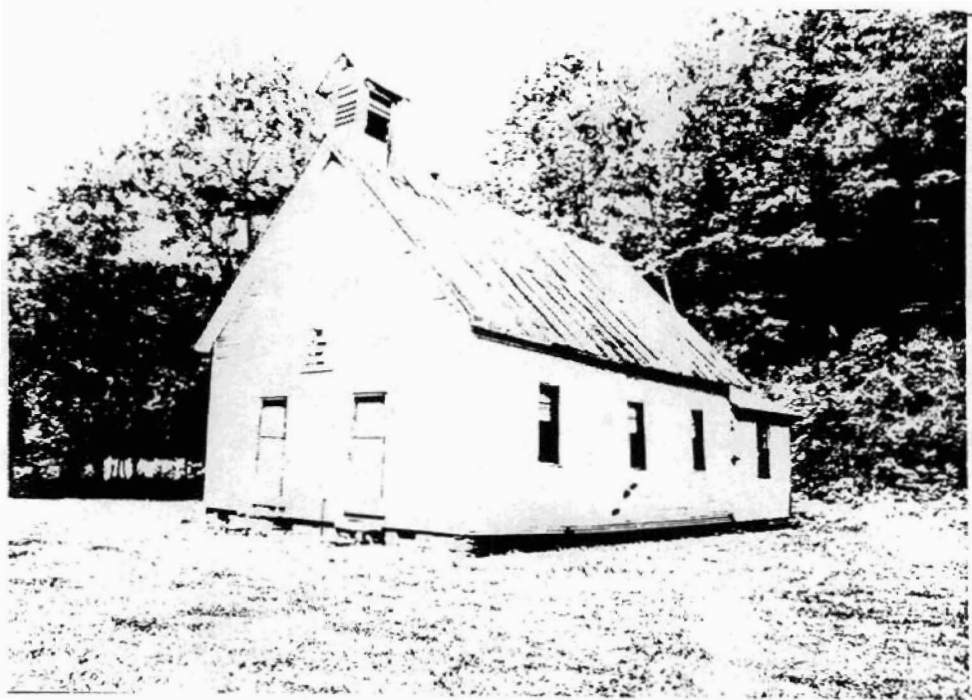
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