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Jefferson Co. - Redfield  
Lone Star Baptist Church  
620 Sheridan Rd.  
NR 9/28/05

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Lone Star Baptist Church

other names/site number JE0673

## 2. Location

street & number 620 Sheridan Road

not for publication

city or town Redfield

vicinity

state Arkansas code AR county Jefferson code 069 zip code 72132

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets   
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
 nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Nathaniel M. ...  
Signature of certifying official/Title

8/12/05  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

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Lone Star Baptist Church

Name of Property

Jefferson County, Arkansas

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows: buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other/ plain traditional

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE, walls WOOD/weatherboard, roof ASPHALT, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B.** removed from its original location.
- C.** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance **within the past 50 years.**

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

Local

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1901-1955

**Significant Dates**

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

**Architect/Builder**

Jake Peoples and J.M. Jacko, builders

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Lone Star Baptist Church:  
church records, warranty deeds

Lone Star Baptist Church  
Name of Property

Jefferson County, Arkansas  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property** Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Redfield  
street & number 212 North Brodie telephone 501-397-2585  
city or town Redfield state AR zip code 72132

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### SUMMARY

The Lone Star Baptist Church was built in 1901 by citizens in Redfield, AR. The church faces north toward Sheridan Road, which leads to downtown. The church has a rectangular plan with a square stacked steeple doubling as the church entry. The building is entirely clad in its original wood weatherboard siding and has the original double-hung wood windows. The asphalt shingle roof is gabled on the north end and hipped on the south end. The building is wood frame construction resting on brick piers. A cornerstone on the northwest corner displays the date of construction along with the inaugural pastor and building trustees.

The Lone Star Baptist Church is presumed to have been built from lumber milled at the Fairmon and Sons mill in Redfield. Its style is expressive of rural church buildings constructed with vernacular materials and building techniques.

### ELABORATION

The Lone Star Baptist Church retains nearly all of its original building fabric. The plan of the building has not changed in its 104 years in operation. Over the years the original roof has been replaced and a hole was cut in the back wall for placement of a small air conditioning unit. Despite these minor exterior changes, the Lone Star Baptist Church appears nearly as it did in 1901 when it was constructed, thus justifying its nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

### NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation of the Lone Star Baptist Church is also the front side of the building facing Sheridan Road. The building is raised approximately ten inches off the ground, resting on brick piers. The pier on the left corner of this façade has the cornerstone listing the 1901 construction date. The north end of the building has a gable roof. The gable triangle is separated from the lower portion of the elevation by a shed roof clad in asphalt shingles. Further differentiating the gable from the walls is the weatherboard siding. Siding on the lower wall is twice the width of siding in the gable and on the upper tiers of the steeple. The façade is symmetrical, having the steeple and paneled double doors in the center and a single window on each side. The windows are four over four double hung wood windows which are original to the building.

The steeple is the defining feature of Lone Star Baptist Church. The three-tiered square plan steeple looks as if it could be freestanding, but has been incorporated into the front façade of the building. The steeple base sits on a different plane than the front wall of the building, and serves as the entry portal into the church.

Three concrete steps with a wood handrail lead to the double doors set into the steeple. The small landing in front of the doors is covered by a shed roof. The base tier of the steeple rises to the wall height of the front façade and incorporates the shed roof that visually separates the front wall from the gable. The second tier is slightly smaller height and width than the base. It extends to the peak of the gable where it gives way to the

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final tier which is a smaller height and width. The separation between these two tiers is defined by a small shed roof encircling the steeple. The final tier is the only one of the three in which all four sides are visible. It is capped with a pyramidal asphalt shingle roof. A white wooden cross sits atop the pyramid.

### WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation of the Lone Star Baptist Church has the same wide weatherboard siding present on the north façade. Five brick piers visibly support the west wall of the building. Like the north façade, this side is also symmetrical. There are four windows evenly distributed along the wall. Each is a four over four double hung wood window (matching those on the remainder of the building). A small brick chimney rises through the roof between the second and third windows. The chimney originally serviced a pot bellied stove inside the church. However, the stove has since been removed.

### SOUTH ELEVATION

The south elevation of the Lone Star Baptist Church is the rear of the building. Five brick piers support this back wall of the building. There are two windows (matching those on the remainder of building) centered along the wall. An air conditioning unit sits between the windows. The unit was a later addition to help maintain a comfortable temperature in the building. To the right of the windows there is a paneled door with a small shed roof above. The south end of the church has a hipped roof profile.

### EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation of the Lone Star Baptist Church has the same wide weatherboard siding present on the other exterior walls of the building. Four brick piers and the cornerstone on the northeast corner visibly support the east wall of the building. Like the north and west façades, this side is also symmetrical. There are four windows evenly distributed along the wall. Each is a four over four double hung wood window (matching those on the remainder of the building).

### INTEGRITY

The Lone Star Baptist Church is in good condition and retains much of its original building fabric. The building has all of its original windows and original wood siding, all of which are in good condition. The steeple also remains in its original condition. Changes to the building include a new roof, new front doors, and addition of an air conditioning unit on the rear side of the church. The original front doors remain on the property, and it is possible to restore and replace them. The church retains enough original building material to accurately represent its period of significance and make a worthy addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

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#### SUMMARY

The Lone Star Baptist Church in Redfield, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **Local Significance** as an excellent example of an early twentieth century rural church. The church was built in 1901 by an African American Baptist congregation formed in 1890. The building is bare of decoration, instead exhibiting the will of the congregation to have a place of worship.

#### ELABORATION

Redfield, Arkansas is in Jefferson County. The town is approximately thirty miles from the state capitol, Little Rock. Jefferson County came to be in November of 1829. It was formed from parts of Arkansas and Pulaski counties. Jefferson County covers 841 square miles and is diagonally bisected by the Arkansas River, a body which has defined the development of the county.

Pine Bluff is the Jefferson County seat. The city sits along the banks of the Arkansas River. Its name is derived from its natural surroundings, citing the abundance of pine trees and a bluff prominent in the landscape. Joseph Bonne moved to the area that is now Pine Bluff around 1819. His home was designated as the temporary seat of government activity in Jefferson County in 1829. However, a permanent selection was never formally made. Thus, Pine Bluff has always been the county seat.

Northwest of Pine Bluff is the city of Redfield. Redfield developed as a railroad town when James E. Redfield, an investor from Boston, headed a project to direct money toward construction of a rail line between Little Rock and Pine Bluff. In 1879 a contract was awarded to secure the construction of the Mississippi River and Texas Railway between Little Rock and Pine Bluff. Present day Redfield sits on a parcel of land that was purchased by James Kirkwood Brodie of Little Rock during the railroad contract negotiations. The post office was built in 1880, and Mr. Brodie was named the Postmaster. In February 1881, the railroad was completed and Redfield was named for the man who pushed to bring the tracks to Jefferson County.

James K. Brodie continued to invest in the city of Redfield over the next decade. He built the first home in Redfield, and helped to develop the community. The first business in Redfield was a sawmill. The mill thrived on the oak, hickory, gum, pine, and cypress trees in the area. It also offered relief for local farmers who had difficulty cultivating the land near the temperamental Arkansas River. Many people abandoned their farms to work for the mill and by 1885 Redfield had become a thriving small town.

In 1885 Mr. Brodie began the process to incorporate the town of Redfield. He led fellow community members in defining boundaries and building streets and alleys. In October the Jefferson County Court granted a petition to incorporate Redfield. A city council was elected and W.F. Campbell served as the first mayor. The town was officially incorporated in 1900.

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James Redfield returned to Boston, and James Brodie eventually moved back to Little Rock. However, Redfield continued to develop without them. Today, Redfield is a city of 1,200 which is still dependent on the railroad (now Union Pacific) and the mill. There are several new subdivisions in Redfield which have helped in boosting the population. However, it is also a sign of encroachment from nearby Little Rock.

The Lone Star Baptist Church was built in 1901 by the members of an African American Baptist congregation in Redfield. At the time there was also an African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.) in Redfield. The Lone Star Baptist Church served as a school for African American children in Redfield until a new white school was built and lumber from the old white school was used to build the African American school. The church continued to operate out of the building until 1976 when the congregation had essentially dispersed. By that time there were only a handful of members remaining in the church. They decided to deed the building to the City of Redfield in 1993. It has been maintained by the city and Redfield Historical Society since 1993. The building is presently open for historic society meetings, weddings, holiday choir performances, and public tours by appointment.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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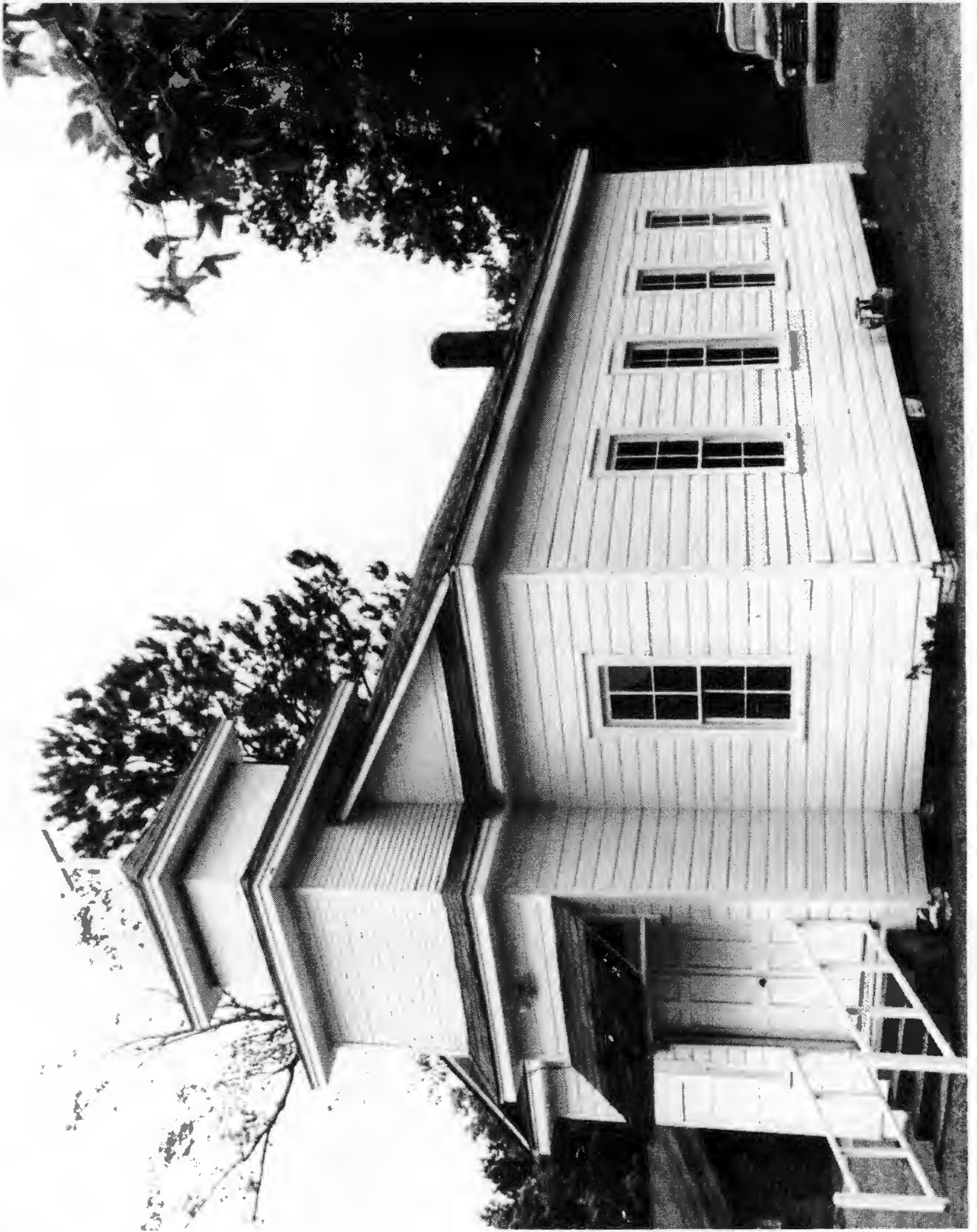
## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at a point on the south line of Sheridan Street, said point being 1611.20 feet from the center of the main track of the Iron Mountain RY, and at right angles thereto, thence southwesterly along a street line 26 feet, thence southeasterly at right angles to said road 150 feet, thence northeasterly 26 feet, thence northwesterly 150 feet to point of beginning.

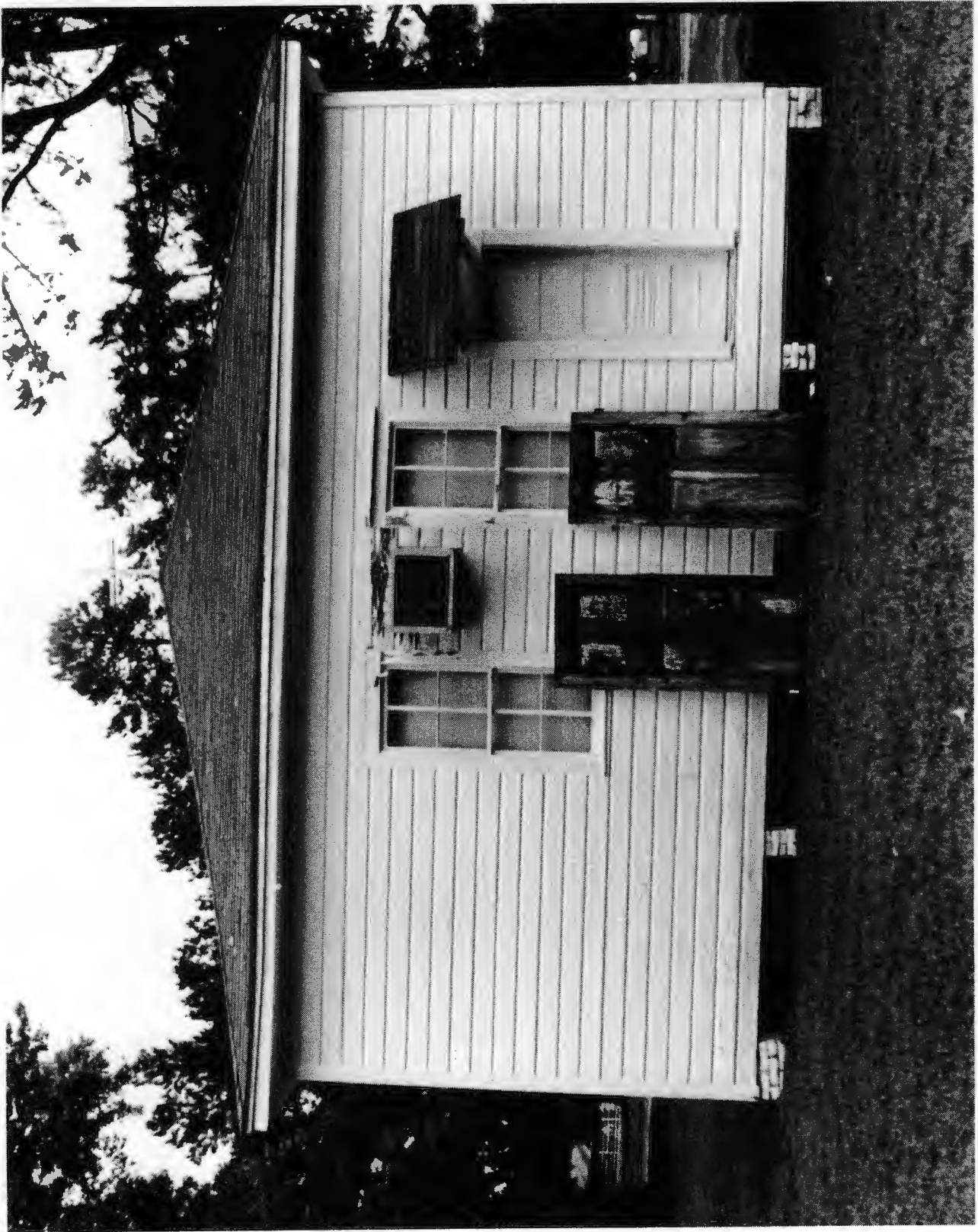
## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

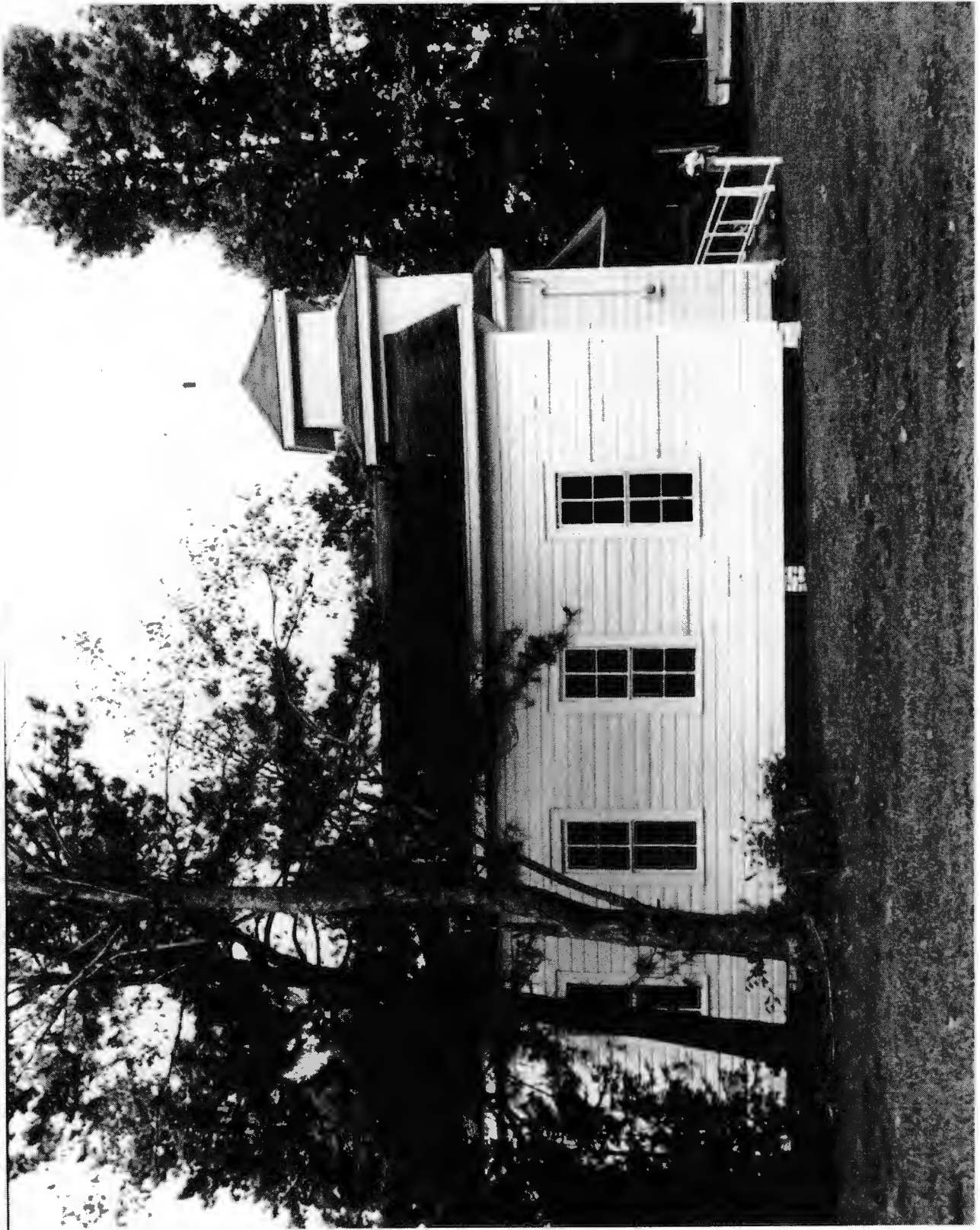
This boundary includes all of the land historically associated with the Lone Star Baptist Church.











1901

LONE STAR BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. W. A. EDWARDS, PASTOR.

R. C. FAIR.

TRUSTEES

W. M. JACKO.



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CANE CREEK (U.S.) 1671.7 MI.

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Redfield Cem.

ONE STAR BAPTIST CHURCH  
REDFIELD, JEFFERSON CO., AR.

UTM:  
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HAMILTON TRAIL

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