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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: First Presbyterian Church

other name/site number: LA0040

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2. Location

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street & number: Southwest corner of Market and Church Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Stamps

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lafayette code: AR 073 zip code: 71860

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A Slatu _____ 4-15-96
Signature of certifying official 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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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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 Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: RELIGION Sub: Religious facility

Current: RELIGION Sub: Religious facility

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Gothic Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation BRICK roof ASPHALT
 walls WOOD/Weatherboard other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

Located at the southwest corner of Market and Church Streets in Stamps, the First Presbyterian Church is a single-story, wood frame church building designed in the Gothic Revival style.

Elaboration

Located at the southwest corner of Market and Church Streets in Stamps, the First Presbyterian Church is a single-story, wood frame church building designed in the Gothic Revival style. Its irregular plan is formed by the main east-west gable roof section sheltering the sanctuary, an intersecting gable that forms the front elevation, a rear shed roof section, and the tall Gothic Revival tower that dominates the northeast corner. The wood and asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

The corner site qualifies both the eastern and northern elevations as the principal facades; however, the bell tower entrance faces north, toward Church Street. The eastern, northern and western gable ends are dominated by their central, monumental multi-pane stained glass windows; these elevations are otherwise fenestrated with tall, narrow lancet windows and entrances. The main tower entrance is of the double-leaf variety and capped with a stained glass transom window containing the words "Presbyterian Church." The tower contains four louvered openings in the belfry itself and is capped with a tall, hipped roof that has recently been resheathed with wood shingles. The southern or rear elevation is fenestrated with square-headed windows as it shelters the church's anterooms.

The significant exterior details consist of the stained glass windows, the tall Gothic Revival tower, the lancet door and window openings found throughout, and the various moldings.

The interior is in remarkably good condition. Original stained oak door and window trim, an oak beaded-board ceiling, and the original wood pews.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1905-1945

Significant Dates: 1905

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
___ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Built in 1905, the First Presbyterian Church is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945* by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Stamps as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County.

Elaboration

Built in 1905, the First Presbyterian Church was constructed to shelter one of the earlier congregations established in the fledgling lumber town of Stamps. As such the First Presbyterian Church is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945* by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Stamps as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving churches in Lafayette County constructed during the boom in the timber industry brought on by the arrival of the railroad years before; it is also significant under Criterion C as it remains the finest extant wood-frame example of the Gothic Revival style in Lafayette County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945, Section H.*

___ See continuation sheet.

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>454000</u>	<u>3691290</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of Church Street with the western edge of Market Street, proceed southerly along said edge for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 150 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line to its intersection with the southern edge of Church Street; thence proceed easterly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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