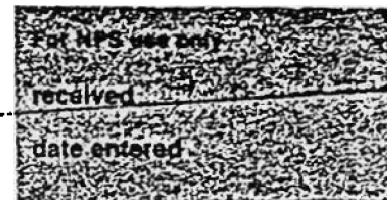


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General Description

Code: SB-082

Congressional District: Third

Name: Christ The King Church
Address: Greenwood Ave. at South "S"
Ft. Smith, AR.
County: Sebastian

Current Owner: Christ The King Church
Address: 1918 South Greenwood
Ft. Smith, AR 72901

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson, Sanders, & Ginocchio

Date of Construction: 1930

Stylistic Influence: spanish Mission Style

Original Use: Church

Present Use: School

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 372420/3914190

Acreage: Less

Verbal Boundary Description: A part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S21,
T8N, R32W

Condition

Excellent
 Good
 Fair

Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

Unaltered
 Altered

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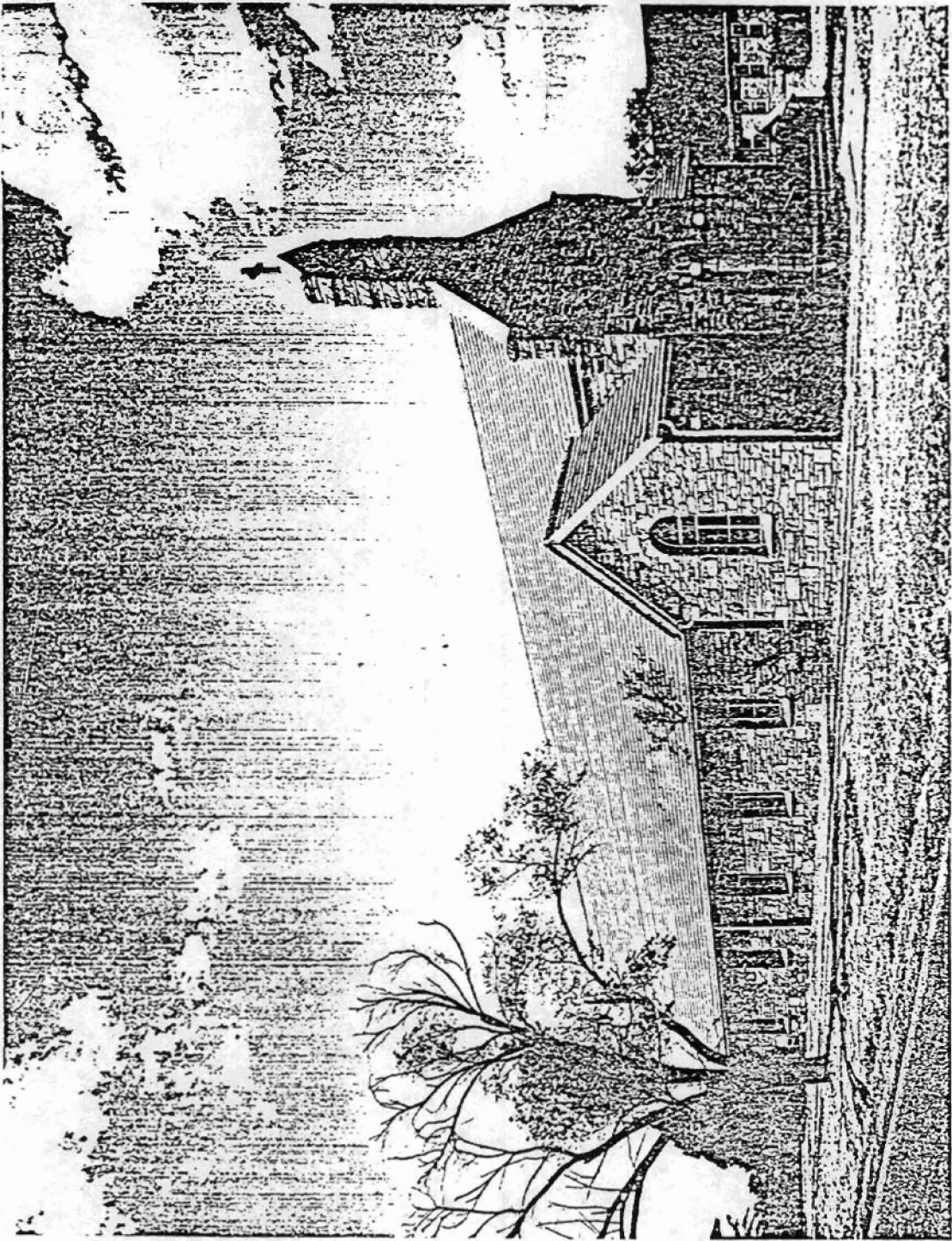
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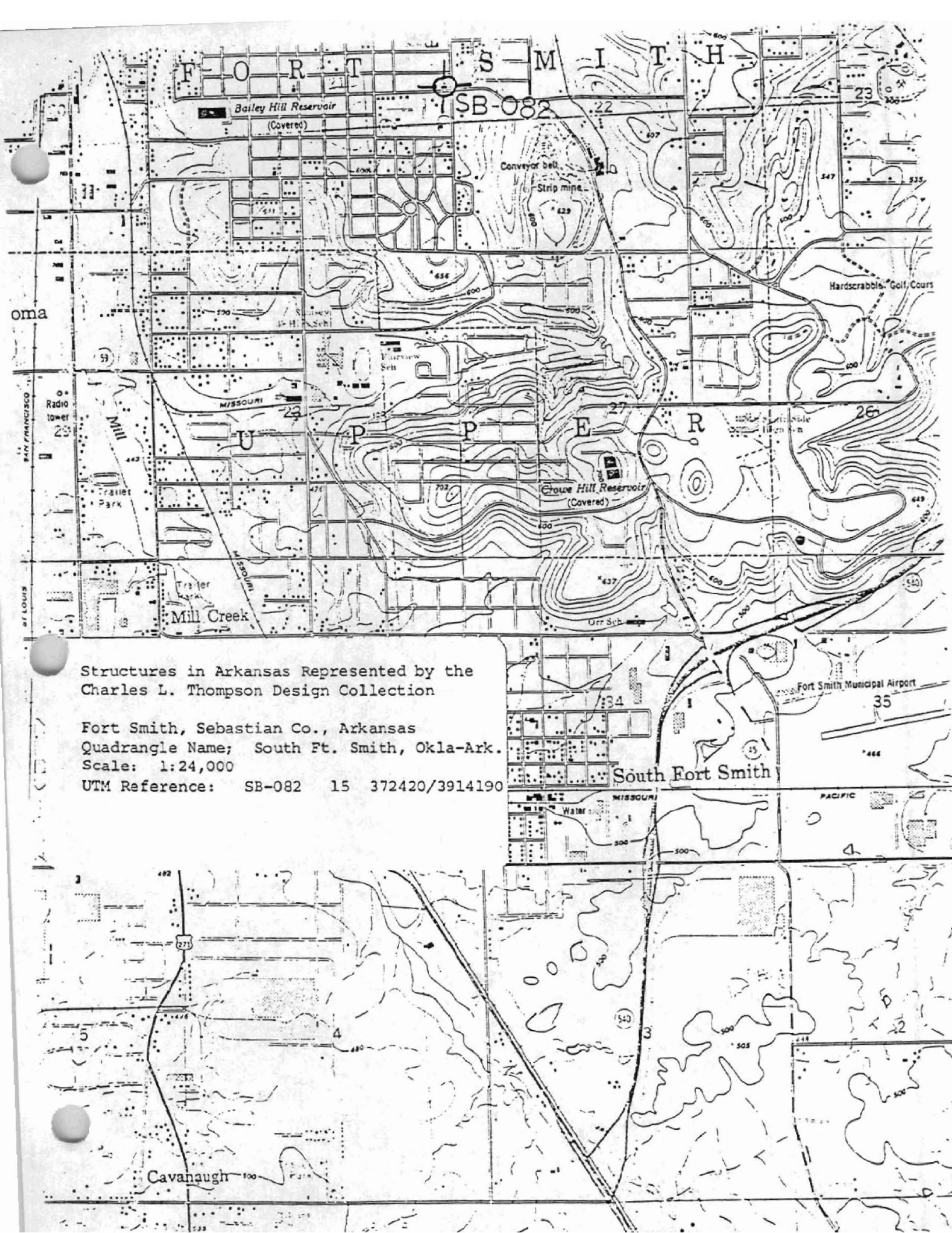
Physical Description

This church is one of the most unusual and effective neighborhood church designs in the collection. Its construction of rock-faced native fieldstone laid in random coursing is especially appropriate to the unornamented simplicity that pervades the composition. The nave features the customary gable end roof, but the transept wings are unusual in their placement at the front of the nave rather than the rear. The dominant feature of this small church is the powerful image conveyed by the bold unornamented silhouette of the gable end entrance with its parapet angling upward and terminating in a simple, open belltower crowned with a stone cross. This stark silhouette creates a unique evocation of the Spanish Mission Style among the firm's church designs. The double leaf solid door with strap hinges is set into a round arch opening and features three small round arch windows in the transom. Three narrow multi-paned windows appear on the face, two flanking the door and the third centered in the gable end. Simple casement windows line the nave.

Statement of Significance

Christ the King Church in Fort Smith was designed by the Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio firm in 1930. The unusual fieldstone construction in a design with a Spanish Mission Style flavor serves to make the church one of the most unusual designs in the collection. The unusual simplicity of the building is striking with the bold unadorned silhouette of the facade's parapet and belltower. Located in a western Arkansas town, Christ the King Church is an architecturally significant building in its setting and its relation to the other church structures in the collection.





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Fort Smith, Sebastian Co., Arkansas
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