

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-23

Owner Church of Christ

Property Name Marcella Church &
School

Address c/o Jim Kemp

Location Marcella

Pleasant Grove, AR 72560

Significant Date/s c.1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Set back from Highway 14 in eastern Stone County, the Marcella Church and School, built c. 1900, represents the traditional small village church/school building type. Resting on a continuous stone foundation, the structure reflects a symmetrical mass. Rectangular in plan, the building is frame and covered with weatherboard. Its gable roof projects over a wide board cornice. The east and west elevations (non-gable) received identical fenestration treatments. Each consists of five two-over-two double hung windows faced with simple classical surrounds. The same type and treatment applies to the two windows placed in the south (rear) elevation. A central double door entry with simple classical surrounds distinguishes the principal facade (north) in what is otherwise a non-descript solid mass gable end. The double doors and the structure's shingle, pyramid-roofed bell tower are not original.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the turn of the twentieth century, Stone County was divided into 75 school districts. The people in each district were responsible for providing an educational facility. The Marcella Church and School, built around 1900, housed not only the district school, but also the local church. The frame rectangular building is covered with weatherboard and contains a single entry in the front gable facade. It is representative of the rural traditional church and school building.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S6, R8W, T13N, bounded on the east by Highway 14, on the north by the Thomas E. Hess Homestead, and on the west and south by lines running parallel to and 50. ft. from the two major facades of the church.

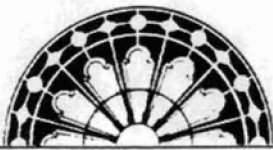
Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Marcella

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 600850

Northing: 3960800



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Viewed from the southwest



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