

Survey Number CH-9  
 Property Name Methodist Manse  
Main Street (Highway 45)  
 Location at Spring Street  
 Construction Date 1834

Owner Ray Hadley Brown  
 Address Box 72  
Canehill, AR 72717

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Originally the town's Methodist Church building, this structure was converted to a residence before the Civil War (c. 1850's) and it remains highly visible in the Canehill townscape on its elevated Main Street site defined by a stone retaining wall. The one-story hip-roofed symmetrical square structure has a one-story addition to the rear (northwest corner). Distinctive details include an overhanging wood cornice with paired brackets and articulated brick flattened arches that define its regular fenestration.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As an important component of Canehill's pre-Civil War built environment, the Methodist Manse contributes greatly to Canehill's architectural and historical significance. The building served as the town's first Methodist Church until the congregation constructed a frame church circa. 1850's. At that time, the structure was converted a residence (manse). During the Civil War, the building served as a Union headquarters as well as a hospital. After the war, the house was the residence of Professor Harrison M. Welch, who reorganized and directed Canehill's second female seminary until its merger with Canehill College in 1875. During the twentieth century, the manse was the home of Mary Pyeatte, granddaughter of Canehill founder John Rankin Pyeatte. Architecturally the building is unique for its brick construction at this early date in the town's development. Its brick facades, rigid symmetry and proportions, and its simple cornice give the building a near Federal style appearance.

Verbal Boundary Description Block 1, Original Plat, North ½ Lot 9  
 Acreage Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, AR. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference  
 Zone 15 Easting 373 960 Northing 3974 440