

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSASSurvey Number CH-4Owner Canehill Cemetery AssociationProperty Name Canehill CemeteryAddress c/o Conrad RussellLocation South of County Highway 13Box 32, Canehill, AR 72717Significant Dates 1830's - 1870's

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Canehill Cemetery today is a well-kept plot on a relatively secluded hilltop site off County Highway 13. A simple metal and stone fence defines the side and rear boundaries of the grounds and two stone piers supporting a metal archway with large letters declaring "Canehill Cemetery" marks the entrance. The earliest graves in the cemetery, some dating to the mid-1830's, were marked by ordinary field stones with inscriptions scratched in the rock. Other early graves consist of a stone box standing over the grave with a inscription on the lid of the box. Among the earliest graves in the cemetery are those of Thomas Garvin (1834) and Thomas Buchanan (1836), both pioneers of the Canehill community.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the Canehill Cemetery derives significance from its continuing function as a graveyard since 1834, the cemetery grounds are of greater historical import as the site of the two-room log structure, "the meeting house", that housed Canehill's first church and first school during the early years of settlement and development. The log structure served the church from (approximately) 1828 until 1836 while classes of Canehill's early schools, including the Canehill Collegiate Institute, were held in the original structure until 1850. Initially the cemetery developed as the graveyard connected with that first church. The historical importance of the cemetery is enhanced by the graves of Canehill's pioneers and Civil War fatalities. Markers dating to the mid-nineteenth century evidence the craftsmanship of local stone technology.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"Acreage more or less 5 acresQuadrangle Name Lincoln, AR Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

TM References

Zone <u>15</u>	(A) Easting <u>373 740</u>	Northing <u>3975 130</u>	(B) Easting <u>373 840</u>	Northing <u>3975 1</u>
	(C) Easting <u>373 740</u>	Northing <u>3975 050</u>	(D) Easting <u>373 840</u>	Northing <u>3975 0</u>

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Verbal Boundary Description Being generally the N1/2 of SW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4,
NE1/4 of Section 8 and the S1/2 of the S1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4, NE1/4
of Section 8 all in T14N, R32W.

