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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 18). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gravel Hill Baptist Church

other names/site number Resource #WH0943

2. Location

street & number Gravel Hill Road

not for publication N/A

city, town Gravel Hill

vicinity N/A

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code 72136

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

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

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Clayton H. Boyd
Signature of certifying official

5-17-90
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

5. National Park Service Certification

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 the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: NPS Rustic Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls sandstone

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1935

Significant Dates

1935

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Description

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church is a single story, wood frame Rustic or Park style ecclesiastical building. Its gable roof shelters its front gable plan. Its roof is covered with composition shingles, its walls are clad with fieldstone, and its continuous foundation is cast concrete.

The eastern or front elevation features a central arched, gable roof entrance porch with the entrance door behind. The gable roof sanctuary is virtually symmetrical around the ridge line with the exception of a side entry near the rear or eastern end of the southern elevation. The entire structure is lighted with one-over-one wood sash windows.

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church is in a poor state of repair but has not been altered.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church (Part E, Historic Context #4) is the best example in Gravel Hill of an ecclesiastical structure designed in the "stone" style indigenous to northern Arkansas and which heralded the arrival of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration and the Rustic or "Park" style which they would embrace for their building designs. The exposed rafters reveal the lingering influence of the Craftsman style on such local building, but increasingly the emphasis shifts to the massive and earthbound qualities of the stone itself and away from such distracting detail.

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Acres of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/593000/3900940

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of County Road 35 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the south thereof, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of County Road 35; thence proceed southerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.









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WH1308: 15/593970/3894560
WH0943: 15/593000/3900940
WH1309: 15/594040/3894610
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