

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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 16). 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 Winona Church and Schoolother names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Rockhouse Road☐ not for publication N/Acity, town Winona Springs☒ vicinitystate Arkansas

code

AR

county

Carroll

code

AR 015

zip code

72632

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

1

Noncontributing

 buildings sites structures objects10

Total

name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber 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 1966, 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.

Signature of certifying official

Cathryn A. Byrd
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Date

4-29-91

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/ChurchEducation/School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Church**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Wood/Weatherboardroof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Summary

The Winona Church and School is a single story, wood frame church building designed in the simplified interpretation of the Greek Revival style that became popular throughout Arkansas for such small, rural churches in the mid-nineteenth century and which remained popular in many areas until the turn of the century. Its gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, its walls are sheathed with weatherboard and the entire structure is supported on stone and concrete block piers.

Elaboration

The Winona Church and School is a single story, wood frame church building designed in a simplified, vernacular rendition of the Greek Revival style. Its rectangular plan consists of a single room within that served as the sanctuary and classroom. A single, small brick flue rises through the center of the ridge of the gable roof, venting the wood stove that sits in the middle of the floor in the sanctuary below. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, the walls are sheathed with weatherboard and building is supported on a stone foundation that is continuous around the eastern and northern elevation, and composed of stone piers on the western and southern elevations.

The eastern or front elevation consists of a wide, central staircase leading up to a two separate entrances, both of which are placed symmetrically within the gable end. Each entrance is surmounted by a thin, molded entablature; otherwise the remainder of the facade is blank and undetailed. The western, gable end elevation opposite is blank.

The northern and southern side gable elevations are identical, with each being lighted by four symmetrically-placed four-over-four wood sash windows. A simple box cornice finishes the roof on both elevations, as well as on the gable ends.

The interior is much as it was originally. The original brick flue descends from the ceiling, and vents a large wood stove of more recent vintage. The walls are covered with horizontal flush planks and the flooring is yellow pine. A raised platform extends across the front of the space and is decorated with a simple, central lectern.

The most significant alteration was the removal of the small, pyramidal belfry that sat on the ridge near the front of the building. This was removed when the new roof was put on, as it had become decrepit and the bell had long since been stolen. Other alterations include the replacement of some of the original exterior stone piers with concrete block piers and the installation of an acoustic tile ceiling inside.

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The Winona Church and School is eligible under Criterion C with local significance as the best surviving example in both Winona Springs and the surrounding area of this vernacular building type that was popular throughout Arkansas in the nineteenth century for such small, rural congregations.

Elaboration

Located just to the south of Eureka Springs, Winona Springs Township was formed on May 1, 1882 from part of adjacent Cedar Township. In 1889, Goodspeeds mentions Winona Springs as a village of "about twenty houses" and notes that it was situated within a large timber district. By that time, lumbering was indeed the principal industry in Winona Springs, as it could boast of a both large steam sawmill and a shake and shingle mill. However, like Eureka Springs to the north, a Dr. C. Cochran attempted to participate in the growing Arkansas resort industry through the establishment a health spa at Winona Springs in 1888, due to the abundance of natural springs here also. Yet there is no evidence that these plans ever came to fruition, and Winona Springs remained a relatively isolated lumbering community.

The Warranty Deed for this property indicates that this property was deeded over to School District #62 on October 18th, 1893, for a total of \$10.00; however, local oral history recalls the building was constructed earlier. One resident, who died in 1977, was able to recall hauling water to the site during construction when he was a young boy. In fact, it was his father, George Pinkley, who was the builders, along with Joe Clark, another local resident.

As was common for such rural church and school buildings, the Winona Church and School served a variety of functions for the local community. Local residents recall that in addition to the annual reunion that continues to take place at the church, this building has sheltered church suppers for the needy, weddings, farm meetings and the regular meetings of various clubs and organizations.

The Winona Church and School building remains today as the best example locally of the rural building type commonly known as the "country church." Characterized by the single story height, the simple gable roof and the relative scarcity of traditional architectural detail and pretense (though various attempts to distinguish their buildings by the craftspeople involved frequently lends some charm and individuality), these structures were popular among smaller, relatively isolated communities for a number of reasons. Not only had this form been current for such construction since the mid-nineteenth century -- and hence familiar -- but its construction was also relatively straightforward and easily understood by

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local craftspersons. In spite of the loss of its original belfry, the Winona Church and School remains a good example of this type. In addition to possessing the typical features mentioned above, it has also seen few alterations within, and thus retains its original horizontal plank wall sheathing, and compatible, if not original, pine flooring. Also noteworthy is the original brick flue that vents the wood stove, both of which were common in such church buildings.

For the above reasons, the Winona Church and School is eligible under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of this building type and one of the last standing structures to remain from the community of Winona Springs.

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Bibliography

Deed Records, Carroll County, Carroll County Courthouse.

Goodspeeds *History of Northwest Arkansas*, (1889), pp. 394-395.

Interview with W.N. Pinkley, 1976.

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

c.1893

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Pinkley, George/Clark, Joe

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

A 15 438810 4020870
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

D _____
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the western edge of Rockhouse Road with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the building, proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the buildings western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the buildings southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of Rockhouse Road; ☐ See continuation sheet thence proceed northerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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