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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 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 Cumberland Presbyterian Church
other names/site number Resource #WH2022

2. Location

street & number East Race Street not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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 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.

Catherine A. Byrd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90
Date

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)

RELIGIOUS/ Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/ Romanesque

20th CENTURY REVIVALS/ Classical

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls brick

roof asphalt

other glass

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

B. 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

1903-

Significant Dates

1903

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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 Less than 1 acre

UTM References

A 15 614880 3901400
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Description

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is a single story, buff brick ecclesiastical structure which originally featured a Greek cross plan with an inset corner bell tower (a rectangular addition was attached to the eastern elevation which is longer than the church building itself) and which was designed in the transitional Romanesque Revival/Classical Revival style. The cross-gable roof is covered with composition shingles and set behind a slightly raised parapet; the bell tower's pyramidal roof is clad with metal. The continuous foundation is built of stone.

The southern or main elevation is composed of the pyramidal roofed bell tower to the west and the gable end of the sanctuary to the east. The tower is punctuated only by a pointed arch entry on the first floor and a segmental arch, louvered belfry opening on the second story. The entry is accessed by a low flight of concrete stairs and filled with flush plank wood pair doors beneath a stained glass tympanum. Brick voussoirs surround the arch. The belfry opening is filled with wood louvers and the metal, pyramidal roof finishes the tower. The only other decoration on the tower is the three-quarter height brick corner buttresses with stone offsets. The gable end features a similar segmental arch opening in the peak filled with wood louvers. The monumental and elaborate stained glass window below is composed of a brick arch which separates the glazing into two fields. The outside field consists of an arched band of glazing above a horizontal wood lintel, divided by wood mullions into three curved segments, and two narrow, rectangular double-hung sash windows below. Inside the brick arch a larger, double-hung, figural sash window is surmounted by a small glazed arched opening. The western elevation is virtually a mirror image of the southern elevation, with the exception of the tower's first story, which on this elevation is punctuated with a segmental arch stained glass window, and the gable roofed rear entrance vestibule to the north.

The rear or northern elevation allows direct access to the sanctuary at the extreme west through a single door. The elevation is lighted by another monumental stained glass window to the west of the attached gable roof vestibule, which itself is lighted by a single one-over-one wood sash window. The two story, brick 1946 addition is two bays wide on this side and six bays in length on its eastern elevation. Each bay is filled with a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows. The southern elevation of the addition extends just beyond the front of the church, though it is well hidden by trees, and is punctuated only by a door at the western end and by another at the southern end of the western elevation of the projecting portion of the addition.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in a remarkably good state of repair and has suffered only minor alterations with the exception of the addition of the two story structure on the back of the building. However, this addition is visually unobtrusive and does not detract from the historic impression of the design.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in very good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Cumberland Presbyterian congregation was organized in 1824 in Searcy and occupied two other structures before the construction of this church in 1903. The congregation remained vital over the years and helped sponsor a number of community and cultural activities in the city.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Part E, Historic Context #3) is both reflective of a relatively prosperous period in the history of Searcy, when its residents and institutions were able to commission better and more elaborate designs, and a high quality example of the type of stylistic combinations which were occurring in the early twentieth century. The pervasive popularity of the Romanesque Revival was rapidly giving way to the Classical and Renaissance Revivals, though patrons seemed to want a little of each. The monumental arches of this design clearly recall the Romanesque while the lighter materials, the less heavy detail and the preference for smoother, sheer wall surfaces heralds a return to the formal European Classical and Neoclassical prototypes. Nevertheless, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church remains a successful synthesis of these contemporaneous architectural styles and is certainly one of the finest institutional examples of this transitional style in White County.

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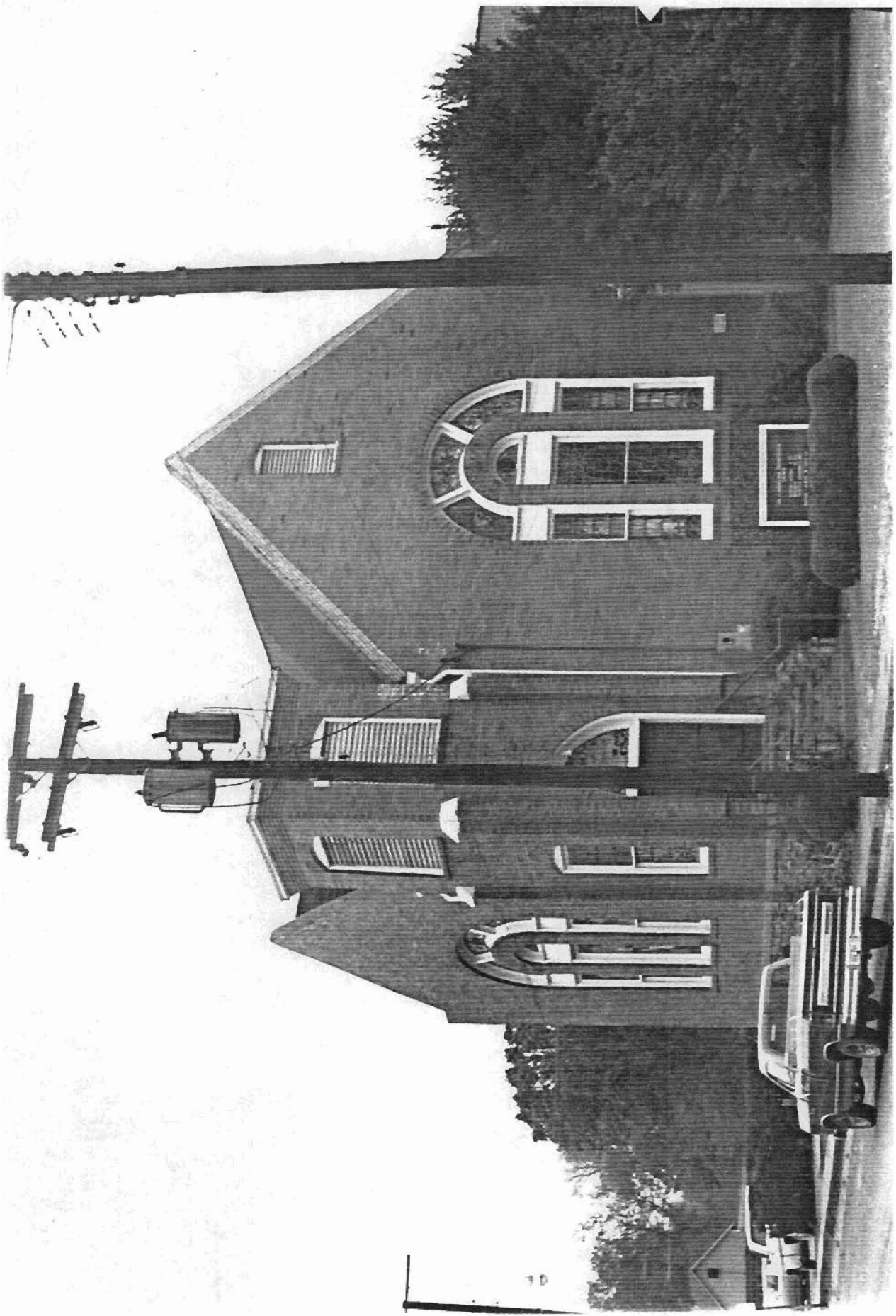
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Verbal Boundary Description:

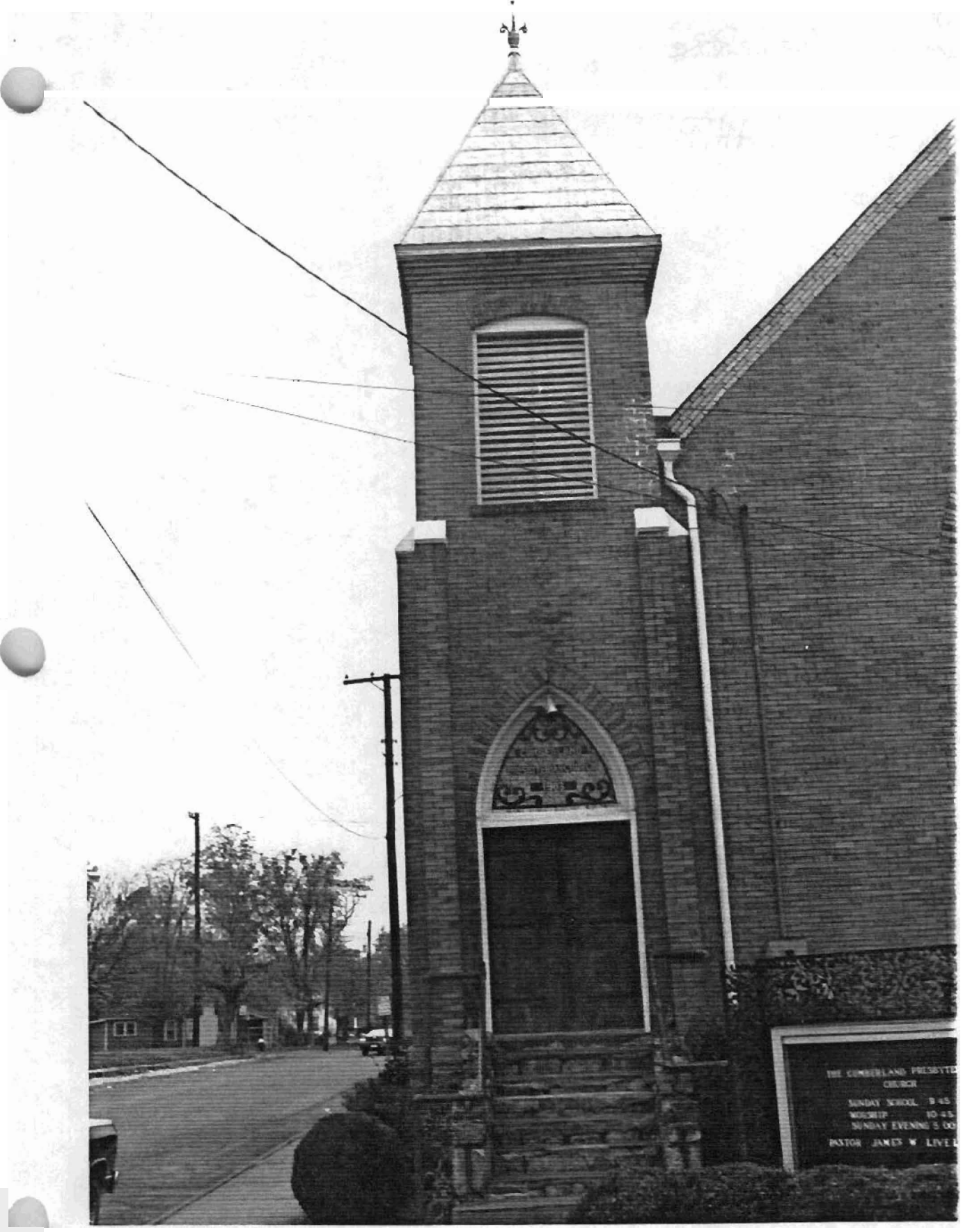
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Boundary Justification:

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.

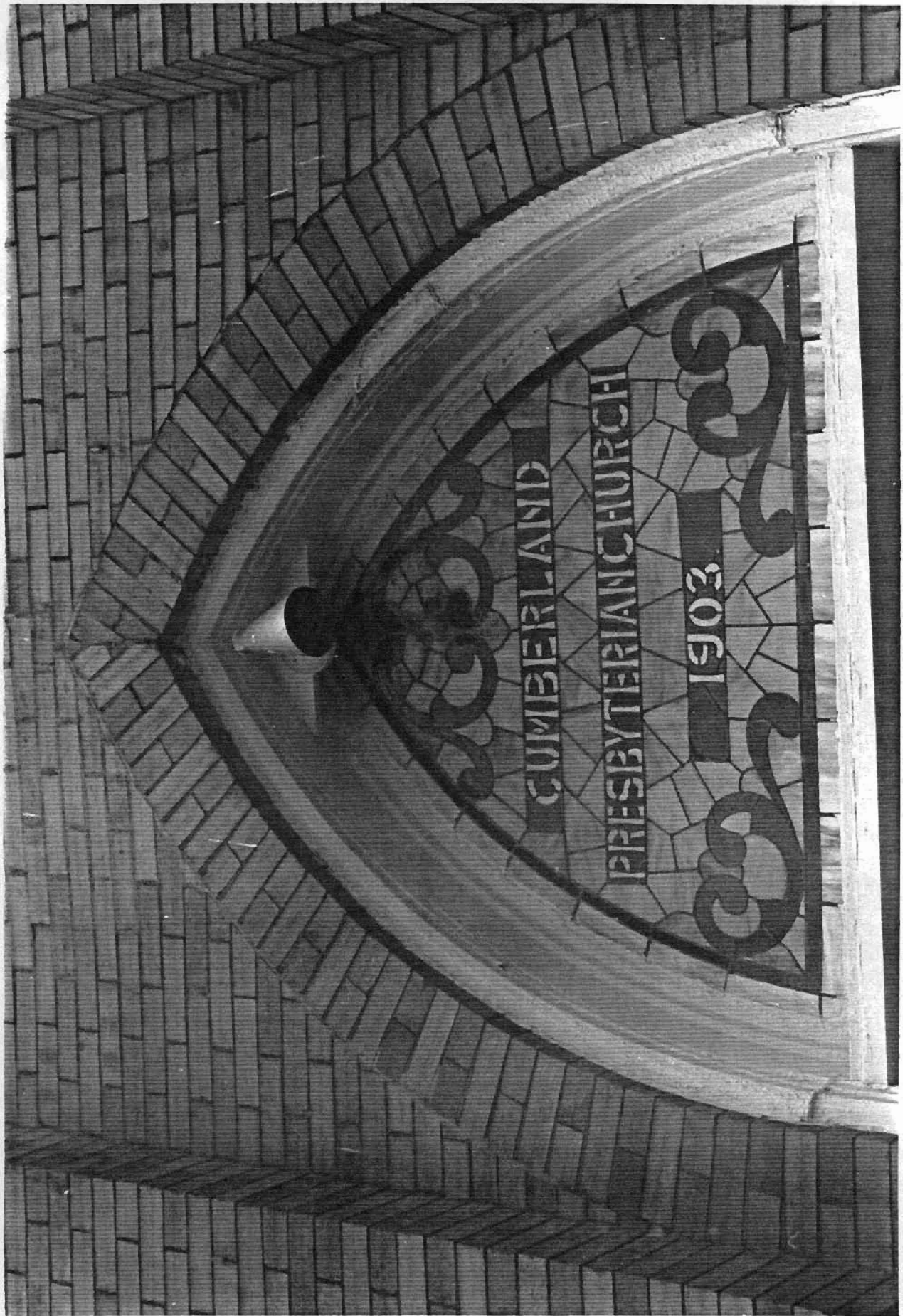


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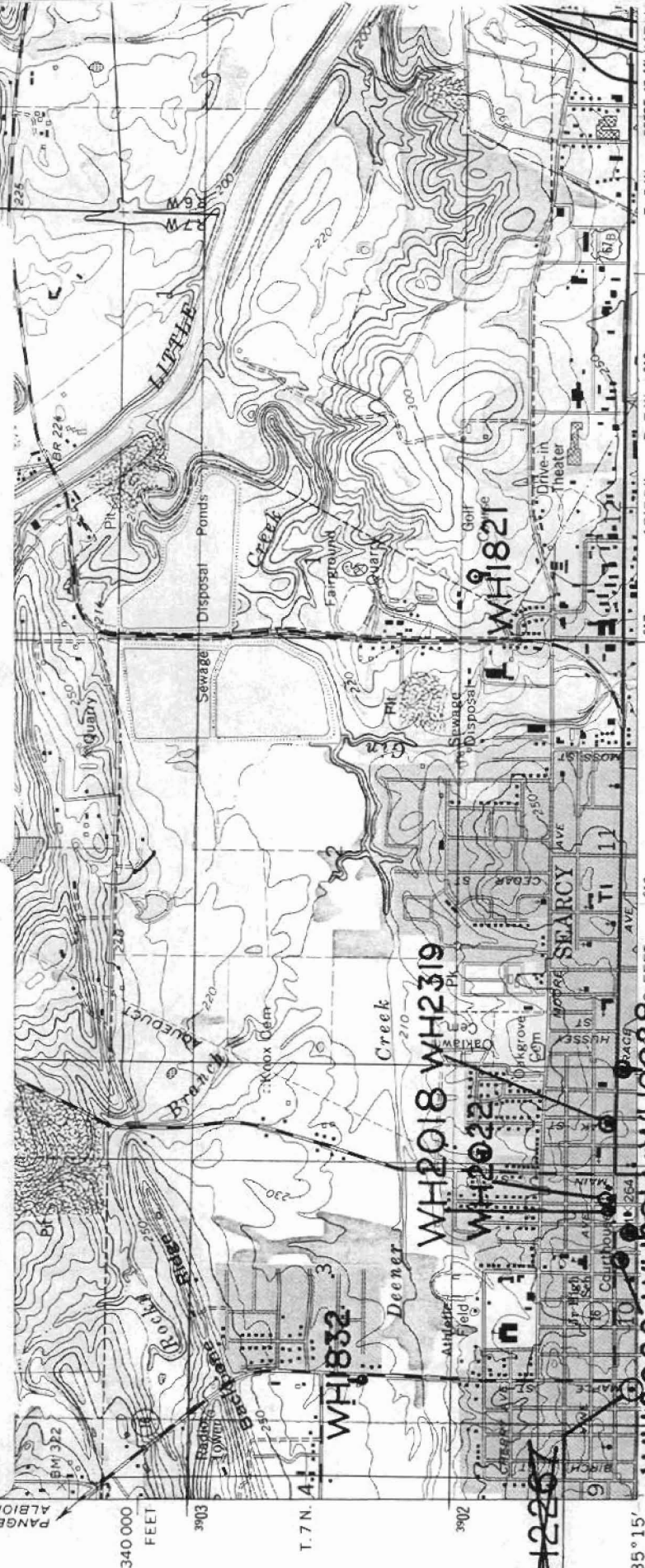
THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45
WORSHIP 10:45
SUNDAY EVENING 5:00
PASTOR JAMES W. LIVER





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of White County, Arkansas
White County, Arkansas
Resource # WH1821: 15/617240/3901950
-~~WH2267: 15/614140/3901310~~
WH2022: 15/614880/3901400
WH0028: 15/615370/3901360
WH2029: 15/614650/3901360
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WH1832: 15/614160/3902340

WH2319: 15/614210/3901120
WH2018: 15/614835/3901400
Judsonia Quadrangle
1:24000



35° 15' 91° 45' (GARNER) 7654 11 NE

340,000 FEET

T. 8 N. PANGBURN 12 MI. ALBION 6 MI.

T. 7 N. 4.

3903

3902

35° 15' 91° 45' WH2029 WH2014 3.2 MI. 10 U.S. 67, & 167

WH2022

WH2018 WH2319

WH1832

WH1821

SEARCY AVE

MAIN ST

BIRCH ST

DEENER CREEK

SEAWAY PONDS

DISPOSAL

FAIRGROUND

QUARRY

GOLF COURSE

DRIVE-IN THEATER

R. 6 W. BEEBE 17 MI. (KENS) 7659 1

R. 7 W. 618

42° 30"

617

616

SCALE 1

1 1000 0 1000 2000 3000

CONTOUR INTEL
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT
NATIONAL GEODETIC VE

UTM GRID AND 1981 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

0° 46' 71 MILS
4" 14 MILS

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 6 meters south and
12 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks